

A black and white photograph of a historic house with a large blue diamond overlay. The house has a gabled roof, a large window with multiple panes, and a small porch with a railing. A brick path leads to the porch. There are trees and bushes in the background and foreground. The blue diamond is centered over the house and contains the text for the annual report.

OSWEGO
HERITAGE
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

OUR MISSION

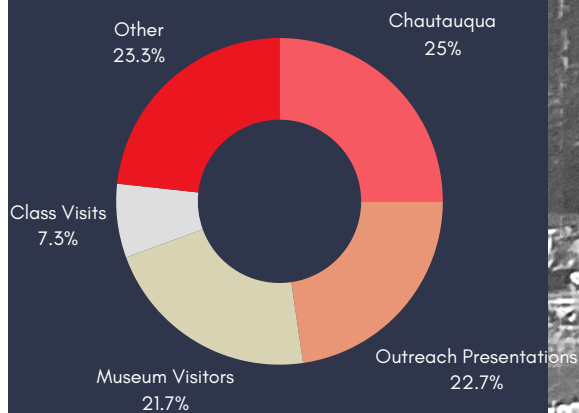
To preserve and promote the history and culture of Lake Oswego.

Made possible through educational programs, community partnerships, and volunteer support.

1,050

people served

through community outreach, education programs, classroom visits, and more!



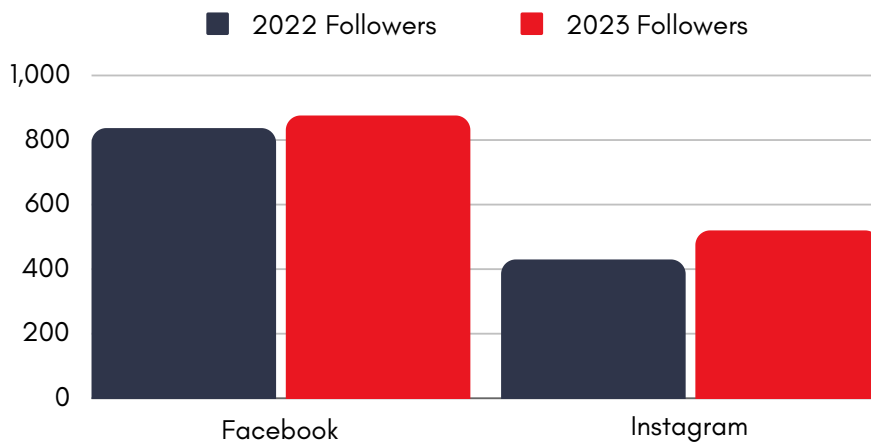
THANK YOU TO...

OUR VOLUNTEERS: Mark, Caroline, Yen, the LOPL team, Courtney, Kailey, Jen, Elliot, Car & Boat Show Committee, and all others who helped with OHC's mission!

OUR BOARD: Jeff, Mark B., Ann J., Karen, Charlene, Ron, Scott, Caroline, Mark I., Gerrit, Glenn, Jeannie, Tom, Yen, Mary, Ann Z., Rick, and Cathryn!

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS: Lake Oswego Public Library, Lake Oswego Preservation Society, Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, City of Lake Oswego, Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory, National Charity League, Museums for All, Clackamas County Heritage Council, and more!

AND TO ALL 130 OF OUR MEMBERS!



SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

A 5% increase on Facebook

A 22% increase on Instagram

FIVE

major archival projects

including researching 1919-1921 love letters, archiving two new family collections, and the first stages of the library project

4,000+

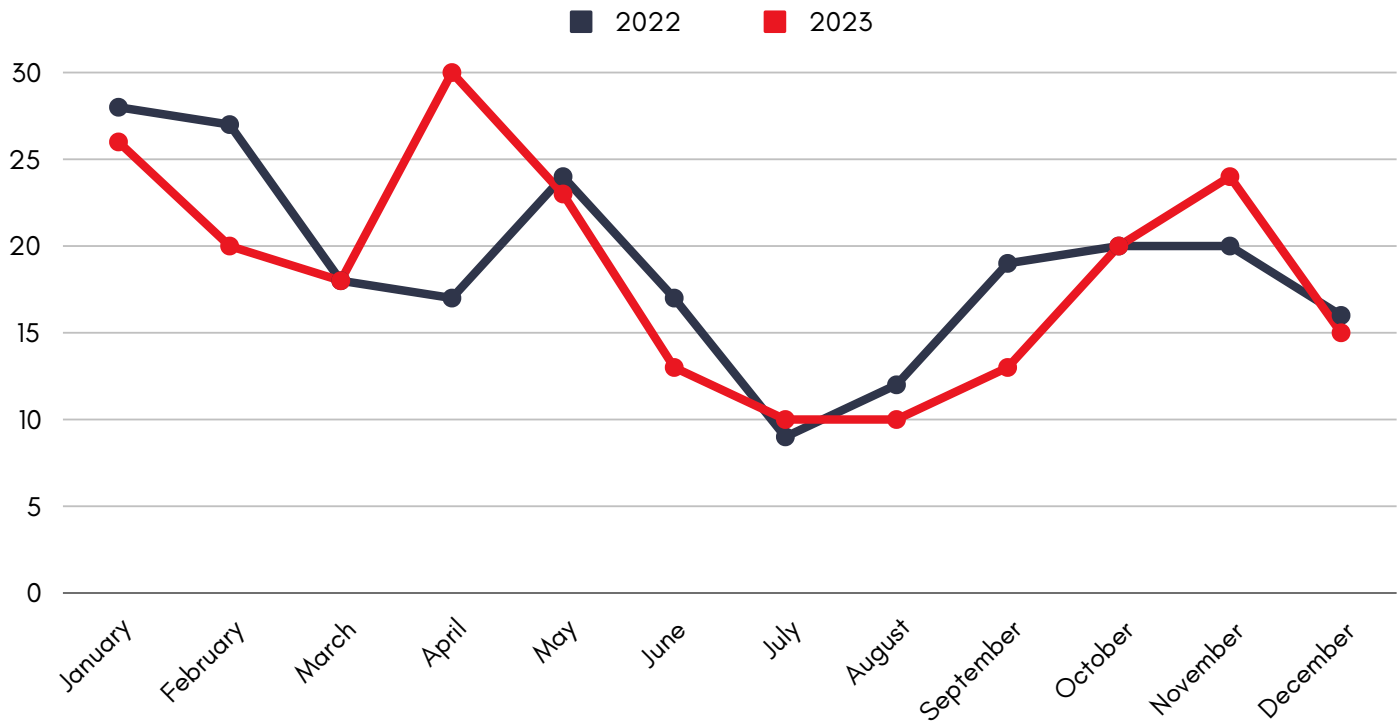
photographs added

to our archives from the Davidson and Vose families of early Oswego



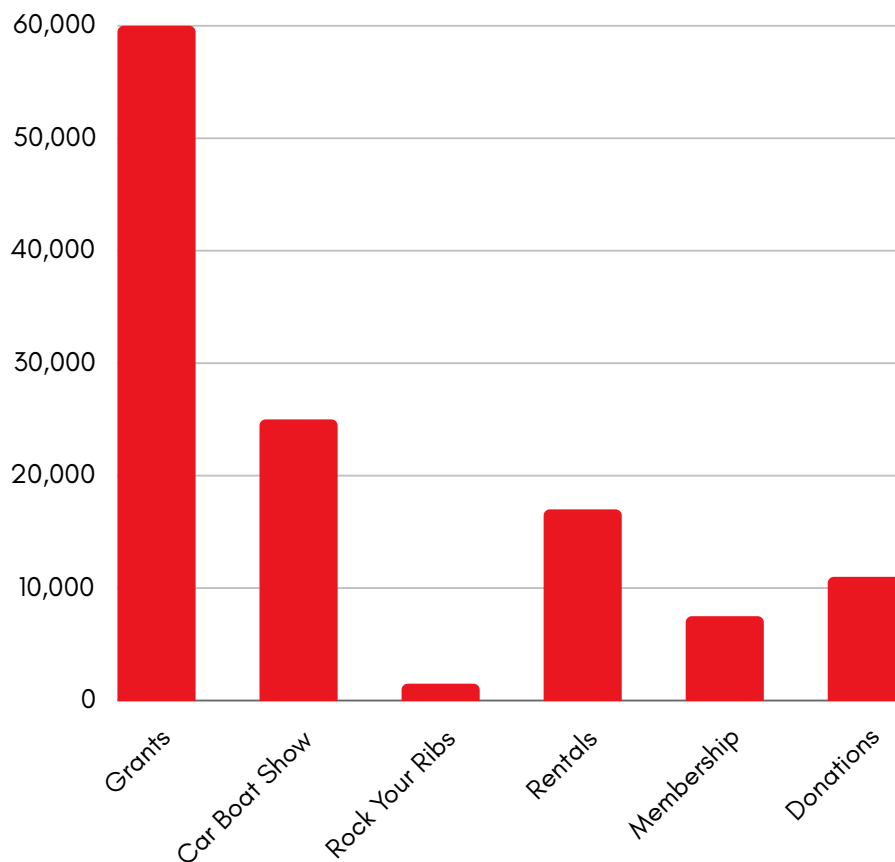
NEW CLASSROOM RESOURCES

- Then & Now lesson plan, available to download on our website
- Classroom visits, with a standards-aligned program to engage students in local history and encourage them to imagine the future of Lake Oswego
- Teacher and student free membership option to stay in touch and to explore past exhibits



HERITAGE HOUSE RENTALS

Of the 18 people that responded to our request for feedback after their event, 67% heard about us through another renter, event, or friend; 28% saw us in passing; and 6% found us through Google. 89% of renters said that they would rent again in the future, with only 1 person saying they would not and 1 person saying they were unsure. The most common equipment used was dishware and the oven / refrigerator.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Thank you to MercyCorps NW, the City of Lake Oswego, and Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory for their support this year! This was a very successful year for grants.

Through donations that came from Rock Your Ribs and other events, we were able to fund the restoration of an 1893 painting and the first three stages of the Library Project, with **over \$10,000 going towards archival projects.**



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stayed fairly consistent throughout the year, averaging 130 members. While we cannot compare these numbers to previous years (due to members not being archived when their memberships lapsed, creating inflated numbers), this base, along with new membership tiers and benefits, will allow us to plan for growth next year.

Education

Fundraising

Archives

Members

Rentals

GOALS FOR 2024

In the coming year, OHC is developing a strategic plan to better share our goals for the next 3-5 years. With a focus on education, growing our community connections, and researching the past, this chart shows where our time will be spent.

Questions? Reach out to us at director@oswegoheritage.org