



Wornall/Majors House Museums **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Cotton and wool coverlet, c. 1860. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Page Clark.

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

10,000 Individuals served through programs, tours, and events.

Percentage of our educational programs that were free.

82%

743 Students served directly through field trips & classroom visits.

Hours given by our amazing under-18 junior volunteers.

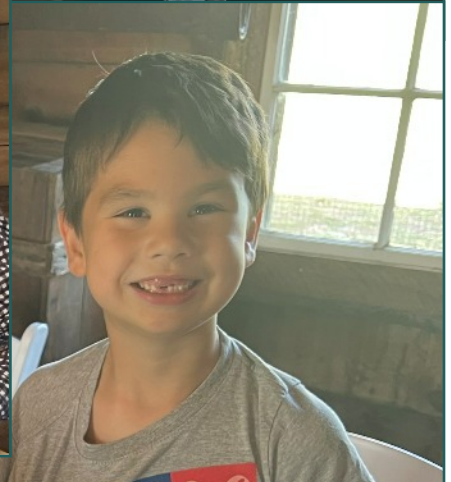
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53 Events held in 2023 - that's more than four per month!

Percentage of our budget that comes from gifts from individual donors

57%

1 700 Volunteer hours given to help with programs, tours, and more!



OUR HISTORIC HOUSES

The **John Wornall House** was built in 1858 by farmer, banker, and politician John Wornall. The house was restored in 1964 by the Jackson County Historical Society. Prior to that time, it had served exclusively as a Wornall family residence, with one brief exception - it was used as classrooms for the Pembroke Country Day School for less than a year in 1909. The house was opened to the public in 1972 after extensive research and restoration. Management became autonomous from the Jackson County Historical Society in 1990.



The **Alexander Majors House**, built in 1856, served as a home to the Majors, Poteet, and Ruhl families until it was abandoned in 1924. Six years later, Majors' great-granddaughter, Louisa Johnston, purchased the house and began to restore it. After her death, the house was managed by the Alexander Majors Historical Trust, and it was opened to the public in 1984.



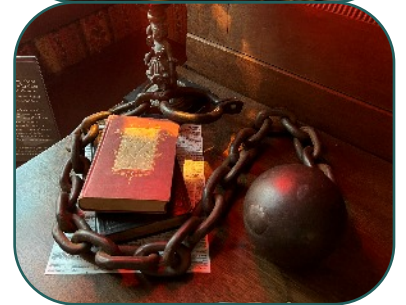
Management of the two homes merged in 2011 to form one non-profit organization that preserves and protects these historic landmarks: Wornall/Majors House Museums. The organization brings history to life through innovative, hands-on programs and events.

WHAT HISTORY IS MADE OF

Our spaces and items tell our collective stories.

Wornall/Majors House Museums hold over 4,000 individual items in our two historic structures to create a physical retelling of important aspects of American history. Standing in the same room where countless battlefield surgeries took place offers a glimpse into the realities of the Civil War. A simple doll can help a modern child make a connection with a sense of past. A shackle can make real the shocking hardships of enslaved workers on the Missouri-Kansas border.

Public and private tours of the John Wornall House Museum and Alexander Majors House Museum deftly use authentic objects and spaces to interpret various topics including nineteenth century family life and gender roles, slavery, the Civil War, westward expansion, transportation, the Pony Express, frontier life, and other vital and fascinating topics.



Wornall/Majors House Museums is a collecting institution. While constrained by space, we continue to accept donations of items that help us tell the story of nineteenth century Kansas City. In 2023, we were grateful to receive a donation of a secretary that traveled to the Wornall farmstead from Kentucky in 1843 via covered wagon.

EVENTS WITHOUT BARRIERS

History belongs to everyone, and should be accessible without barriers. The majority of our educational programs are available free of charge or at a nominal cost. Program topics and age ranges are diverse and serve everyone from birth to adulthood. A total of 2,008 individuals attended a total of 53 programs in 2023. Eighty-two percent of those programs were free, and the majority had hands-on components.

Thanks to grant funding from the Missouri Humanities Council, we welcomed nationally-known authors to our programs, including Candice Millard (*Destiny of the Republic*) and Mary Theobald Riley (*Death by Petticoat*), as well as local authors like Dayonne Necole (*Our Gift Grace*) and Larry Wood (*Lady Rebels of Civil War Missouri*).



A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Wornall/Majors House Museums is a part of the lives of many people, in ways big and small. We are pleased to maintain welcoming, inviting grounds that are a destination for neighborhood dog walkers, picnickers, and people who just want to stroll through our picturesque garden. The Alexander Majors Barn serves as the venue for Kansas Citians' significant milestones, from weddings to retirement parties.



We are also pleased to partner with community organizations as the host site for their events. Partnerships in 2023 included “Music in the Garden,” a free community concert with the Kansas City Chamber Orchestra, and serving as the host site for the Jackson County Historical Society’s annual picnic and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival’s summer camps.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income

Wornall/Majors House Museums remains financially stable through diversified income streams. Our support is homegrown! The majority of our funding comes from local funders and foundations who believe in our mission.



29% Grants

28% Contributions (includes donations, memberships, and sponsorships)

26% Facility Rentals

9% Fundraising Events

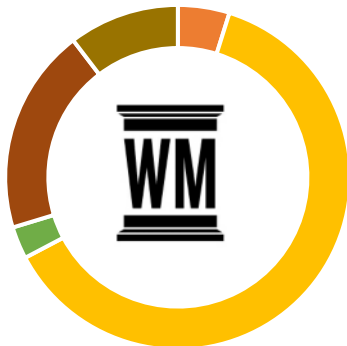
4% Educational Events

4% Museum Admission

View full financial details on our 990 - available on Guidestar or by emailing director@wornallmajors.org.

Expenses

Thanks to generous in-kind sponsors, our event costs are able to remain low while providing high value to attendees. Our largest expense category pays for our highly qualified staff, presenters, and contract employees, followed by occupancy expenses to keep our spaces safe and well maintained.



63% Payroll (including taxes and accounting)

19% Occupancy Expenses (including utilities)

10% Insurance

5% Program Expenses

3% Office Expenses

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