

ST. MARY'S COUNTY MUSEUM DIVISION

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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

ST. CLEMENT'S ISLAND MUSEUM, PINEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM AND HISTORIC PARK, OLD JAIL MUSEUM AND DRAYDEN AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOOLHOUSE

A YEAR OF RETURNING

The year 2021 was a year of return, as we held events and opened our doors fully. The year began slowly as we had capacity limits indoors, but by year's end we were operating on all cylinders.

With the restrictions still in place in the spring, we got creative and added a new event that took place all outdoors, at the St. Clement's Island Museum. The First Landing Wine and Arts Festival coincided with the forming of the First Landing Wine Trail and included the three wineries on the trail and a number of local artisans. It was a smashing success and will be continued in coming years.

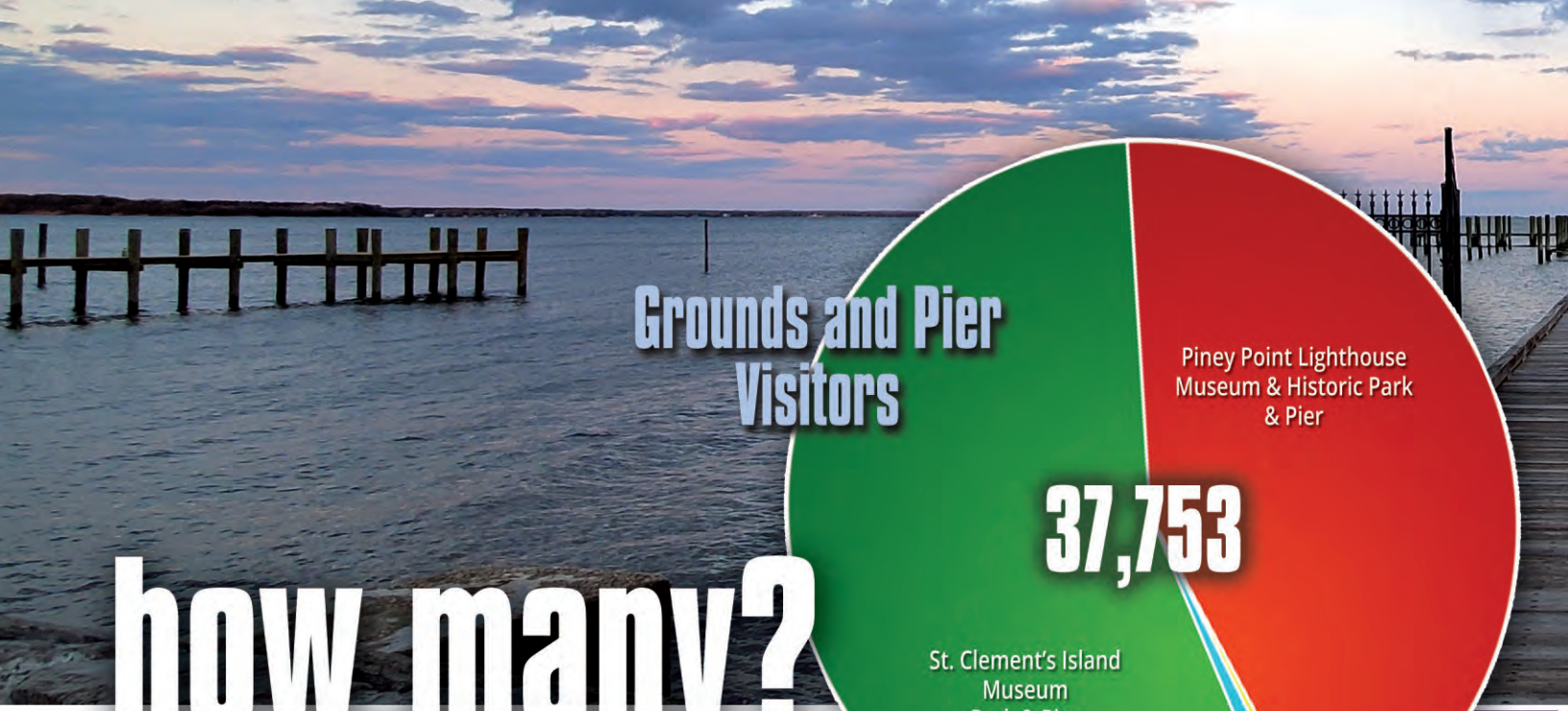
RetroFest also returned, at Piney Point, and will be growing next year, as will the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival which had to be kept small this year. The Old Jail Museum continues to be a popular spot for locals and tourists alike, and was even used as the backdrop for a short movie!

We also saw some staff turnover in 2021, with the retirement of April Havens, long-time manager for our Piney Point site. And we welcomed Allison Ellis as the new Education Programming person when Kristina Arnold left to take on a full-time position. Allison is working on creating new programs and adding children's activities to our existing special events.

We are all looking forward to the new year and the opportunity to be open at full capacity for all of our many wonderful events in 2022.

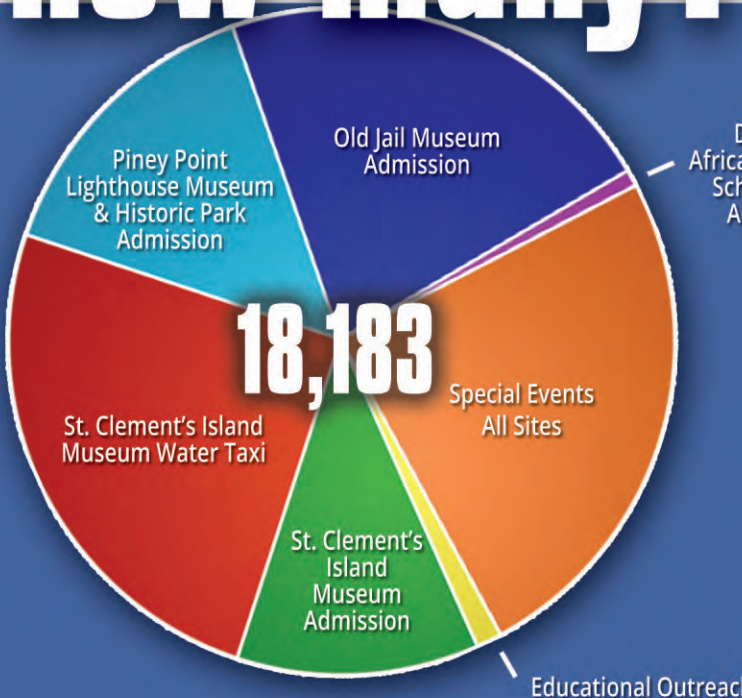
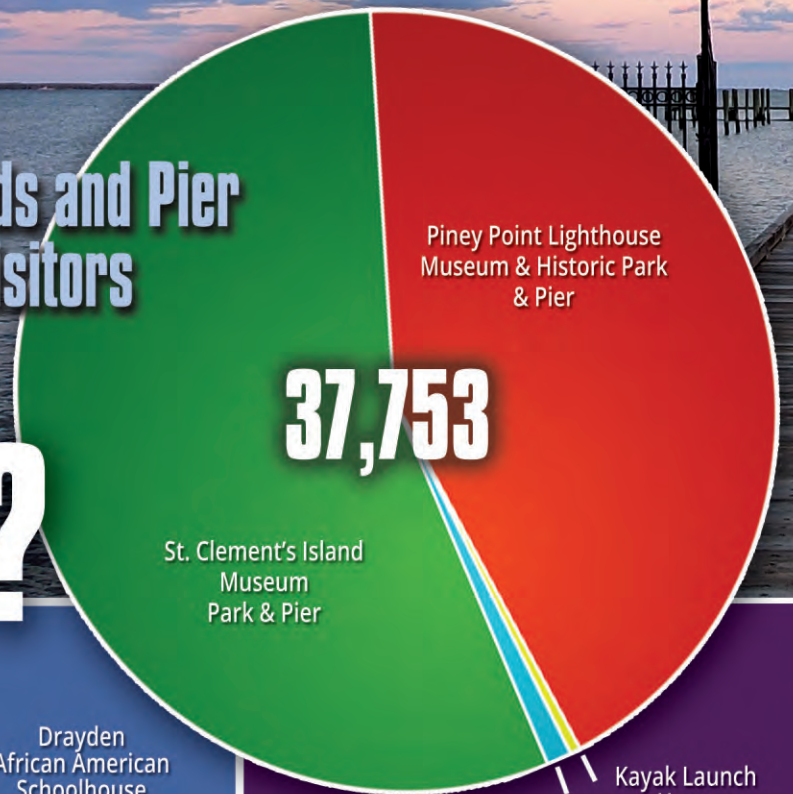






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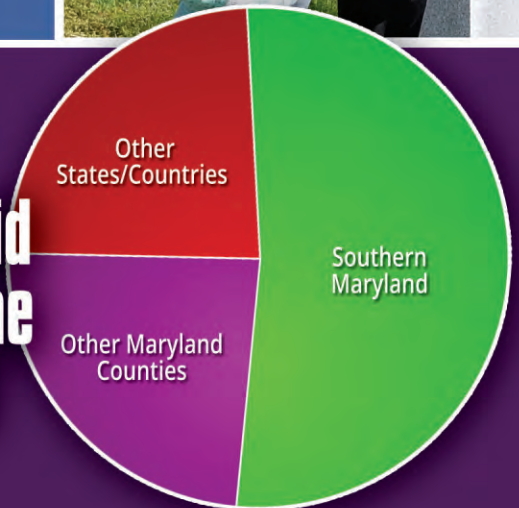
Grounds and Pier Visitors



Museum Visitors and Outreach



where did they come from?





our 2021 visitors

Social Media/Newsletter



how did they find us?

- Word of Mouth
- Internet
- Museum Brochures
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Maps, Road Signs, Visitor Centers
- Repeat Visitation





events exhibits

Appraiser Fair
 Community Day at St. Clement's Island Museum
 Maryland Day
 Artists' Reception for "Maryland, My Maryland" Show
 First Landing Wine & Arts Festival
 Black Diamond Civil War Weekend
 Library Story Hour at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum
 Heritage Day
 Juneteenth at the Drayden African American Schoolhouse
 Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival
 Outdoor Adventures at Piney Point Week
 National Lighthouse Weekend
 Children's Day
 RetroFest on the Potomac
 Benjamin Hance Historic Marker Unveiling
 Five St. Clement's Island Dinner & a Cruise Events
 Three St. Clement's Island Conversation & a Cruise Events
 Christmas Open Houses
 Museum Store Sunday
 Wildlife Photography Class

Popup Art Exhibit: "Maryland, My Maryland"
 Christmas Doll and Train Exhibit
 Retro Christmas
 Photo Exhibit: "The Water in Southern Maryland"
 Tommy Deagle Decoy Exhibit
 Civil War Exhibit: "Not So Quiet on the Potomac"



artifacts on loan

29 artifacts are on loan FROM other institutions
 4 artifacts are on loan TO other institutions



The St. Mary's County Museum Division is one of only two accredited organizations in St. Mary's County, one of only three in Southern Maryland, and one of only 23 in all of Maryland.

contributors in-kind and financial

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donations

A 1990s change purse with the old St. Clement's Island Museum logo donated by Samuel "Bo" Bailey

Blackistone Island sweatshirt purchased from Murphy's Town and Country Store in the mid-1960s, donated by Bruce Blackistone

Seven textbooks from the early to mid-twentieth century, donated by Patricia Cowan

Three letters, two written by former lighthouse keepers of Piney Point Lighthouse in 1875, donated by Vickey Hypes

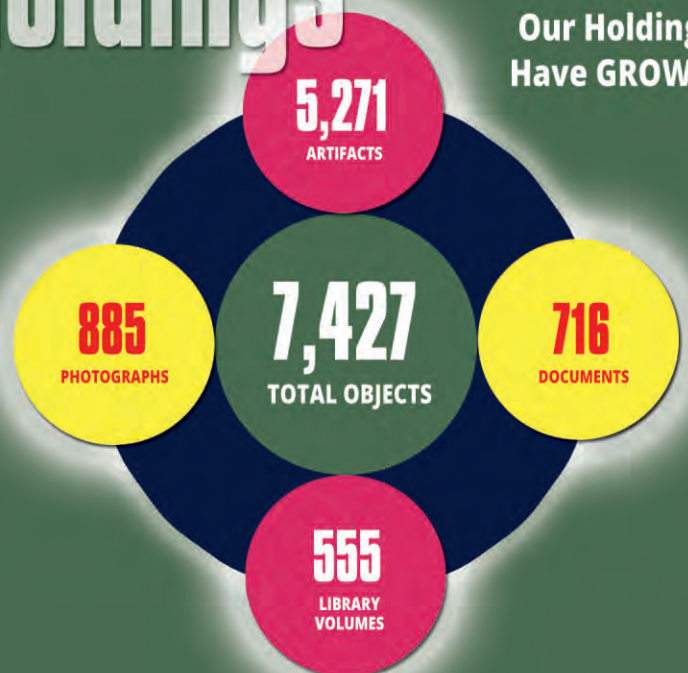
A collection of Blessing of the Fleet programs donated by Joan Raley

Acrylic painting "Sinking of the Black Diamond near St. Clement's Island," donated by Angela M. Wathen

Two original works of art donated by Aicy Karbstein

holdings

Our Holdings Have GROWN!





volunteer hours

278 HOURS
ST. CLEMENT'S
ISLAND MUSEUM

173 HOURS
OLD JAIL MUSEUM

34 HOURS
PINEY POINT
LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM
& HISTORIC PARK

40 HOURS
DRAYDEN AFRICAN
AMERICAN
SCHOOLHOUSE

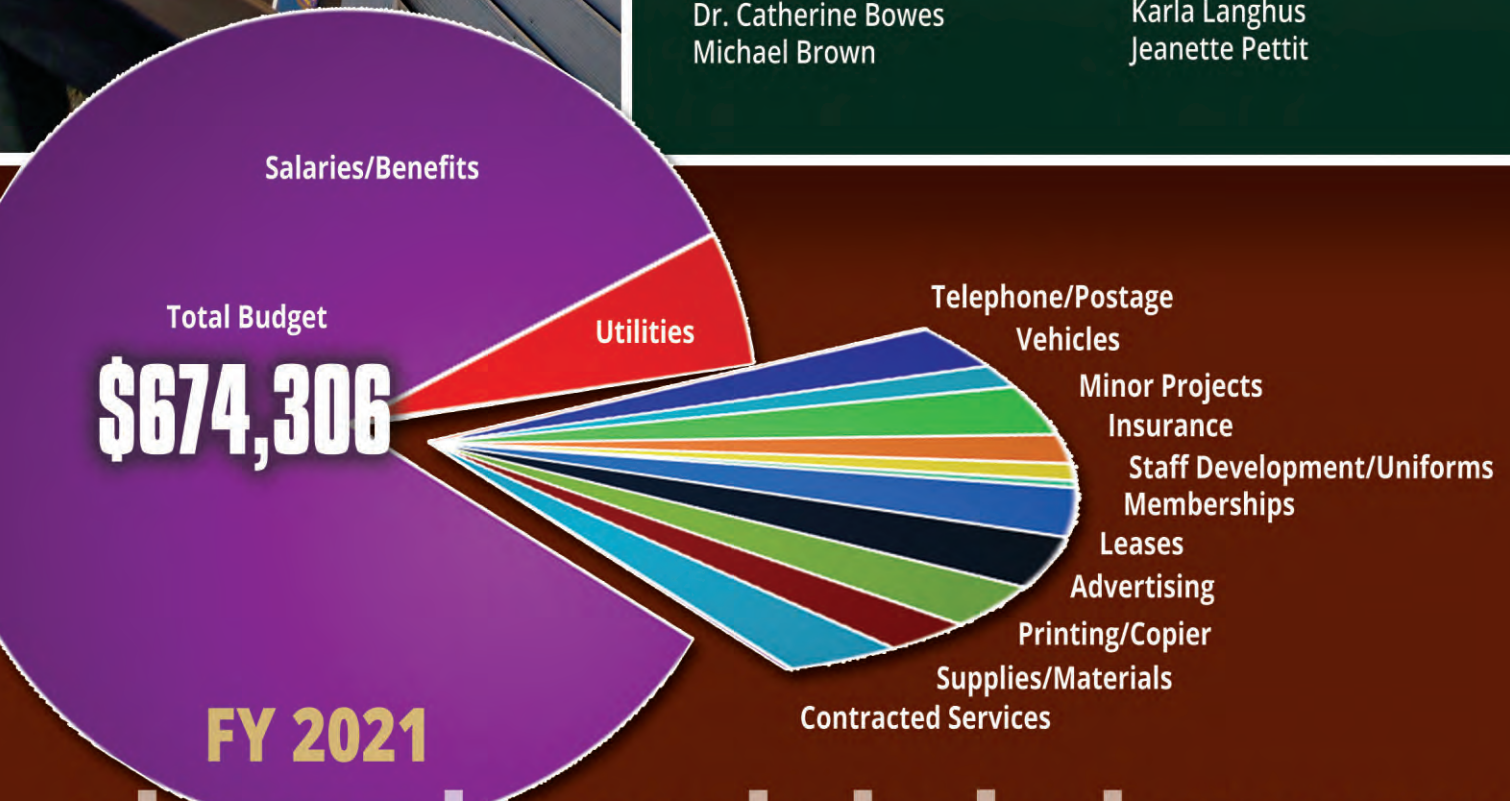
**525 volunteer hours, up from 371 hours in 2020.
Valued at \$14,985**

museum division board of trustees

This advisory group is appointed by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and serves to provide them with advice and assistance concerning the cultural and natural history of the region through the establishment and maintenance of museums.

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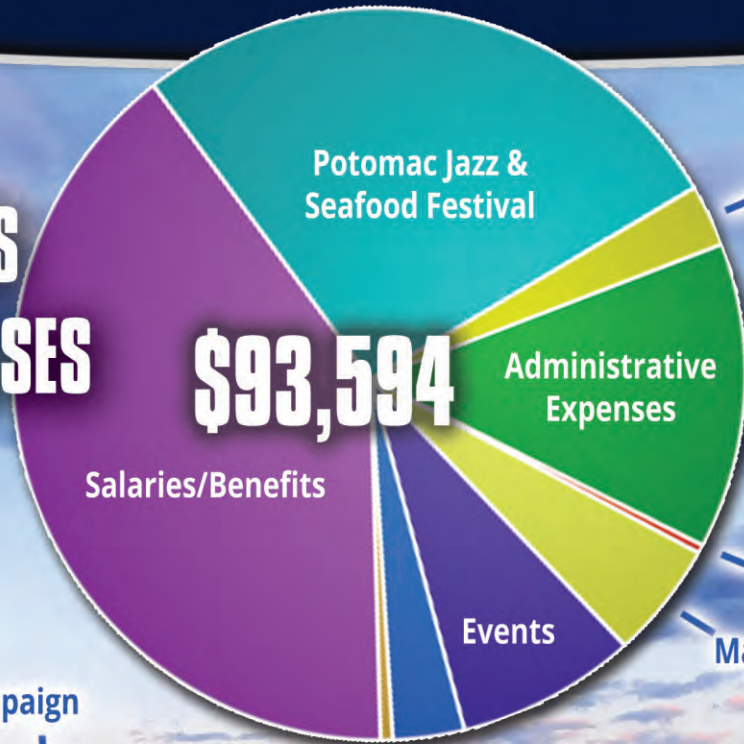
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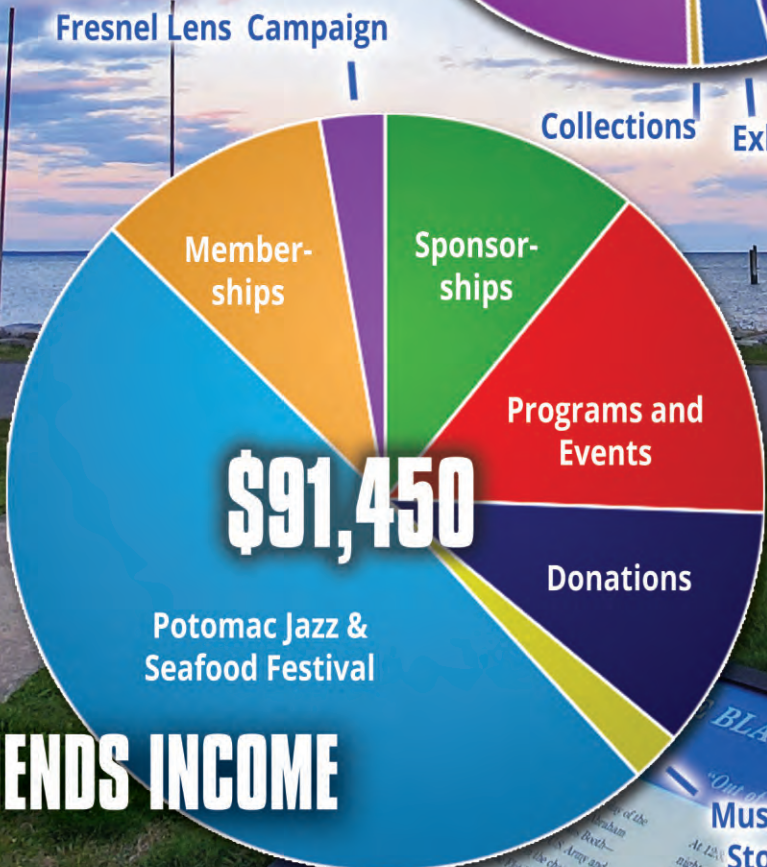
Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums

The Friends organization is the 501(c)3 arm of the Museum Division of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks, whose mission it is to raise funds in order to support historical interpretation, education programs and special needs of the sites managed by the Museum Division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks.

FRIENDS NET EXPENSES



\$93,594



\$91,450

FRIENDS INCOME

Friends Board of Directors

- Dale Springer, President
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BLACK DIAMOND INCIDENT
 "On the morning of April 23, they anchored for the night within a mile of the Blackstone Island Lighthouse. Meanwhile, the 308-ton sidewheel steamer Massachusetts (also named John W.D. Penzel headed downriver toward Diamond, Massachusetts, bound for Virginia, Massachusetts, bound for Virginia, released from C...



Old Jail
Museum Store

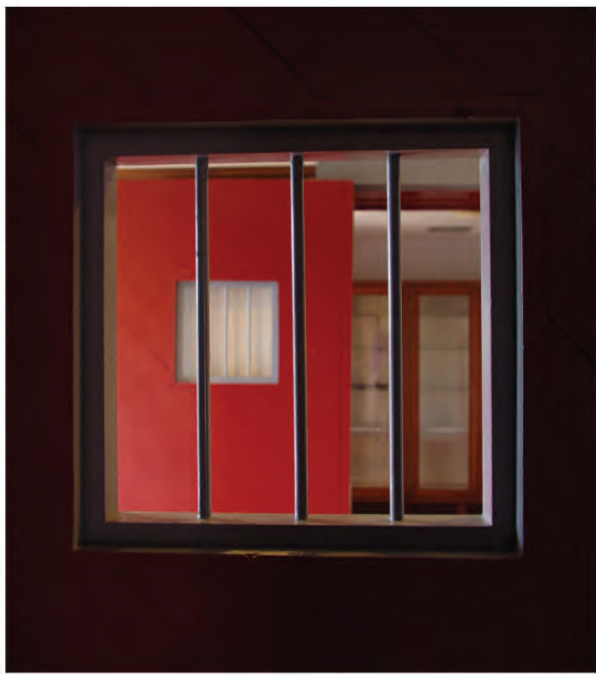
\$54,461

St. Clement's
Island Museum
Store

Piney Point
Lighthouse Museum &
Historic Park Store

museum store gross proceeds

The total sales number for the Museum Store is up 44%, thanks in large part to the continued success of the e-store and the addition of the Museum Store at the Old Jail Museum.



In Memory of Robin Guyther

In 2021, the St. Mary's County Museum Division sadly lost a beloved employee, Robin Guyther. Robin started working for the Museum Division as a Museum Assistant in 2013 after retiring from the St. Mary's County Planning & Zoning Department. He always greeted the public with a warm smile and sincerely enjoyed sharing information about the history of St. Mary's County. His coworkers respected him, and his supervisors appreciated his dedication. The St. Mary's County Museum Division will miss his presence and treasure his memory.



Thank you donors for supporting our work.

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Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums

Join the Friends today. Benefits include free museum admission, the quarterly *Finer Points* newsletter, email updates for special events, NARM benefits, and a 10% museum store discount. Benefits vary by level and can also include guest passes and water taxi passes. To become a member of the Friends, download the membership form at www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/friends.



CALL FOR EVENT SPONSORS

The Friends of the St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums are looking for community businesses to help support our expanded educational and community-focused event calendar. **The Friends have introduced a new Business Membership program with sponsorship opportunities and year-round benefits.** Sponsorships help to support our museums and our local history. Email friendsfundraisingcoordinator@gmail.com for more information.



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