

Annual Report 2014-15

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Karen Matusinec
President,
Board of Directors

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Elmhurst Art Museum it is my great pleasure to share with you this annual report for fiscal year 2014-15.

On December 1st, 2014, after an exhaustive six-month search, we welcomed an energetic new Executive Director, Jenny Gibbs, who brings decades of nonprofit leadership experience in the arts and education. She has made great strides in her first year, developing relationships and strategies which will benefit the Museum for years to come.

This year saw a renewed emphasis on fiscal sustainability, with a 36% reduction of expenses and the development of new funding sources such as prestigious grants from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts (\$10,000) and from the National Endowment for the Arts (\$30,000), placing us in the company of some of the best cultural institutions in the nation. I was fortunate to host a luncheon at the Museum for the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jane Chu, at which she told us we are “knocking it out of the park!”.

Elmhurst Art Museum, like most not-for-profit cultural institutions, relies on contributed revenue to sustain its operating budget. In a typical year approximately 60% of the Museum’s revenue will be contributed, the majority of which comes from individuals like you. In 2015 the Museum received several major gifts which increased the percentage of contributed income to more than 80%. The largest contribution was a planned gift from the estate of former EAM Board of Directors member, Cleve Carney. I would also like to acknowledge the generous gifts of Marcia Goltermann, Gigi Owens, Kim Eck, Laura Maurer, Kristi Bieber Gibbs, Lissa Paar and Harry Hostetler.

2015 saw revenue from admission and membership double – a testament to our renewed engagement with the community and the effectiveness of the Museum’s new programming! What makes this especially noteworthy is that the increase in admission and membership revenue happened even as we lowered the cost of membership dues, reduced the cost of admission for senior citizens, and made admission free for kids and students.

The Museum reached out to the community in numerous ways this year, including the donation of hundreds of free memberships to local families served by the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry and the United Community Concerns Association.

Another high point was the launch of the ‘Art is for Everyone’ program, thanks to generous funding from the McDonald’s Corporation, the Elmhurst chapter of Rotary International and individual donors. This new ongoing program shares the academic benefits of a museum experience with children from underfunded schools.

And finally, we are excited about the Museum’s newfound ability to share the cornerstone of the museum’s collection, Mies van der Rohe’s McCormick House with the public in its entirety for the first time since the Museum opened in 1997. The relocation of staff offices allows us to become better caretakers of the Mies house. This year we began a comprehensive restoration and funding plan so that we can share this historically significant building with generations to come.

I hope that you will agree that this was truly a dynamic and positive year at Elmhurst Art Museum. Thank you for your support!

Karen Matusinec,
President, Board of Directors



Jenny Gibbs
Executive Director

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

On the first day of the last month of 2014 I joined the staff of Elmhurst Art Museum, excited to work at this beautiful museum and honored to work with such a supportive and engaged Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure getting to know our community and strengthening relationships with our neighbors.

This was also a year that saw EAM form new relationships to build on for years to come. It was a year to reexamine the founding vision and mission of the Museum as a welcoming center for the study and creation of the art of our time and to reconnect with our communities as a fine art and civic center.

We worked to make the Museum more welcoming and to rekindle our place at the heart of the community by:

- Making admission free for children and students
- Reducing the cost of membership at all levels
- Offering free public programs every week, like artist talks, stroller tours and storytimes
- Making the Museum free for Library card holders for one full month
- Serving coffee and treats and adding guest seating in the beautiful Hostetler Gallery
- Expanding our school outreach programs through the 'Art is for Everyone' program
- Sharing free family memberships with those in need
- Hosting community group events at the Museum at reduced or no cost
- Creating community art projects to share as part of every new exhibit

A primary goal in 2015 was to do a better job sharing and caring for the cornerstone of the Museum's collection, Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House (1952), a rare and important example of the iconic architect's mature style. We did this by moving the staff offices out of the house, where they had been located since the Museum opened in 1997. In May of 2015 we shared the entire house with the public for the first time! To care for the house we began working with a historic preservation architect to assess its present condition and to chart the best course of action for preservation and restoration.

As I write this in 2016 I am happy to report that we have already begun to address some of the house's most pressing needs and we are planning a funding campaign to complete the work.

As President of the Board of Directors Karen Matusinec mentions in her letter, fiscal year 2014-15 saw supporters of EAM increase our capacity to connect new audiences with contemporary art and culture. Thanks to generous funding from the McDonald's Foundation, the Elmhurst Chapter of Rotary International, and individual supporters, EAM's 'Art is for Everyone' program launched in 2015. The program, which directly benefited hundreds of students this year, provides schools with no-cost bus transportation, teaching artist/educator guides, art-making activities and one-year family memberships.

All in all it was a remarkable year! I look forward to getting to know more of you, and to continuing to work hard on behalf of our many supporters and the communities we serve.

Jenny Gibbs
Executive Director

Exhibitions & Programs

EXHIBITIONS

Lifeloggers: Chronicling the Everyday

May 11 – August 16, 2014

Counting steps, tracking calories and checking in—new technology allows us to be our own favorite research project. The artists in the exhibition, *LifeLoggers: Chronicling the Everyday*, took logging to a new level by translating their data into complex and prodigious artwork.

Heidi Norton: Prismatic Nature

June 6 – August 24, 2014

Heidi Norton's work presents nature in a suspended state. Norton produced a multi-part site-specific installation consisting of custom-made window inserts, sculptural objects, interactive hot houses and living plants.

Richard Koppe

September 6, 2014 - January 11, 2015

With the University of Illinois at Chicago, EAM presented the first museum exhibition of Richard Koppe's Mid-Century work in more than 40 years including 70 rarely seen paintings, prints and drawings.

In the House: Laura Davis

September 13 - January 11, 2014

Chicago artist Laura Davis opened EAM's new series, *In the House*. Her site-specific installation, *Histrionic Restoration*, took on the Mies van der Rohe-designed home – and all of its baggage. Davis approached the McCormick House with a passion for the modernist style but also an awareness that in order for “less to be more,” certain things must be excluded.

Monika Wulfers, Five Equal Sides, not a pentagon

December 19 - January 11, 2014

Five Equal Sides, not a pentagon, a site-specific light installation by German-American artist Monika Wulfers, is a significant example of Wulfers' large-scale neon “drawings.”

On the Brink: New Work by Nnenna Okore

February 7 – May 3, 2015

EAM presented new work by Nigerian-American sculptor Nnenna Okore, whose work transforms discarded and organic materials into large-scale wall hangings and installations.

Selections from the Cleve Carney Bequest

February 7 – May 3, 2015

This exhibition showcased the collection bequeathed to the Museum by Cleve Carney (1939-2013), a longtime Board member, donor and supporter of the museum.

Driving in Style:

Promo Cars of the 1950s and 60s

February 7 – May 3, 2015

This exhibition showcased the innovative and flamboyant car designs of the 1950's with a selection of the highly-detailed plastic models or “promos” dealers distributed to promote “this year's model”.

The Very Young Moderns: Art from School District 205

May 2 – May 3, 2014

EAM's *Very Young Moderns* exhibit featured artwork by students in Elmhurst School District 205.

New American Paintings: Midwest Edition

May 16 - August 23, 2015

The acclaimed publication, *New American Paintings*, jumped from the page to the Museum walls with paintings by 40 midwestern artists.

Selections from the Collection in Mies van Der Rohe's McCormick House

May 16 – August 23, 2015.

For the first time since the Museum opened in 1997 the entire McCormick House was opened to the public, featuring an installation of art and design from the Museum's collection.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Artist Talk: Heidi Norton
July 13, 2014

Exhibition Tour: *Lifeloggers: Chronicling the Everyday* with EAM Chief Curator Staci Boris
July 18, 2014

Book Discussion: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple
July 25, 2014

Explore Elmhurst with Heidi Norton
July 26, 2015

Performance: The Top Umali Award Speeches of All Time
August 8, 2014

Artist Workshop: Anthotype and Sun Print Workshop with Heidi Norton
August 9, 2014

Exhibition Tour: *Richard Koppe* with Chief Curator Staci Boris
Oct 10, 2014

Artist Talk: Laura Davis
Oct 24, 2014

Family Storytime and Art! With Elmhurst Public Library
Oct 25, 2014

Mid-Century Modern Roadshow
Nov 8, 2014

Lecture: *A Playful Abstraction: The Mid-Century Art of Richard Koppe, Harry Bertoia, Alexander Calder* with Lynne Warren, Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
Nov 14, 2014

Holiday Open House
November 29, 2014

Book Discussion: *The Third Coast: When Chicago Built the American Dream* by Thomas Dyja
December 12, 2014

Winter Solstice Celebration
December 19, 2014

Artist Talk: Conversation between Nnenna Okore and Michelle Grabner
February 7, 2015

No School! Make Art Here, Family Workshop
Feb 27, 2015

Artist Workshop: Nnenna Okore
March 7, 2015

Artist Talk: Nnenna Okore
March 7, 2015

Exhibition Tour: *Nnenna Okore* with Chief Curator Staci Boris
March 20, 2015

Storytime and Art!
March 21, 2015

Book Discussion: *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
March 27, 2015

Mid-Century Auto Styling: A Talk by John O'Halloran and Rob Reinhold
April 17, 2015

Art in the Park
May 2 & 3, 2015

Soirée 2015
May 9, 2015

Members' Preview: *New American Paintings*
May 15, 2015

Artist Talk: Conversation with *New American Paintings* Artists
May 16, 2015

Museum Day!
May 17, 2015

Members Day
May 17, 2015

Artist Talk: Molly Briggs
June 18, 2015

Stroller Tour
June 25, 2015

Lunchtime Curator Tour
June 30, 2015

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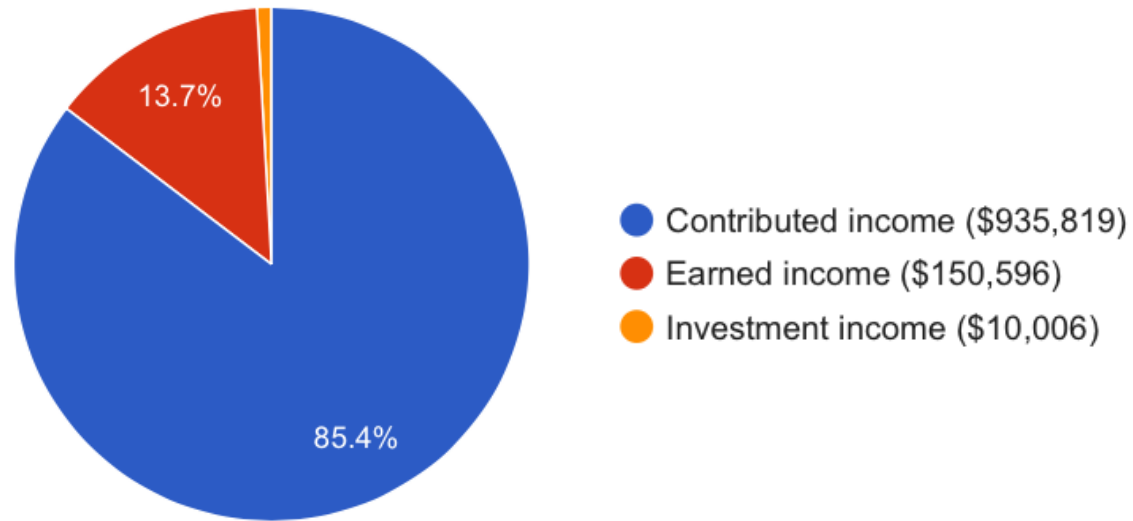
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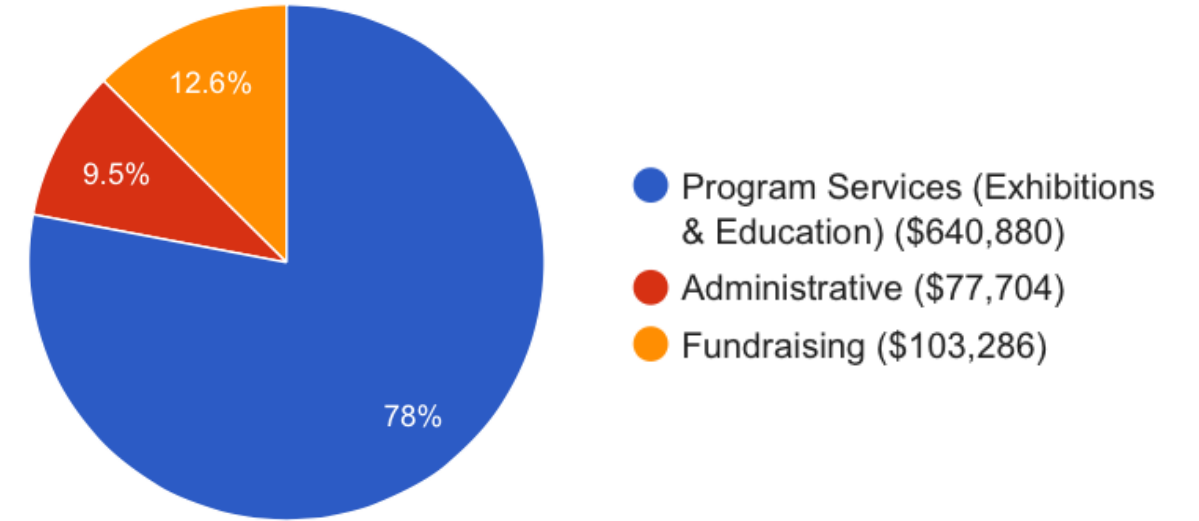
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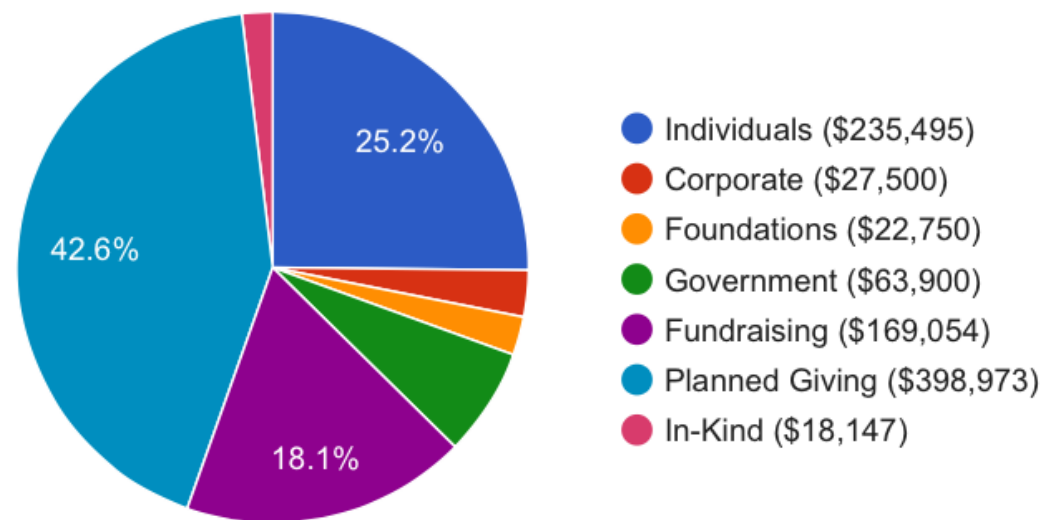
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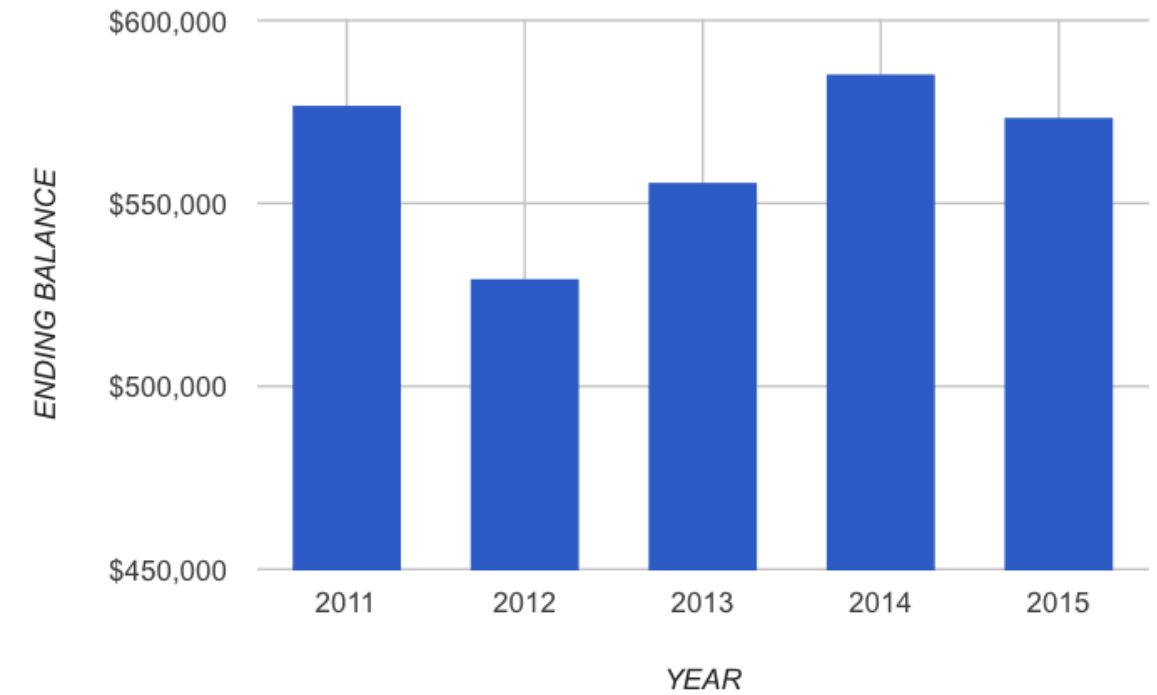
Expenses
\$821,870



Total Contributions
\$935,819



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MISSION

Elmhurst Art Museum is a welcoming center to view and experience the visual arts of our time. The Museum galleries, Mies van der Rohe's McCormick House, and Education Center enrich people's lives by deepening their knowledge of art, architecture and design, increasing their understanding of the relevance of visual art in our society and sparking the development of individual creativity.

ELMHURST ART MUSEUM

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