Annual Report





Message from he President & Board Chair

As the pandemic slowly subsided, 2022 saw the return of many programs that had been on hold, as well as the launch of many new and exciting ventures. Especially noteworthy was the spring's 10th anniversary of *Cheekwood in Bloom*, which we celebrated with the addition of 100,000 daffodils, bringing our springtime bulb display to 250,000! Spring also brought the filming of the Antiques Roadshow to Cheekwood, which would ultimately air in three one-hour episodes, garnering international attention for our esteemed estate.

Summer followed with a large-scale expansion of our beloved outdoor TRAINS! exhibition that featured an enchanted new tree-turned-train station, and hundreds more feet of track with new trains and opportunities for exploration and delight.

The year was notably a most colorful one from our captivating horticultural displays and our hosting of the Indian Festival of Color, Holi, to a series of art exhibitions including summertime's *Colorscapes*, that spanned both the gardens and Museum galleries, offering immersive experiences of color, while exploring the origin of their identification and classification. *Cheekwood Harvest* featured the addition of a third pumpkin house, perfect for photo ops, and *Holiday LIGHTS* dazzled with an expanded candy cane trail and a new mesmerizing light tunnel.

We were especially excited to debut our new *Cheekwood GROWS* kitchen garden, providing young students with hands-on gardening experiences while fostering healthy eating. We were also thrilled to relaunch our free field trip program, *Destination Cheekwood*, — and, for those students unable to visit, we put *Cheekwood On the Road* taking art and gardening activities to them!

In every way, Cheekwood continued to serve its community as a place of refuge, renewal and inspiration, attracting visitors from across Tennessee, every state, and countries around the world, making us the third highest attended destination in Nashville and furthering our acclaim for this beloved and venerable institution.



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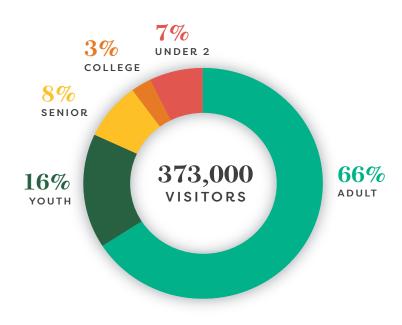
Visitors

Cheekwood welcomed over **373,000 visitors** in 2022, coming from:

493
TENNESSEE
ZIP CODES

50
PLUS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

26
COUNTRIES



2022

Members

Cheekwood membership held steady throughout 2022 as visitors from Nashville and Middle Tennessee enjoyed visiting throughout the seasons. Members are celebrated with member-only days, hours and special appreciation events.

19,600
CHEEKWOOD MEMBERS
AT YEAR-END OF 2022





Visitor, Fall 2022



Team Cheekwood

Cheekwood's dedicated staff worked diligently throughout the year to serve visitors from our community and beyond, welcoming a diverse audience to experience the beauty of the gardens, be inspired by art indoors and out, and engage in a wide range of programs.

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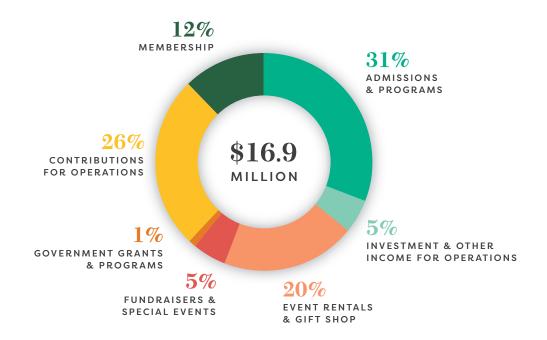
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Cheekwood relies on help from dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to fulfill its mission to nurture the spirit and serve as inspiration for a diverse and broad audience.

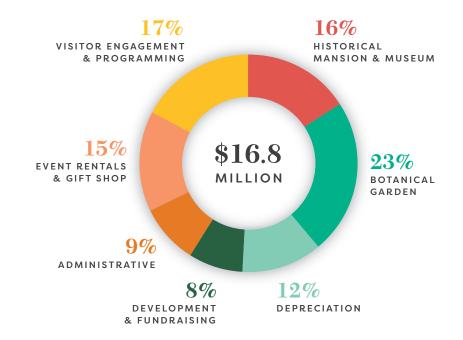


Operating Budget

OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUES



OPERATING EXPENSES



Balance Sheet

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION	December 31, 2022
ASSETS	(In Millions)
Current Assets	\$ 10.5
Restricted Assets	0.9
Promises to Give	0.6
Endowment Investments	18.0
Property & Equipment	25.9
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 55.9
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 1.9
Deferred Revenues	2.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4.6
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 32.8
With Donor Restrictions	18.5
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 51.3
TOTAL LIABILTIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 55.9

Cheekwood's audited financial statements are available online at www.givingmatters.com.

Winter of Cheekwood

To engage visitors in the Historic Mansion & Museum during winter, Cheekwood presented *Orchids in the Mansion*, *A Valentine's Day Legacy* celebrating the 80th anniversary of Huldah Cheek and Walter Sharp's wedding, and *Spanning the Atlantic: The Arts and Crafts Movement in Britain*. The 31st annual Middle Tennessee Scholastic Art Awards exhibition was on view in the Frist Learning Center.





Cheekwood designed the entry garden for the long-running

Antiques & Garden Show, which serves as a fundraiser for

Cheekwood and ECON Charities.





Cheekwood engaged **Cecilia Tichi** as Writer-in-Residence and **Tres Fromme** as Designer-in-Residence. Tichi contributed to Cheekwood's blog and newsletter and facilitated a series of programs, "Contemporary Conversations with the Stylemakers, Socialites and Influencers of the Past." Fromme collaborated on landscape planning as well as seasonal displays including *Holiday LIGHTS*.





Cecilia Tichi

Tues Euseman









Cheekwood in Bloom

76,000 visitors enjoyed colorful displays in the Bradford Robertson Color Garden and beyond during the 10th Anniversary of *Cheekwood in Bloom*. This year's festival featured a showstopping 250,000 blooming bulbs, including 100,000 daffodils that were planted to enhance the annual display.



oversized bunnies painted by local artists.



Cheekwood welcomed 4,000 attendees to its inaugural **Holi celebration**. The festival of colors is a Hindu celebration symbolizing a fresh start, much like spring itself.









Guests at the **Great Spring Art Hop** hunted for eggs as well as







Summertime # Cheekwood

Throughout the summer, Cheekwood's gardens served as a lush and living backdrop for programs that engaged the community and encouraged enjoyment of its 55 acres. The summer exhibition, *COLORSCAPES*, engaged daytime visitors and weekly Thursday Night Out attendees.



Music initiatives featured popular Songwriters and the addition of Jazz and Bluegrass to the Under the Stars performance series, and an enhanced lineup of performers for Thursday Night Out.



More than 5,000 guests visited over Father's Day weekend to enjoy Exposition of Elegance: Classic Cars at Cheekwood, featuring over 50 impeccably maintained antique cars.



All Aboard! The popular TRAINS! exhibit in the Turner Seasons
Garden was expanded with three additional tracks and the interactive
Enchanted Express Train Station, offering children a "worm's eye view" of a secret forest and enchanting forest scene.













Kids explored the gardens, made their own masterpieces, and more during Cheekwood Summer Camp.



Cheekwood Harvest

96,000 visitors to Cheekwood Harvest delighted in our Pumpkin Village, featuring three pumpkin houses, as well as the Scarecrow Trail and Beer Garden. The property came alive through special programs including the festive Halloween Pooch Party.











Authentic cultural performances and visual art experiences engaged thousands of visitors at the annual Japanese Moon Viewing and El Día de los Muertos festivals.

















Holiday LIGHTS

Nashville's classic holiday tradition continued as **78,000 visitors** experienced Cheekwood's brightly lit, winter wonderland. The Historic Mansion & Museum was bedecked in pastel colors and featured pampas grass trees.





















Exhibitions

The Wildly Weird World of Werner Wildner

January 8 - February 27

A Valentine's Day Wedding Legacy

January 2 - February 27

Orchids in the Mansion

January 29 - March 6

2022 Middle Tennessee Scholastic Art Awards

February 5 - 27



COLORSCAPES gallery installation by Luftwerk, Continuum, 2022. Prints, electrical motors, and vinyl, On loan from the Artists.

Spanning the Atlantic: The Arts & Crafts Movement in England

February 5 - April 10

2022 Martin Shallenberger Artist-in-Residence Craig Black

March 26 - June 12

COLORSCAPES

May 7 - September 4

Chroma: The Exploration of Color Field Printing

June 25 - September 18

INTERVENTIONS: Michael Eden

August 13 - November 6

Glamour & Style: Portrait Photography from the Golden Age of Cinema

September 30 - January 1, 2023

Inside the World of Charles Addams

October 8 - January 8, 2023

2022

New Acquisitions

Virginia Overton

Untitled (4x8 view), 2022 Steel trusses and steel pipe 2022.1

Elizabeth Turk

Red-cockaded Woodpecker 2023 Aluminum 2022.2

Elizabeth Turk

Golden-winged Warbler 2023 Aluminum 2022.3

Elizabeth Turk

King Rail, 2023 Aluminum 2022.4

Attributed to Johnston, Brookes & Co.

Four-light Argand Chandelier Circa 1825 Bronze 2022.5

American Encaustic Tile Company

Tile (Été), 1890-1900 Glazed earthenware 2022.6

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Tile (Printemps) 1890-1900 Glazed earthenware 2022.7

John B. Lessell for Camark Pottery

Vase, circa 1926 Glazed earthenware 2022.8

Matt Daly

Landscape, 1900-1920 Watercolor on paper 2022.9

Hobbs, Brockunier and Company

Vase, 1886-1890 Glass 2022.10

Matt Daly for Rookwood Pottery

Dogwood Vase, 1890 Glazed earthenware 2022.11

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Vase, 1912 Vellum-glazed earthenware 2022.12

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Ewer, 1887 Glazed earthenware 2022.14

Albert Valentien for Rookwood Pottery

Vase, 1883 Glazed Earthenware 2022.15

Frederick Carder for Steuben Glass Works

Vase, 1904-1920 Aurene glass 2022.16

Tiffany Studios

Decanter with stopper 1910-1920 Favrile glass 2022.17

Tiffany Studios

Vase, 1904-1909 Bisque-fired earthenware 2022.18

John B. Lessell for Weller Pottery

Vase, 1920-1924 Glazed earthenware 2022.19

John B. Lessell for Weller Pottery

Vase, 1920-1924 Glazed earthenware 2022.20

Jacques Sicard for Weller Pottery

Vase, 1903-1907 Glazed earthenware 2022.21

Josephine Zettel

Watercolor on paper 20th century 2022.22

Lin Emery

Bernard (Nashville), 1962 Bronze 2022.23

Eugene Edward Speicher

Babette, 1931 Oil on canvas 2022.24

Cheekwood is grateful for the generous support of Molly and Rickey Schneider and Susan and John Hainsworth for their gifts to the permanent collections.

Art Highlights



Martin Shallenberger Artist-in-Residence, Craig Black, inspired visitors with his "Acrylic Fusion" process of hand pouring layers of paint to create mesmerizing works of art.



The first of a two-part exhibition, **Spanning the Atlantic: The Arts & Crafts Movement in England**, opened in February
featuring furniture, decorative arts, and fine art from the collection
of Crab Tree Farm.



Using 3-D printing technology,

INTERVENTIONS artist Michael Eden

created a dialogue between his contemporary
vessels and decorative arts purchased by the
Cheek family during their travels to England
in the 1920s.







Summer visitors enjoyed *COLORSCAPES*, an immersive, site-specific exhibition by the acclaimed Chicago art collective Luftwerk (Petra Bachmaier & Sean Gallero).





Throughout the fall, visitors were amused by *Inside the World of Charles Addams*. Addams, a dominate force in 20th century humor, was a significant contributor to *The New Yorker* magazine as well as the creator of the characters depicted in The Addams Family television series, movies, and animated features.

Garden Highlights

PLANT ACQUISITIONS

3,000 DAFFODILS

266
NATIVE PLANTS

69 HERBS 36
HYDRANGEAS

32
DOGWOODS

16 ROSES 12
MAGNOLIAS

FERNS

REDBUDS

Garden Explorer

Cheekwood introduced the Garden Explorer tool to engage visitors online and onsite. Visitors can search plant collections by name, explore a map of the property, and follow curated tours featuring the arboretum and plant collections.

2022

Destination Cheekwood

In the fall, free student and family field trips resumed in earnest. Students and teachers engaged with Cheekwood's science and art curriculum during weekday classroom visits, and multi-generational families visited on weekends during peak festivals.

2022

Cheekwood GROWS

In June, Cheekwood debuted its newest outreach program, Cheekwood GROWS, a free, immersive, and multi-faceted experience for third-grade students designed to teach gardening, healthy eating, and cooking skills. The garden is home to vegetable and fruit plants for tasting, flowers to attract pollinators, and herbs to give additional flavor.



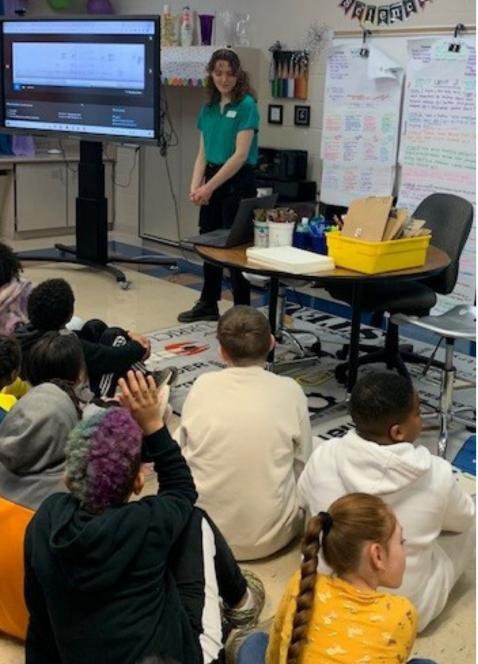






Cheekwood On the Road

This outbound program takes the Cheekwood experience beyond the estate to students in Title I schools as well as to pre-kindergarten students in area Head Start programs. Elementary students explore Cheekwood's history, art collections and seasonal garden displays through educator and artist-led stations. Head Start toddlers enjoy story time and arts and garden crafts inspired by the PNC Grow Up Great curriculum, and all books and materials remain in the classroom following the program.







2022

Multicultural Celebrations

HOLI | March 26

Cheekwood introduced its first Holi celebration. This festival of colors is an Indian celebration symbolizing a fresh start, much like spring itself. Music, dancing, cuisine and traditional color-throwing inspired visitors of all ages.





Black Arts Bash | August 20

Cheekwood's second annual Black Arts Bash paid tribute to Black history's deep roots in Nashville by featuring an exhibition by emerging and established visual artists, music, spoken word, cuisine, a collaborative art project, and more.



Japanese Moon Viewing | October 9

Cheekwood hosted its eighth annual Japanese Moon Viewing, or *Otsukimi*, highlighting artists, entertainers and vendors from the surrounding Japanese community.





El Día de los Muertos | October 29 & 30

Cheekwood's popular Day of the Dead festival is its most longstanding cultural celebration and features vibrant altars created by local Hispanic partners, music, dance, cuisine, art activities, vendors and more. For over twenty years, Cheekwood has delivered a truly authentic experience for visitors from Middle Tennessee and beyond.

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