

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

TRYON PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS





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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



**GREG WRIGHT**

**You Belong Here** is the theme of Tryon Painters and Sculptors. TPS is and has since its founding in 1968, been a member driven organization. Everything that we do and every decision that we make is for our members and our community. Whether a seasoned professional artist with years of experience or a brand new artist who has never shown artwork before – you belong here! In addition to our members, our customers, patrons, sponsors and contributors all belong here with us in our journey to help enhance the life in our area.

In 2025 your board of directors volunteered 2000 hours and other volunteers nearly 250 hours. Thank you to our hard working 2025 board: Cheney Anderson, Jeffery Dale, David Datwyler, Jim Doussard, Carol Funke, Amy Goldstein-Rice and Lauren Wingate. We are greatly indebted to our dedicated paid staff: Cornelia Scibetta, Executive Director, Kam Kammerer and Ann Stimm in the gallery and Roseann Marconi, Gallery Store Manager. We are also grateful for Patricia Sathertian who maintains our website, manages our emails and created this very document.

Several positive staffing transformations happened in 2025. Ann Stimm, who was hired in 2024 as our first Executive Director, chose to step away from that role and became a Gallery Associate. Cornelia Scibetta, who was President of the Board, moved into the Executive Director role. Greg Wright, the former Vice President stepped into the President’s role and Jim Doussard, the former Board Secretary became Vice President/ Secretary. In addition to board changes, Roseann Marconi was hired as our Gallery Store manager. TPS held seven successful shows in 2025, showcasing the amazing talent of our 274 member artists and we hosted 20 art classes for 88 participants. Our “Cake and Champagne”

fundraiser was a success – our member artists donated over seventy 8x8 paintings to help fund our activities. We partnered with Tryon Fine Arts Center for a *plein aire* event during a concert and we hosted an interactive painting event with the Tryon International Film Festival. TPS managed the Healing Arts exhibits at AdventHealth Polk, and the Columbus Council Chamber. We participated in the Tryon Downtown Development Association’s 4th Fridays, Halloween Stroll, Christmas Stroll, and the Global Food Fest.

The TPS board held monthly meetings and our Annual Member Appreciation Event, created and updated many of our policies and procedures and created a Gallery Store committee.

We completed an extensive renovation to the gallery space at the beginning of the year. Thanks to The Polk County Community Foundation for funding that project and to Ann Stimm who expertly managed that work. PCCF also helped fund the replacement of our roof. In addition, we renovated the facade of our building with a new sign, designed by our own Jim Doussard.

We are forever indebted to the Polk County Community Foundation for their monthly support and for their support of special projects. We are also grateful to our sponsors for their generous support: New View Realty, Ashworth Financial Group, Tryon Theater, Tryon Foothills Realty, All Good Things Bakery, Nature’s Storehouse, The Bottle, Woodcreek Dental, AdventHealth Polk, Stephen and Nancy Brady, KD’s Sea Shack, Dr. Joseph Fox, Peter Franklin, and Newman’s Restaurant at the Orchard Inn.

Thank you for your support of Tryon Painters and Sculptors. We had a very successful and productive 2025, but we continue to need community financial support to meet our mission. Please join us in our efforts – become a member, make a donation, become a sponsor, visit the gallery and store, take a class, attend our receptions, and appreciate and buy art. You Belong Here!

Greg Wright, Board President

*TPS is a 501c(3) member organization founded in 1968 by a small group led by Lou Ingwerson. In 1972 TPS was incorporated as a nonprofit organization governed by a board elected by its membership. In 2014 TPS acquired the current building at 78 N. Trade Street and in 2022 paid the mortgage in full. This building has a large gallery space and gift shop upstairs. Downstairs there are 2D and 3D studios.*

# TPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

*After moving to Columbus from Charlotte last year, I joined Tryon Painters and Sculptors so that I could make connections with other creative types around the area. I am excited about the vision TPS has for its future and I joined the board so that I could share some of my own experience and ideas on how TPS can better support its membership.*

*~ Russell Smith*

*I am deeply grateful to Greg Wright for inviting me to join Tryon Painters and Sculptors and I am honored to now join the Board. Throughout my career, I have seen how arts organizations serve as vital anchors for engaging strong communities. I was drawn to the mission statement, but it was the genuine warmth and sense of belonging I found at TPS that truly moved me to serve.*

*I look forward to helping expand visual art opportunities while finding a personal place to grow as an artist myself.*

*~ Cindy Riddle*



**CORNELIA SCIBETTA**  
Executive Director



**GREG WRIGHT**  
Board President



**JIM DOUSSARD**  
Board Vice President



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Board Treasurer



**DAVID DATWYLER**  
Board Member



**JEFF DALE**  
Board Member



**CAROL FUNKE**  
Board Member



**AMY GOLDSTEIN-RICE**  
Board Member



**CHENEY ANDERSON**  
Board Member



**CINDY RIDDLE**  
Board Member 2026



**RUSSELL SMITH**  
Board Member 2026



**RACHEL DICKSON**  
Board Member 2026

# 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT.

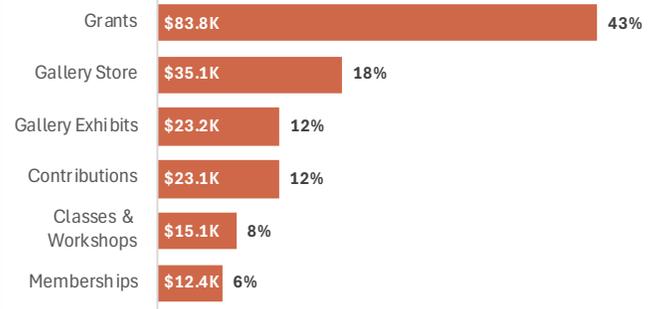
## Statement of Activities

OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
REVENUE	2025	2024
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; GRANTS</b>		
Individual & Corporate Contributions	\$ 23,076	\$ 13,827
Grants	\$ 83,765	\$ 39,376
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 106,841</b>	<b>\$ 53,203</b>
<b>PROGRAM REVENUE</b>		
Memberships	\$ 12,421	\$ 11,440
Classes & Workshops	\$ 15,091	\$ 8,932
Gallery Exhibits	\$ 23,191	\$ 11,695
Gallery Store	\$ 35,110	\$ 15,444
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 85,812</b>	<b>\$ 47,511</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 192,654</b>	<b>\$ 100,714</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>MISSION &amp; PROGRAM SERVICES</b>		
Classes & Workshops	\$ 7,012	\$ 4,100
Gallery Exhibits	\$ 13,765	\$ 7,552
Gallery Store	\$ 21,383	\$ 9,345
Program Staffing & Operations	\$ 90,846	\$ 53,561
Fundraising	\$ 7,895	\$ 4,586
<b>TOTAL MISSION &amp; PROGRAM SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 140,901</b>	<b>\$ 79,145</b>
<b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>		
Administration & Governance	\$ 23,075	\$ 13,970
<b>TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 23,075</b>	<b>\$ 13,970</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 163,976</b>	<b>\$ 93,115</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 28,678</b>	<b>\$ 7,599</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
NON-OPERATING INCOME (BEQUESTS, INVESTMENTS, ETC.)	\$ 12,987	\$ 74,203
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 41,665</b>	<b>\$ 81,802</b>
NET ASSETS AT START OF YEAR	\$ 533,213	\$ 451,411
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 574,878	\$ 533,213

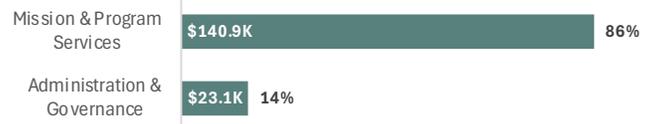
## Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS		
	2025	2024
Cash	\$ 183,580	\$ 219,900
Investments	\$ 142,690	\$ 125,656
Building & Equipment	\$ 258,565	\$ 223,356
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 584,835</b>	<b>\$ 568,912</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Deferred Membership Revenue	\$ 7,270	\$ 6,890
Deferred Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ 27,124
Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	\$ 2,687	\$ 1,685
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 9,957</b>	<b>\$ 35,699</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 567,105	\$ 525,440
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 7,773	\$ 7,773
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 574,878</b>	<b>\$ 533,213</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 584,835</b>	<b>\$ 568,912</b>

### Operating Revenue by Source: \$192.7K



### How Funds Were Used: \$164.0K



These financials are unaudited and based on internally prepared financial data for the year ending December 31, 2025



# MEETING THE MISSION.

Tryon Painters and Sculptors is a membership based non-profit visual arts organization founded in 1968 to provide members with opportunities and resources for artistic growth.

This is accomplished through gallery exhibitions, gallery store sales, classes and workshops, memberships and partnerships.

TPS also seeks to engage the community in promoting visual art.

## I. Promoting Fine Arts:

TPS has been a cornerstone of the community dedicated to fostering understanding and appreciation of the fine arts for their transformative power. In 2025 the People's Choice Award was given to one artist at each all member exhibit. Visitors to the gallery embraced the opportunity to truly examine and appreciate each piece of art to support and award our artist members. We believe that visitors have truly been inspired.

In this community the arts are truly celebrated, supported and integrated into the fabric of everyday life.



*Art Unleashed exhibit: Brendan Sprouls*



*Recycled Stories exhibit: Jim Shackelford (detail)*



*Art and Soul exhibit: Dawn Ash*



*In the Moment exhibit: Russell Smith*

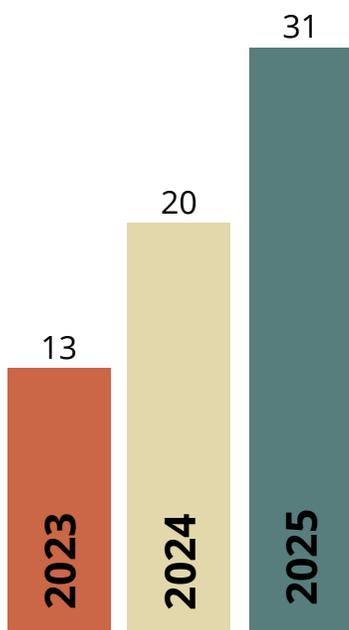


*The Power of Color exhibit: Ed Dyer (detail)*

## II. Nurturing Arts Education:

We are committed to providing exceptional arts education opportunities. The improved process that was implemented in 2024 has continued to improve the number of high-quality classes. These include painting, sculpture, drawing and related arts for both members and the community.

We believe that art education is not just about acquiring technical skills; it's about fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and self-expression. We are proud to play a vital role in nurturing artists and art enthusiasts.



number of classes per year



*Dee Santorini, enthusiastic artist and supporter of TPS, demonstrates her process at a Second Saturday event.*

### III. Exhibitions:

The exhibits program at TPS is a vibrant platform where member artists can showcase their talent and connect with the community. At each of the seven exhibits in 2025 more than 110 artists entered their art. Each exhibit is carefully curated to represent a wide range of media, styles, and perspectives. Visitors have been captivated by the creative spirit of our region. More than 100 people attend each of the opening receptions.

With the addition of the People's Choice Award, there is an even greater appreciation of this crucial role that art plays in the life of our community.



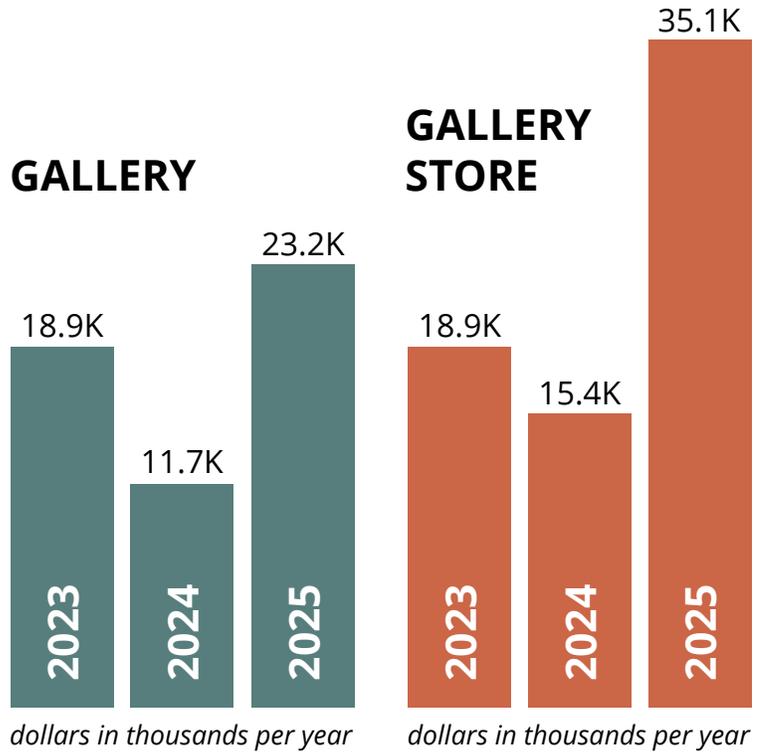
*Exhibits featured in 2025*



## IV. Member Sales:

In April of 2025 we began an important process improvement project, to re-brand the gift shop into the Gallery Store. As we began, we set goals to allow for an increased number of members to consign their work, to increase sales and to improve the space. With the leadership of Gallery Store Manager, Roseann Marconi, we have clearly succeeded in all three of these goals. By the end of 2025 there were 107 members selling their art, up from 66 earlier in the year. Sales increased from \$15,400 in 2024 to \$35,110 by the end of this year. The space has been improved with paint and more coordinated display pieces.

Sales of Exhibit pieces have also significantly increased as the newly renovated space allows for improved visibility of each work of art.



## V. Membership:

Our vibrant membership community of 274 individuals enjoys benefits such as discounted classes, exhibition opportunities, and invitations to various arts events in the area. We offer memberships for both artists and those who appreciate the arts at a very affordable cost. Artist members actively supported our mission by creating works for the Cake and Champagne fundraiser, participating in *Plein Air* events, and engaging in collaborative community projects.



*Cake and Champagne Fundraiser*



## VI. Community Partnerships:

We actively collaborate with other organizations that share our commitment to the arts. This year's partnerships included:

- Interactive *Plein Air* painting during the Tryon International Film Festival (TRIFF). This was our second year.
- TFAC – *Plein Air* painting during a noon-day concert
- We brought the healing power of art to patients, visitors, and staff at AdventHealth – Polk through our ongoing Healing Arts Exhibits. TPS has partnered with the hospital for more than twelve years.
- Tryon Downtown Development Association: we partnered with TDDA for 4th Fridays, Halloween Stroll, Christmas Stroll, and the Global Food Fest, further integrating arts into community events.
- Second Saturdays arts demonstrations, in conjunction with other arts venues.
- The City of Greer Center for the Arts: while the TPS gallery was undergoing renovations, TPS members held an exhibit in their beautiful facility. Likewise, their members were Guest Artists with TPS later in the year.



Marilyn Owens at TFAC Plein Air painting



Interactive Plein Air painting at TRIFF

## VII. Sponsors and Grants:

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors and grantors, whose contributions are essential to our mission.

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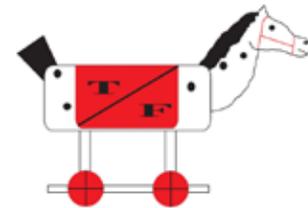
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### Silver

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**Tryon Foothills Realty**  
*Cindy Viehman, Realtor*

### Bronze

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**STEPHEN AND NANCY  
BRADY**



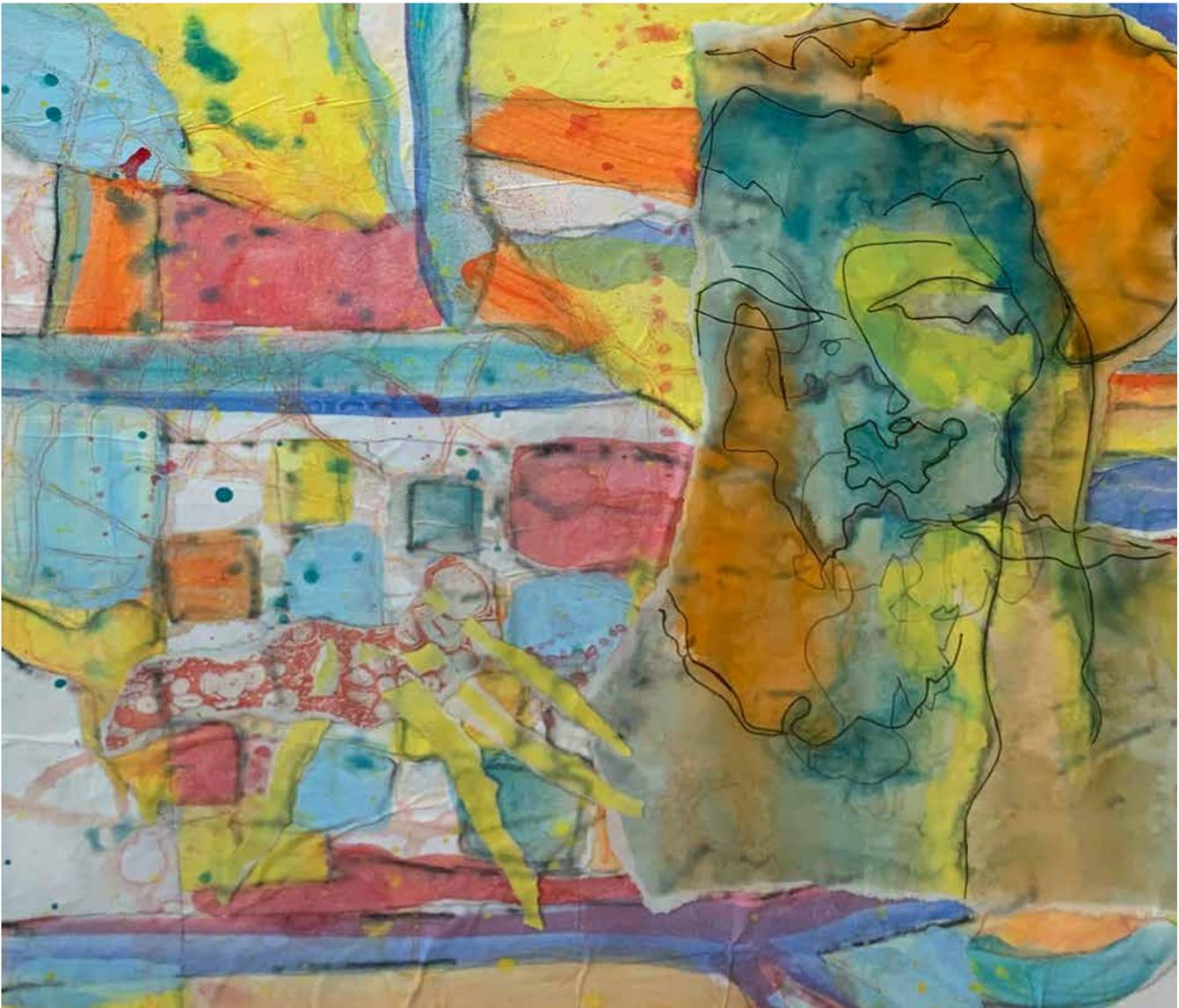
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**DR. JOSEPH  
FOX**

**PETER  
FRANKLIN  
& GREG  
WRIGHT**





*detail of work by Lori Loftus*

## Goals for 2026

The board regularly assesses financial data and key performance indicators. We have established these goals:

- Provide 8 all-member exhibitions, this provides one additional opportunity for artists to showcase and to sell their art
- Include youth programs in our offerings
- Increase our number of “patron” members
- Add on-line sales for the Gallery Store
- Hold an Arts Festival for fundraising
- Make improvements to 3D studio, thus increasing its use
- Improve marketing efforts to increase attendance in classes/workshops



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