



*Our mission is to enhance lives and build community through educational, artistic, and recreational experiences, while preserving our heritage, land and historic structures.*

If I had to pick a theme for 2022 at Burritt, I think it would be “Record Breaking”. Not only did we emerge from the effects of the Covid pandemic, we thrived. We expect the successes of 2022 to propel Burritt forward in many exciting directions.

1. We had a record year in almost every area we track, such as contributions, membership, City Lights and Stars summer series concert attendance, attendance at The View, rental income, educational festivals and special event attendance, Josie’s gift shop sales, and I could go on and on.
2. We raised the money for, built and opened our amazing new space, The Bendickson Family Pavilion.
3. We did updates and repairs throughout the site including painting the inside and outside of Baron Bluff, repairing all the chimneys at the Mansion and updated our parking lot to provide improved accessibility for all.
4. We celebrated 20-year anniversary of the McCurdy Barnyard.
5. The Burritt Folk School doubled its offering and attendance, as well as adding a new program called Pre-View that took place during Cocktails at The View on Wednesday nights.
6. We sold out all our spring, summer and fall camps.
7. We held our 2nd Round Top Folk Festival and expanded it to 2 days this year.
8. We created a DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) taskforce and have made positive changes based on their feedback.
9. We had over 1,500 volunteers that helped us accomplish all that we do.
10. We have a record number of amazing staff members who share their heartfelt hospitality with our guests every day.

AND... We celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the Baron Bluff. This facility has been one of the greatest gifts to Burritt. Rental income directly supports our mission by providing resources for the educational programming that we provide the community. A heartfelt thank you to Butch Damson for leading the charge to get it built and chairing the committee; and to Phylis and Bob Baron, and the other very generous donors for seeing and understanding the vision for this building, for realizing its importance to the future of Burritt, and for saying yes. Happy ten years to Baron Bluff!

I know Dr. Burritt would be so happy to know hundreds of people are enjoying his home and property every day. I know I am, and I hope to see you enjoying the magic of the mountain soon.

Leslie Ecklund, CEO

