



Ways you can help



Become a Volunteer

We have a large need for docent and garden volunteers. If you are interested visit our website or scan the QRCode for more information.

Planned Giving

Consider making a gift to ensure that the London Town Foundation will continue providing enriching history, gardens, and arts programming for our community. Designate London Town Foundation as the beneficiary of your will, retirement account, trust, and/or life insurance policy.



Donate

Your tax-deductible donation will be help support London Town's work to preserve our site, educate the public, and maintain our wonderful gardens.

Fund a Wish List Item

Help us keep London Town vibrant for generations to come! Check out our wish list and see if you can support to bring special programs and music, maintain our gardens, purchase new equipment, install new exhibits, or help preserve our historic building.



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**IMPACT
REPORT**
FISCAL YEAR 2025

2025: A Year in Review

Dear London Town supporters,

This past year has been one of renewed energy and growth at London Town. With your support, we have focused on expanding membership benefits, increasing programming, welcoming more arts and music to the site, and caring for the historic landscapes that make London Town so special.

We were thrilled to bring music back to London Town, celebrate Arts Month with photography workshops and installations, and host popular programs such as Colonial Cocktails, living history weekends, and members-only tours. We also launched new traditions, including our Garden Egg Hunt, and welcomed couples back to remember their wedding day at the site.

Our gardens continue their beauty. Our garden volunteers clocked an impressive 1,051 hours this year, working in rain, humidity, and cold (we have a dedicated group!). This year we received County Champion Tree certification for our remarkable Willow Oak which is over 150 years old. We even held a birthday party for it while bringing together other environmental organizations throughout the area.

Thank you for being part of this momentum. Your membership and generosity allow us to preserve London Town’s history while creating meaningful experiences for our community today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Kristin DeMarco

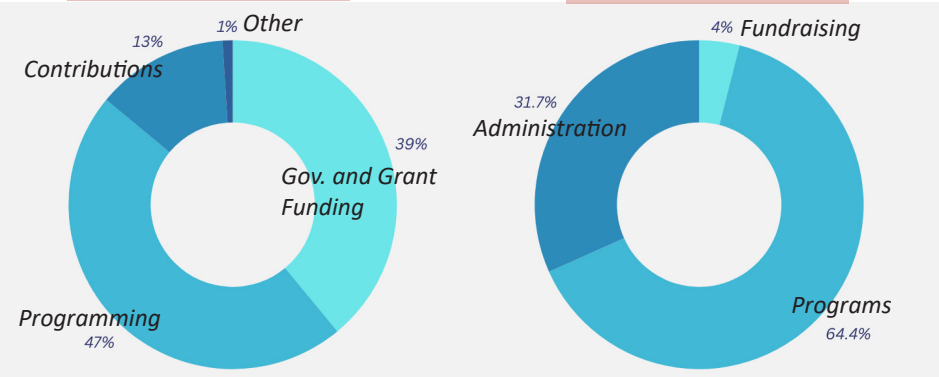
Kristin DeMarco
Executive Director
Historic London Town and Gardens



FY2025 Financial Overview: January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025*

Income: \$1,517,278

Expense: \$1,759,177



Income	Jan - Dec 24			Budget	\$ Over Budget
4000 · Earned Income					
4100 · Admissions & Tours	\$	58,649.16	\$	66,000.00	\$ (7,350.84)
4200 · Interest/Dividends	\$	9,188.78	\$	12,000.00	\$ (2,811.22)
4300 · Shop/Plant Sales	\$	8,847.67	\$	3,800.00	\$ 5,047.67
4400 · Sales and Rentals	\$	546,137.50	\$	509,887.50	\$ 36,250.00
4500 · Museum/Garden Programs	\$	22,813.47	\$	18,000.00	\$ 4,813.47
Total 4000 · Earned Income	\$	645,636.58	\$	609,687.50	\$ 35,949.08
4600 · Membership/Donations	\$	107,148.32	\$	65,000.00	\$ 42,148.32
4700 · Fundraisers	\$	61,742.13	\$	80,000.00	\$ (18,257.87)
4800 · Operating Support	\$	490,591.18	\$	467,500.00	\$ 23,091.18
4900 · Miscellaneous Income	\$	3,485.00	\$	13,000.00	\$ (9,515.00)
7100 · Grants Restricted Income					
Current	\$	52,608.92			
Non-Current	\$	156,088.46			
Total Income	\$	1,517,300.59	\$	1,235,187.50	\$ 282,113.09
Cost of Goods Sold	\$	22.50			
Gross Profit	\$	1,517,278.09	\$	1,235,187.50	\$ 282,090.59
Expense					
5000 · Administration-Operations	\$	247,709.42	\$	240,899.96	\$ 6,809.46
5200 · Development/Mktng/Fundraiser	\$	30,154.27	\$	38,000.00	\$ (7,845.73)
5300 · Museum/Garden Programs	\$	9,341.49	\$	10,100.00	\$ (758.51)
5405 · Horticulture Expenses	\$	77,853.49	\$	62,800.00	\$ 15,053.49
5600 · Rentals & Sales	\$	87,854.10	\$	57,950.00	\$ 29,904.10
5800 · Wages and Salaries	\$	1,106,921.52	\$	1,068,318.00	\$ 38,603.52
5900 · Unexpected Expenses	\$	501.03	\$	2,000.00	\$ (1,498.97)
5940 · Debt Repayments - Interest	\$	4,606.80	\$	7,655.00	\$ (3,048.20)
5980 · Gresham Expenses	\$		\$	500.00	\$ (500.00)
7100 · Grants Restricted Expenses					
Gardens	\$	49,889.78			
Preservation & Site Improvements	\$	144,345.55			
Public Programs	\$	4,017.23			
Total Expense	\$	1,759,177.45	\$	1,488,222.96	\$ 270,954.49
Net Ordinary Income	\$	(241,899.36)	\$	(253,035.46)	\$ 11,136.10

* Planned deficit in 2024.

THANK YOU

to our major supporters!
(does not include memberships)

Over \$20,000



Laura & Frank Martien

\$15,000 - \$19,999

Karen & Steven Kratzer



\$10,000 - \$14,999

\$5,000 - \$9,999

\$1,000 - \$4,999

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Our mission:

Historic London Town and Gardens inspires present and future generations to a deeper understanding of the past, the environment, and our shared humanity.

Our vision:

An accessible destination for all that connects people in the continuous stewardship of history and nature.

Our 2025 Impact



21,527

We had 21,527 visits to our site.



2,309

We planted 2,309 plants, shrubs, and trees throughout our gardens.



3,453

We served 3,453 school children during field trips.



696

We welcomed 696 people that utilized free admission passes.



743

We had 743 people join or renew their membership to London Town.



2,182

Our 68 volunteers completed 2,182 volunteer hours.



3.7M+

We reached over 3.7 million people on Facebook alone.



85

Our site had 85 private events that ranged from weddings to nonprofit fundraisers.



\$ 27,351

We had \$27,351 worth of in-kind donations.

Private Events & Weddings

This year, our venue welcomed 75+ wedding couples, celebrating their special day amid 23 acres of pristine historic gardens along the South River. Couples enjoyed sweeping waterfront views, iconic historic buildings, and ceremony options on the East Lawn or elevated River Deck, with rain-or-shine receptions hosted in our clear-walled, chandelier-draped tent or indoor pavilion.



Thank you to the businesses who rented our space in 2025:

Annapolis Pediatrics

Anne Arundel County Rec and Park

Four Rivers Heritage Area

Key School

Leadership Anne Arundel

Maryland Reentry Resource Center

Pascal Crisis Center

South River High School



Private Events



Groom's Lounge

Construction was completed on a new Groom's Lounge, providing a dedicated, comfortable space for grooms and groomsmen to prepare for the big day. With both a bridal suite and groom suite now available, London Town offers a more complete and elevated wedding experience.



Ever After Pathway

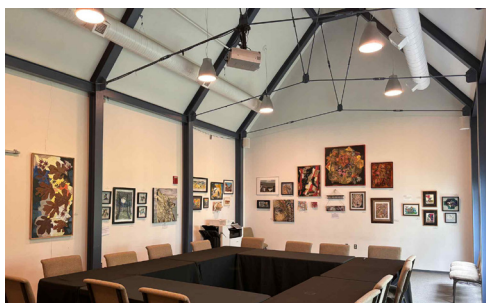
We welcomed back 15+ wedding couples, including some who said "I do" at London Town more than 30 years ago, for a special celebration in the gardens. During the event, we announced the Ever After Pathway, a new opportunity for couples to commemorate their wedding day with a personalized brick in the gardens.

<-- Ever After Pathway Info



New Rental Spaces

Two new rental spaces expanded opportunities for private gatherings and community use. The Education Pavilion, an open-wall, ADA-accessible space, accommodates up to 150 guests and features picnic seating and electrical access, ideal for reunions and celebrations. The Community Room, with semi-waterfront views, opened as a versatile setting for retreats, lectures, and workshops during regular operating hours.



Kids enjoy the
Tree Birthday Party



Top 5 Highlights of 2025

- Bringing music back to London Town
- Throwing our Willow Oak a birthday party
- Starting a new tradition: Garden Egg Hunt
- Adding Members Only Garden Tours
- Living history weekends



Arts & Community Events



Support for the Arts & Community Events:

English Country Dance came to London Town in February as an unforgettable evening was made possible in part through generous funding from The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. <- Read more



Our Garden Rambles happened once a season and were a way to connect attendees to our grounds (both history and gardens) while enjoying live music stations throughout the property. Thank you to Lori & Griffin, Himmel's Landscaping, and Chesapeake Winter Bluegrass for your support!



Thanks to the South Anne Arundel County Rotary Club, historical interpreter Nastassia Parker brought to life the powerful story of Oney Judge, born enslaved at George Washington's Mount Vernon, honoring her courageous escape to freedom during International Underground Railroad Month.



In Celebration of Arts Month, London Town received funding to host photography workshops and a competition, funded by The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. We also partnered with the Arts Lab of South County to host a Collage Art Show.

2025 Garden Highlights



Our Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps member, Donald Thompson, finished his year of service working to promote and protect the environment, while gaining work experience. His final project focused on restoring the Dell Hillside, removing invasive plants while planting hundreds of native plants in place of the removed invasives. Also of note, Donald helped to create two trails during his time of service including one trail that is now named after him that connects the Winter Walk Overlook area to the Dell.

Big Tree Certification: Willow Oak

Our Willow Oak in the Dell was officially recognized by the Maryland Big Tree Program as a County Champion Tree, earning an impressive 340 points. Measuring 101 feet tall, with a 17'8" circumference and an average crown width of 107 feet, this remarkable tree is one of the largest of its kind in the county.

Plantings & Accessioning

Our horticulture team installed 2,300+ plants across the site while strengthening the scientific record of the gardens. In total, 236 taxa (species and cultivars) were reaccessioned, with 318 individual plants newly identified and added to the collections database.

Members-Only Garden Tours

We hosted 14 exclusive members-only tours, welcoming 275 sign-ups to have a private tour that highlights the evolving beauty and seasonal rhythms of our Four-Season Garden.





Woodland & Ornamental Gardens

Support for our Gardens:

Thanks to funding from **Unity Gardens**, we were able to reimagine this space as a thriving native pollinator garden. A huge thank you to our amazing Tuesday volunteers for planting hundreds of native perennials, your hard work makes a lasting impact!



Thanks to a very generous donation from **Janet and David Thomas** of the Thomas Charitable Fund, a set of flower chimes were installed in the Sound and Sensory Garden and will be enjoyed by countless children from now and into the future!

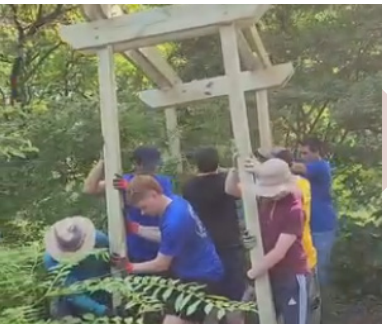


The bioswale project was completed this spring thanks to grant funding from the **Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County's Environment Anne Arundel Fund**.



Boy Scouts

Two Eagle Scout projects were completed in our gardens, resulting in a new trellis and the construction of the entrance and fencing for a new pathway, enhancing both visitor experience and site accessibility.



Thank you sponsors:



Summer Concerts

From bluegrass to jazz, London Town hosted six concerts throughout the summer with over 1,000 people in attendance! We're grateful to our summer concert sponsors and community supporters for making this season possible! A special thank you to: Annapolis Moms Media, Fence & Deck Connection, Inc., and TDS Brochure Distributors.



Free Community Events

In 2025, London Town was able to host four free community events, open to the public at no cost. The Garden Egg Hunt, Tree Birthday, Maryland Day Weekend, and Plein Air Painting welcomed 1,163 people to the site during these free admission days.

History Programming



Maryland Day Weekend

Once again London Town participated in Maryland Day weekend programming at the end of March to share Maryland history and diverse points of view from tradespeople, colonists, and enslaved and newly emancipated people. We welcomed 777 visitors for this event.



Revolutionary London Town

Our signature summer event explored what "independence" meant for the people of London Town in 1776. Thank you to Chesapeake Independent Blues, US Marine Corps Historical Company, and our many living history volunteers for making this event possible. We welcomed 191 visitors for this event.



Women's Work

Costumed interpreters portrayed tradeswomen from the 18th century, and visitors learned how they found success and innovated within their trades throughout time. We welcomed 147 visitors for this event.



Living History Weekends

Most weekends you come to London Town, you will see demonstrations from our living history interpreters. To name a few, we had demonstrations on processing flax, fabric dying, butter making, spinning, tape loom, turnip carving, and chocolate making.



School Field Trip Programming

Through indoor and outdoor learning activities aligning with Early Maryland Program educational standards, over 3,000 students increased their knowledge of Maryland history and developed an understanding of the lives of everyday people in colonial London Town.

Adventure Lab: Freedom Seekers

This year, we created our first Adventure Lab programming, joining more than 50,000 other Adventures worldwide. Our Adventure Lab self-guided tour leads visitors around the site and teaches them about London Town and the surrounding area's history of self-emancipation.

Classes, Workshops, Lectures

In 2025, our Public Programs team offered 31 classes, workshops, and lectures focused on history. We provided a wide variety of programming ranged from Colonial Cocktails, to living history performances, to history of tea, to specialized history tours.

Annapolis Area Christian School
 Arnold Elementary
 Bayside Elementary
 Brooklyn Park Elementary
 Calvert School
 Cape St. Claire Elementary
 Central Elementary
 Chesapeake Terrace Elementary
 Clarksville Elementary
 Covenant Life School
 Dayton Oaks Elementary
 Deale Elementary
 Divine Mercy Academy
 Franklin Elementary
 Grace Christian School
 Hampton Elementary
 Highland View Elementary
 Hollifield Station Elementary
 Ilchester Elementary
 Indian Creek School
 Jones Elementary
 Krieger Schechter Day School
 Lighthouse Christian Academy
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 Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
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 Perry Hall Christian School
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