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# 2025 Annual Report



## WorkshopMT's Mission

Our mission is to build community and foster creativity through access to new experiences, resources, and skill sets.

We strive to achieve this mission by providing education in the industrial arts of woodworking, metalworking, and fabrication.



### Community

We strive to provide an equal opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and support each other.



### Collaboration

We work to collaborate with artists, craftspeople, and educational programs to build a unique learning environment that benefits everyone.



### Care

We promote and teach tool safety and keep a keen eye out for any tool that is being damaged, misused, or used in a dangerous way.

2025 has been an amazing year for WorkshopMT. I can't believe that we started teaching our first program in April, and since then have been able to reach over 100 kids! It would not be possible without the hard work of our board of directors, volunteers, and teachers.

This is especially impressive to me when I look back and think that just a few years ago, WorkshopMT was an idea to build a community workshop that focused on the industrial arts of woodworking, metalworking, and fabrication. The board of directors latched on to that idea and turned it into a dream, and then a plan. From there, you came and supported this dream and plan through financial and in-kind donations and entrusting your students to us to teach new skills and life lessons. For that we are extremely grateful.

None of this would be possible without you. Through your support and program feedback, we are growing our organization and modifying and expanding our program offerings. We are working to make sure every ounce of support is guided by your feedback and gets reinvested in WorkshopMT and the surrounding community.

Thank you for your support and making this idea into a reality.

Sincerely,

Luke Ramage  
WorkshopMT Board President

## Volunteers

*Thank you for making this year a success!*

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|--------------------|------------------|
| James Graham       | Nic Ream         |
| Kaila Jackson      | Luke Ramage      |
| Alexander Jeffries | Jessica Saylor   |
| Chani Knight       | Sue Shumway      |
| Kimberly Marland   | Nathan Stoltzfus |
| Julie Miller       | Kaylene Volkman  |
| Beth Musso         | Karen Wilde      |
| Jamie Quinn        | Phoebe Wood      |



## Instructor's Perspective

During the time that I spent working for WorkshopMT, I learned a vast amount about teaching and being a better role model to the next generation. During the class sessions I was able to instruct the student about tool safety, the safety of working around others and the practicality of being able to work with your hands, and solve problems as you work on a task.

There are many examples in which using tools for building or simply fixing something come into play in daily life. So I am glad that I had the opportunity to play a role in the engagement and inspiration for the kids in my classes. Only when we take the time to inspire will someone actually engage. That is why I can not express enough gratitude for the experience that I was able to gain while also giving in was a great way to step out of myself.

Learning in the moment of teaching was a pretty awesome experience. If there was anything I could have done differently, it would have to be the ability to work with all the students at the same time. There were moments in the classes where some kids got bored due to the lack of One on One engagement. The cause of this was a lack of tools and stations to incorporate everyone at the same time.

Overall it was a great time and opportunity to develop my skills as a teacher and to develop the skills of the students. So thank you for the chance to step out of my comfort zone and participate all the while get to help to build WorkshopMT.

Sincerely,

James Lee Jr  
FVCC ~ Student

## Programs

### Woods 1

Learn the basics of woodworking and how to properly use tools and safety equipment to build projects out of wood. You will practice critical thinking and problem solving as you build relationships, teamwork, and a new project every week.

### Woods 2

Learn different types of joints and how to use the tools and techniques to make them. Along the way, learn how to use more advanced woodworking tools like planes, spokeshaves, drawknives and other hand tools. Each project focuses on one type of joint and tool.

### Woods 3

Learn the ins and outs of how to plan a project, put together a material list and cut sheet, select lumber, and build a project. This class will work through multiple projects to hone critical thinking, problem solving, and construction math skills, culminating in a final project of the student's choice.



### Project Classes

For both kids and adults, join us for a class that takes you through an entire project from start to finish.

Projects include but are not limited to:  
Birdhouse                      Bird Feeder  
Squirrel Feeder              Tool Box  
Foot stool

What did you like the best about the class?  
**That I made a porcupine.**  
Is there anything you would change about the class?  
**Less playing, more projects!**  
- Student, FVCC Kids College

## 2025 in Numbers

In 2025, we partnered with **8 organizations** to teach **9 classes** to **102 students**.

Of those 102 students, **91** were elementary and middle schools students from **18** different schools

**11** students were adults in two programs, a job site preparedness course (**7**) and a basic woodworking course (**4**). **4** of the job site students are now working in the construction field.

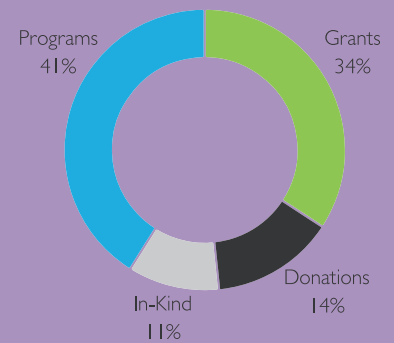
We received **over \$40,000** in sponsorships and donations from **27 donors**. That is an increase of **280%** in donations and **over 300%** in our donor pool over last year!

We worked extremely hard to keep the enrollment costs for our programs low. The net income from our 9 classes is \$5,387, averaging just over **\$50 per student**.

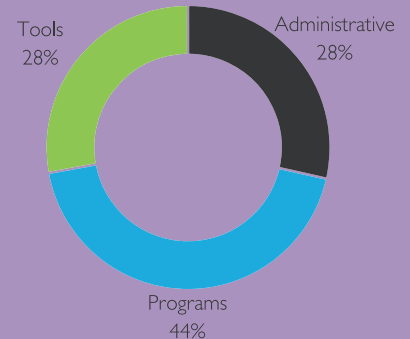
Our Volunteers gave **over 50 hours** of their time to WorkshopMT programs.

Our Board Members gave **over 30 hours** in person and **multiple more** individually to plan, build, and implement our programs.

### Income



### Expenses



## Events

### Home and Garden Showcase

March 7-8, Flathead County Fairgrounds

### She Builds: Bird Feeder

April 11, Code Girls United

### FBA Putt Putt Palooza

April 17, Flathead County Fairgrounds

### Bigfork Build Day

Monthly, Bigfork Art and Cultural Center

### Big Brothers Big Sisters Build Day

Monthly, Flathead County Fairgrounds

### Flathead County Library Builds

Monthly, Flathead County Library, Kalispell

### Pumpkin Toss

Date TBD



## Instructors

James Lee  
Luke Rumage  
Tim Harmon

## Board of Directors

### Current

Luke Rumage                      President  
Julie Miller                        Treasurer  
Jamie Quinn                      Secretary  
Nicolas Ream

### Past *Thank you for your guidance*

James Graham  
Chani Knight

## Donors

We are truly grateful to every one for your support. We are building something great, and we know that we can build it better together!

### Saw

\$10,000 +

Detwiler   
FAMILY FOUNDATION



The  
Sample  
Foundation

### Drill

\$5,000 - \$9,999



Mike and Tricia Touris

### Hammer

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Express Employment Professionals  
Flathead Exchange Club  
Flathead Building Association  
Whitefish Community Foundation

### Chisel

Up To \$999

DCI Engineers  
Erftle Family  
Glacier Bank  
IMEG  
Iron Star Construction  
Jan Greenwald  
Kalispell Noon Lions  
Karen Wilde  
Northern Heritage Home Builders  
Rumage Family  
Sunrisers Lions Club of Kalispell  
Swank Enterprises  
Terry Homes  
Thompson Family  
Valley Bank of Kalispell  
4Imprint

### Nuts and Bolts

*In-Kind Donations*

AutoZone  
Builders First Source  
Direct Source Cabinets  
Hardell Family  
Montana Ace Hardware  
Stockman Bank  
Western Building Center

### Thank You!

