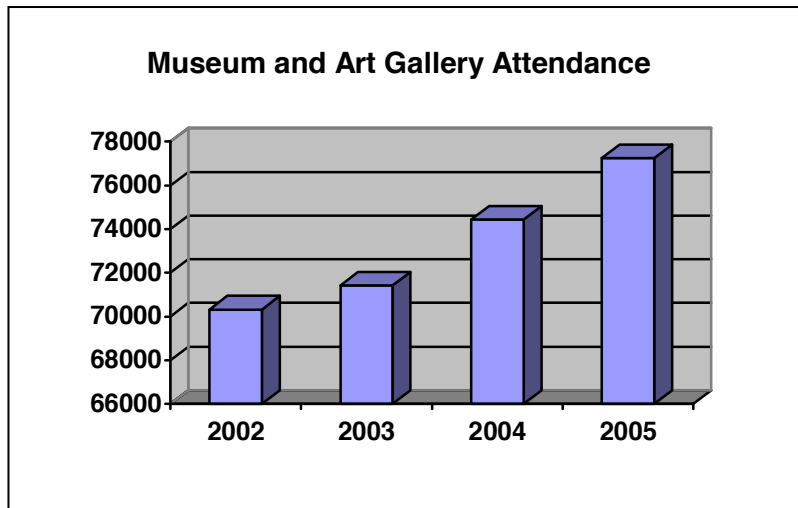


Attendance Increasing at Wood County Museums and Art Galleries



Key Facts

- Over 77,000 people visited museums in 2005, nearly a 14% increase since 2001.
- Counts are estimated by each museum. Actual head counts are not taken, as entry to museums is usually free and not all guests choose to register.
- Wood County features museums, private gardens and galleries run by dedicated volunteers.
- Wood County’s museums and art galleries offer a glimpse of the unique history of our area and of local and regional talent.

Why is this Information Important?

Strong attendance at Wood County’s museums and galleries is a reflection of interest and pride in our community, and therefore, reflects favorably on the quality of life.

Museums and galleries include:

- Alexander House** - Features historical displays on the local paper industry and art shows from area artists.
- Central Wisconsin Cultural Center** - Offers an art gallery and diverse art classes including poetry/creative writing workshops, watercolor and oil painting.
- Foxfire Gardens** - Consists of privately owned oriental and meditation gardens. A large hosta display features over 500 varieties.
- Jurustic Park** - A display of metal sculpture together with handmade life-sized dolls, flame worked glass/fibers and knitting arts.
- New Visions Art Gallery** - Offers a dynamic series of changing exhibits and permanent collections, with some hands-on opportunities.
- Rudolph Grotto** - Features outdoor gardens, a flower path, a religious shrine and a manmade cave.
- South Wood County Historical Museum** – Features historical exhibits including everything from a blacksmith forge and billows to a Wooton Desk.
- Upham Mansion** - The historic home of Wisconsin’s 18th Governor, now serving as a museum.

Source: 2005 survey of county museums and galleries