



NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY & MUSEUM



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT THE NSLM

Founded in 1954, the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is located in Middleburg, the heart of Virginia's beautiful hunt country. The inviting 6-acre campus, world-class research Library, and fine art Museum, highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits while advocating for the conservation of landscape, open space, and waterways integral to these activities. Angling, wingshooting, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the institution's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year.

MISSION

Dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing the literature, art, and culture of equestrian, angling and field sports. Committed to education and advocacy for the conservation of open space and waterways integral to these pursuits.



NSLM BY THE NUMBERS



NSLM Website Views



Total Virtual and In-Person
Attendance
(Museum, Library,
Education, and Events)



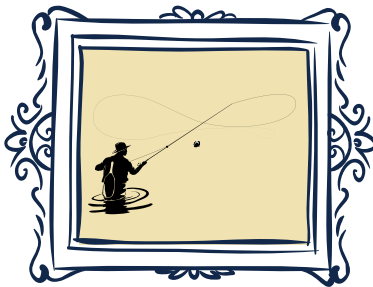
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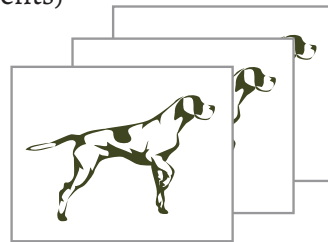
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objects



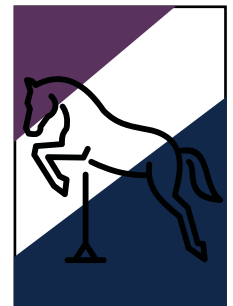
183
paintings



234
prints



84
drawings



1
poster



58
sculptures



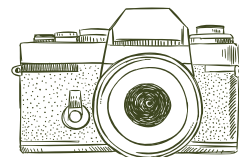
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porcelain prints



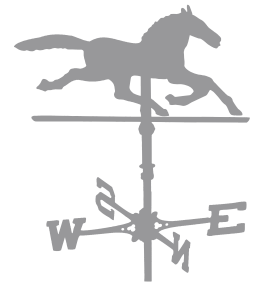
16,923
Books



187
dog collars



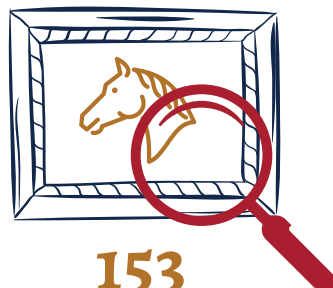
171
photographs
includes Judith and Jo Tartt,
Jr. Photography Collection



14
weathervanes

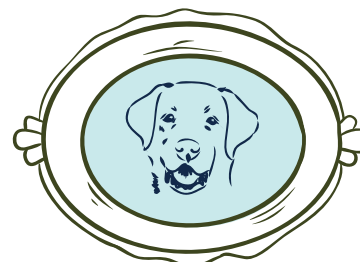


156
Paul Brown
works
Wright Collection



153
study collection

198
Paul Brown
works
Searles Collection



84
watercolors



26
trophies

Total: 18,490 items



EXHIBITIONS

Survival of the Fittest: Envisioning Wildlife and Wilderness with the Big Four, Masterworks from the Rijksmuseum Twenthe and the National Museum of Wildlife Art

September 8, 2023–January 14, 2024
Museum

Sponsors: Mary W. and Manuel H. Johnson
Jacqueline B. Mars
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Virginia Guest Valentine

Theodore Roosevelt's Sporting Universe

October 12, 2023–March 3, 2024
Library

Identity & Restraint: Art of the Dog Collar

November 3, 2023–May 3, 2024
Traveling exhibition organized by the NSLM in
partnership with AKC Museum of the Dog, New York, NY

Big Race: The Contemporary Vision of Clarice Smith

January 11, 2024–April 15, 2026
Museum

Honoring the Point: The Gwynne McDevitt Sporting Dog Collection

April 12, 2024–March 23, 2025
Library & Museum

Jack Boul: Timeless Landscapes

June 1, 2024–January 26, 2025
Museum

Rodney Jenkins: The Red Rider Project

June 3, 2024–March 31, 2025
Library



PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

JAN

27

Coffee with the Curator on *Theodore Roosevelt's Sporting Universe*

28

Sunday Sketch with Gail Guirrerri Maslyk

FEB

10

Members Reception for *Big Race: The Contemporary Vision of Clarice Smith*

11

Coffee with the Curator on *Big Race: The Contemporary Vision of Clarice Smith*

25

Sunday Sketch with Mary Jennings

MAR

20-21

Landscape Oil Painting Workshop with Megan Lark Caldwell

21

Gallery Talk with Claudia Pfeiffer

APR

13

Coffee with the Curator on *Honoring the Point: The Gwynne McDevitt Sporting Dog Collection*

18

Gallery Talk

28

Sunday Sketch

MAY

9

Wings Over Water Documentary Viewing

16

Gallery Talk

21

Douglas Tallamy, *The Nature of Oaks*

JUN

1

Coffee with the Curator and Members Reception for *Jack Boul: Timeless Landscapes*

4

A Champagne Toast to Celebrate the Opening of *Rodney Jenkins: The Red Rider Project*

20

Gallery Talk

27

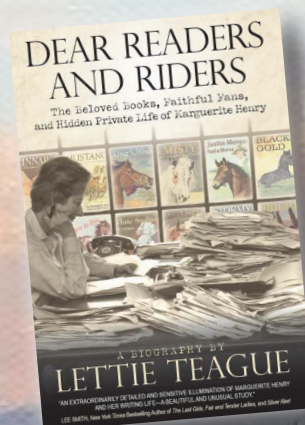
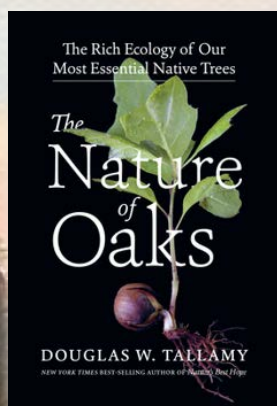
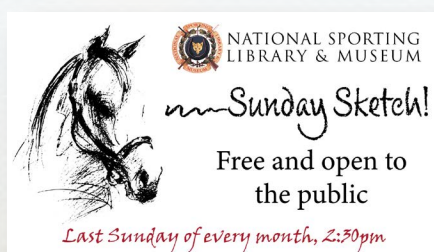
Words and Wine with Lettie Teague, Author of *Dear Readers, and Riders: The Beloved Books, Faithful Fans, and Hidden Private Life of Marguerite Henry*

28

Open Late: Bryan Shepherd

30

Sunday Sketch



JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

18

Gallery Talk

25

*Daniel Brewster:
War Hero,
U.S. Senator,
Horseman*

26

Open Late:
Silver Tones
Swing Band

28

International
Fly Fishing
Film Festival &
Field Day

30

Munnings
Online
Workshop:
Learn to Draw
Horses II

6

Munnings
Online
Workshop
Session 2:
Learn to Draw
Horses II

15

Gallery Talk

18

Open Late:
Martin and
Kelly

25

Sunday Sketch
with Susan
Pollard

14

Joan Bofill
Painting
Workshop

15

NSLM Polo
Classic
presented
by MARS
EQUESTRIAN™

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Gallery Talk

25

Cocktails &
Conversation
with Author
Elizabeth Letts

29

Sunday Sketch
with Barbara
Sharp

6

Interfaith
Blessing of the
Animals

10-11

Artist in
Residence:
Madeleine
Bunbury

15

Photography
& Foxhunting
with Georgina
Preston

30

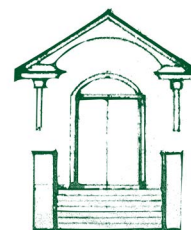
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with Patty
Craighill

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Sunday Sketch
with Alice Porter

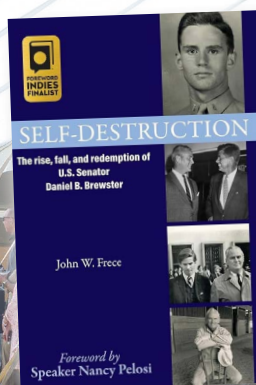
29

December
Sunday Sketch
for Families
and Artists with
Alice Porter



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UPPERVILLE — VIRGINIA
HALL

MUNNINGS
ART MUSEUM



LIBRARY DIGITIZATION

INTERNET ARCHIVE

1.4 million

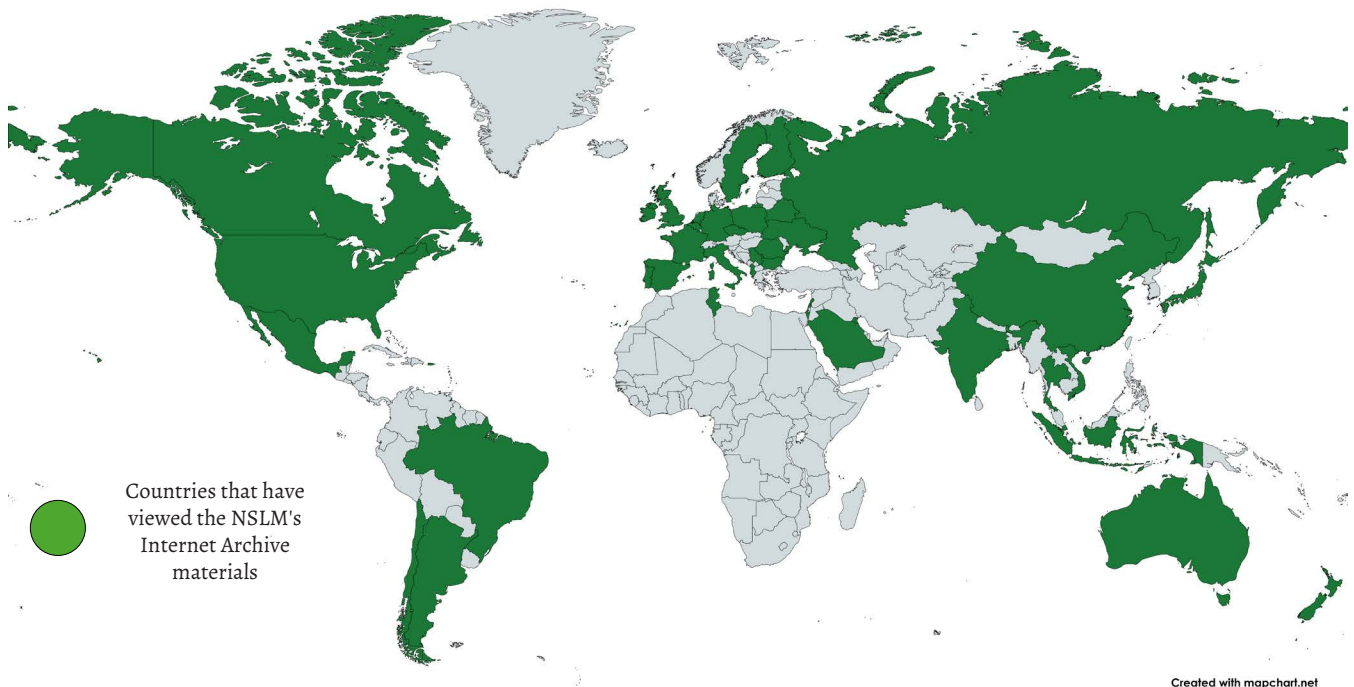
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Continents





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December 31, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 2,112,810
Contributions receivable, net.....	253,365
Inventory.....	40,990
Prepaid expenses.....	7,135
Other receivable	46,295

Total current assets.....2,460,595

Contributions Receivable, Noncurrent, net..... 68,288

Long-Term Investments11,685,047

Property, Plant and Equipment, at cost
net of accumulated depreciation..... 7,588,585

Land..... 3,162,000

Collections1,416,409

Right-of-Use Asset, finance lease26,267

Total Assets 26,407,191

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$ 65,837
Deferred Income	90,300
Finance lease liability, current portion	8,501

Total Current Liabilities 164,638

Finance Lease Liability, less current portion13,877

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	19,214,485
With Donor Restrictions	7,014,191

Total Net Assets26,228,676

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 26,407,191

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