

Friends of the Museum, North Carolina Maritime Museum *Giftionary*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership (as link to <http://ncmm-friends.org/involved/membership.htm>) contributions made to *The Friends of the Museum* in the form of annual membership dues help *The Friends* accomplish its mission to provide support to the functions of the Museum.

GIFTS FOR THE PRESENT

Annual Appeal Gifts are made to *The Friends of the Museum* in support of the organizations annual operations. A gift to the Annual Appeal is used to support and advance Museum and Friends programming, maintain and improve facilities, and support the preservation of maritime history.

Donations may be made to any specific area or program and those funds will be earmark accordingly. Cash donations are the simplest and most popular type of charitable giving. Gifts may be made at anytime and designated for a particular use, or you may wish to contact the Friends office and we will help you direct your gift as you see fit.

Matching Gifts are donations from companies who match their employee's charitable contributions- some companies match employee contributions two or three times the amount of the gift. Be sure too inquire with your employer as to their matching gift program!

Gifts-in-Kind are donations to *The Friends of the Museum* that are not monetary contributions. Donations of goods, services, cars, boats, tools, etc. are common and help in the support of the various museum and Friends programming. Contact the Friends office for help in arranging an in-kind gift.

GIFTS FOR THE FUTURE

Endowment Gifts are placed in a permanent self-sustaining fund (*The Friends of the Museum* Administrative Endowment) that allows only 90% of the interest earned to be expended on the operations of *The Friends*. Ten percent of the interest earned is re-invested in the fund to assure the long-term health of the Endowment. These gifts provide a lasting source of income for *The Friends of the Museum* organization and are an essential component of the long-term prosperity of *The Friends*.

Planned Gifts are a long-term way of supporting both *The Friends* and the Museum. Planned giving postpones *The Friends'* use of the gift until a specific future date. This type of giving benefits the donor and *The Friends* and affords the donor tax benefits according to the type of donation. Contact the Friends office for more information on how this type of gift benefits the museum and the donor.

Gifts of Stock are an easy way for donors to eliminate the capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction. The value of the stock is preserved in support of *The Friends* and the Museum. Stock transfers are easy and quick and can result in significant tax advantages to the donor and benefit the museum.

GIFTS OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Boat Donation (link to http://ncmm-friends.org/involved/boat_donations.htm) carries a favorable tax deduction due to "related use". The contributed property is related to the non-profits exempt purpose and the donor is entitled to a charitable deduction for the full, fair market value of the property, subject to minimum restrictions.

For more information on ways you can support the NC Maritime Museum thru The Friends of the Museum please contact the Friends Executive Director, Brent Creelman at 252-728-2762 or boating@ncmm-friends.org.