2023 Meet-Ups and Roundtable Discussions: Preparing for the Post-Pandemic Museum

May 10 Long Island – Planting Field Arboretum
June 1 Mid-Hudson – The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center
June 12 Finger Lakes – George Eastman Museum
June 14 Southern Tier – Finger Lakes Boating Museum
August 30 Capital Region – Thomas Cole National Historic Site
October 5 North Country – Lake Placid Olympic Museum
October 26 Western NY – Buffalo AKG Art Museum
November 9 Mohawk Valley – Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute

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2023 Annual Conference
Finding Center: Access, Inclusion, Participation, and Engagement
Syracuse, NY | April 15 - 18

Rethinking Leadership:
The Museum Institute at Great Camp Sagamore
September 26 - 29, 2023
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MEMBERSHIP
We closed 2022 with 733 members, a 6% increase from 2021.

STRATEGIC PLAN
In 2022, MANY adopted a new strategic plan with key goals: Maintain Fiscal Sustainability, Expand Services to the Field, Strengthen our role as Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion, and Justice Advocates and Practitioners, Grow Organizational Capacity, and Invest in Board Governance and Development.

ADVOCACY
56 museum professionals advocated on behalf of NYS museums for the American Alliance of Museums Virtual Museums Advocacy Day in February 2022—the highest number of delegates from any state.

The Museum Study Act S.8934 (Cooney)/A.9710 (Barrett) passed the New York State Assembly and Senate almost unanimously, the bill was included Governor Hochul’s mass veto of all bills that did not have funding attached. It was reintroduced and funding is included in the proposed 2023-2024 budget bills. The proposed study will identify and gather data about all museums in the state including information on size, hours of operation, visitor statistics, funding sources and amounts, and the subjects of their collections.

PROGRAMS
After a two-year hiatus in response to the pandemic, the 2022 annual conference “Envisioning Our Museums for the Seventh Generation” was held in Corning, NY April 9 - 12 and was attended by 300 museum professionals.

From January to August, we partnered with Museum Hue to produce “Museums Support Democracy” a 7-part webinar series attended by 869 people from 48 states and 8 countries. The series was produced with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Humanities NY.

From October to December, we produced a 6-part webinar series “Meet MANY Online” that featured six of the highest-rated presentations from the 2022 annual conference. The series was attended by 722 people from 45 states and 8 countries.

GRANTMAKING
The regranting partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts allowed MANY to reach 102 museums with a total of $500,981 in grants. We are grateful for the Pomeroy Foundation’s continued support for the Pomeroy Fund for NYS History that allowed MANY to grant 20 museums $5,000 each towards education programs.

BUILDING CAPACITY, CREATING SUSTAINABILITY, GROWING ACCESSIBILITY
MANY served 96 museums and their 179 staff members through the IMLS Cares Act funded project “Building Capacity, Creating Sustainability, Growing Accessibility” with hundreds of hours of training and program support.