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We are pleased to share this annual report and express our sincerest gratitude to our members, donors, and sponsors who helped us find spaces and places to gather, create, and support each other’s work in 2021. Together, we faced the challenges of operating in both virtual and in-person environments and treasured the rare moments where we could pause, assess our work, and share our achievements. We are pleased by the progress we made this past year and honored by the new partnerships we forged that will help us shape a better future for museums and museum professionals.

Read the 2021 Annual Report

Museum Association of New York Announces New Board President and the Election of New and Returning Board Members
The Museum Association of New York (MANY) is pleased to announce the election of Brian Lee Whisenhunt, Executive Director of The Rockwell Museum as Board President.

Whisenhunt joined MANY in April 2018 and has served as Program Chair and Vice President. He previously served on the board of the Mountain-Plains Museums Association and currently serves on the Museum Advisory Council of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute.

“Working for the betterment of my community, whether the city in which I live or the professional group with whom I work, is a value I hold dear,” said Whisenhunt. “The opportunity to serve the New York museum community as President of the Board of Directors of MANY is a charge I am thrilled to undertake and honored to perform. Working with Erika Sanger, the MANY staff and Board of Directors as we continue to address the evolving needs of New York’s museums; the ongoing challenges of the pandemic; and the work on diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion within the field.”

Read more

MANY is also pleased to announce the election of six new board members.
and the re-election of four to their second terms.

Newly elected board members are Victoria Reisman, Beth Ann Balalaos, Joshua Ruff, Samantha Hall-Saladino, Nick Martinez, and Dr. Callie Johnson. Alexandra Drakakis, Diane Shewchuk, Marissa Wigglesworth, and Becky Wehle were re-elected to their second terms, bringing the total number of board members to 25. MANY Board members serve three-year terms and represent museums of all disciplines, budget sizes, and geographic locations as well as partner industries in New York State.
Job Board

Curatorial Assistant – Wave Hill

Museum Educator – Thomas Cole National Historic Site

Curator of Early Modern Glass – Corning Museum of Glass

Director, Collections and Curatorial Affairs – Corning Museum of Glass

Diversity Outreach Coordinator – Genesee Country Village & Museum

Operations Manager – Sugar Hill Children’s Museum of Art & Storytelling

PR/Marketing Manager – Hudson River Maritime Museum

Museum Educator and Visitor Services Assistant – The Children’s Museum at Saratoga

Director of Marketing and Communications – Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute

Museum Director/Curator – Potsdam Public Museum

Communications Manager – George Eastman Museum

Manager of Digital Learning and Engagement – George Eastman Museum

Collections Summer Internship PAID – Cayuga Museum of History and Art

Assistant Director of Administration – The American Numismatic Society

Seasonal Live Collections Assistant PT – The Strong Museum

Museum Director – Seneca Falls Historical Society

Director of Collections and Exhibitions – Seward House Museum

Fund Development Manager – The Rockwell Museum

Explore more job opportunities

Hiring? MANY Organizational and Industry Members can post museum jobs for free. For other job posting opportunities, please contact the MANY office at info@nysmuseums.org or call 518-273-3400
Funding Opportunities

**National Park Service: Semiquincentennial Grant Program**

The National Park Service is pleased to honor the 250th anniversary of the United States with the launch of the Semiquincentennial Grant Program. This is a new grant program created by Congress in 2019 to support the preservation of State owned stirs and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places that commemorate the founding of the nation.

**Applications are due May 3, 2022**

Learn more

**Digital Humanities Advancement Grants**

–Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities

The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants program is a join effort of IMLS and the NEH to support innovative, experimental, and/or computationally challenging digital projects at different stages of their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and sustainability.

**Deadline is June 24, 2022**

Learn more

**New York State Tourism Grant Programs**

**Return to Work**

The Return-to-Work Grant Program was created to incentivize employment growth by providing financial assistance to businesses in the tourism industry that suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants will provide $5,000 for each net new full-time equivalent job
Grants will provide $5,000 for each net new full-time equivalent job added, and $2,500 for each net new part-time job added, with a minimum grant award of $10,000 (or the average of two net new full-time equivalent jobs added from January-June 2022).

Meet in New York

The Meet in New York Grant Program was created to incentivize the return of conferences, meetings, and trade shows that generate significant tourism economic activity (e.g., overnight stays, dining and other tourism activities) by covering a portion of the cost of event-based discounts at conference spaces and partnering hotels.

Upcoming Programs
Friday, April 29 | 12 PM EST

Environmental Justice

Nicole Lim, Director, California Indian Museum and Cultural Center

Nancy Rosoff, Andrew W. Mellon Senior Curator, Arts of the Americas, Brooklyn Museum

Webinar is free; advance registration required.

Click to learn more and to register
Friday, May 27 12 - 1:30 PM EST

Healing Historical Legacies

Dr. Joe Stahlman, Executive Director, Seneca Iroquois National Museum

Vedet Coleman-Robinson, Executive Director, African American Association of Museums

Webinar is free; advance registration required.

Click to learn more and to register

Missed a previous Museums Support Democracy program?

Click here to watch the recordings!
"If There's Something Weird and it Don't Look Good– Who Ya Gonna Call??"

From Capital NY Alliance for Response

Wednesday, May 19
9:30 - 10:30 AM

This workshop is designed to help smaller libraries, archives and museums respond to a variety of insurance claims post-disaster for both books and works of art.

Speaker: Frances Maloy is the College Librarian for Union College in Schenectady, New York. She has oversight for the Schaffer Library, the Adirondack Research Library, the Mandeville Art Gallery, and the permanent art collection. Frances started working at Union in August, 2012 after working at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. She holds a B.A. from St. Lawrence University, and an M.L.S., State University of New York at Albany.

Virtual program is free; advance registration is required.

Click here to register
Museums in the News

**IMLS Names Finalists for the 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service** – NYS museums are the Children’s Museum of Manhattan and The Wild Center

**New York’s Museum of Chinese in American unveils new home designed by Maya Lin** – via The Architect’s Newspaper

**Strong Museum's new 'Portal of Play lands $2 million in state funding** – via RochesterFirst.com

**Cayuga Museum Receives Grant for Case Research Lab** – via Finger Lakes Daily News

**Gov. Hochul Announces $20 million Investment in Capital Projects For Arts and Cultural Organizations** – via I LOVE NY

**First look: A peek inside the Buffalo AKG Art Museum** – via WGRZ

**‘This Is American History’: The Hall of Fame Reconsiders Race** – via the NY Times

**NYC Fire Museum opens 'Unmasking Our Heroes' exhibit honoring workers on the frontline** – via news12

**Wild Center Executive Director talks about museum’s nomination for national medal** – via WAMC

**Humanities New York Awards 32 Grants Across NYS for Public programs on Incarceration, Urban Design, African-American History, and more** – 10 NYS museums received a total of $50,000

What's happening at your museum? Submit your museum news as a newsletter article!

How is your museum growing institutional resources, including welcoming new staff and board members and securing funding for projects, how is your museum working with their community and visitors; and how we use our exhibitions and collections in new ways.

The deadline to submit for the May “This Month in NYS Museums” newsletter is May 20. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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