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MANY News
Finding Financial Stability and Growing Outreach: The Children's Museum of Science and Technology and the Children's Museum at Saratoga

In September 2021, the Children’s Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST) and the Children’s Museum at Saratoga (CMAS) signed a management agreement. They will reopen in June of 2022 at a new shared location at the Lincoln Bathhouse in Saratoga Spa State Park. This new space will create a regional children’s museum with CMAS managing all aspects of operations, programming, and administration and CMOST expanding their programming. This relocation will feature a larger space with new exhibitions, interactives, classroom space and access to the natural resources and amenities of the State Park.
In November 2021, The Wild Center sent a ten-person delegation to Scotland to attend COP26, the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties. The Museum was one of only two museums in the world to participate as observers in the Blue Zone—the area of COP where the international climate change negotiations take place and only accredited individuals and organizations are permitted within the Blue Zone. Youth climate leaders and delegates participated in the Conference of Youth (COY) – the largest youth conference related to UN climate processes.
Dr. Georgette Grier-Key is the inaugural Executive Director and Chief Curator of the Eastville Community Historical Society. Under her leadership at Eastville, membership increased by 30%, funding increased by 52%, and the organization created a strategic plan. Additionally she is the President of the Long Island Historical Societies, serves on the board of the Preservation League of NYS and the NAACP Brookhaven Town Branch and is an adjunct assistant professor at CUNY Medgar Evers College and director of the Long Island History Institute at SUNY Nassau Community College.

She has served on the Museum Association of New York's board of directors since 2017 and will begin her tenure as Vice President in April 2022. We spoke to Dr. Grier-Key to learn about her role in arts and cultural organizations on Long Island’s East End.
Letter from Erika: Doing Community Differently

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Members,

This winter the Hudson River has frozen over so hard that Ice Yachts are sailing across and down the River. It is a tradition that dates back to the nineteenth century. On January 25, we marked sixty years of the Museum Association of New York serving our state. I’ve spent a lot of time recently thinking about our traditions.

I was going to write this letter about our past and recount all we have accomplished for our museum community. But news of the pandemic this morning reminded me that we can not repeat the past, we can only move forward differently.
Job Board

**Director of Education** – Genesee Country Village & Museum

**Director of Visitors Services** – Genesee Country Village & Museum

**Cole Fellowship** – The Thomas Cole National Historic Site

**Curatorial Assistant** – National September 11 Memorial & Museum

**Director of Development** – Everson Museum of Art

**Program Manager** – Museum Hue

**Project Manager** – Museum Hue

**Youth Climate Program Manager** – The Wild Center

**Centennial Research Fellow** – Museum of the City of NY

**Executive Director** – Phelps Mansion Museum

**Exhibition Interpreter** – Fort Ticonderoga

**Donor Engagement and Events Coordinator** – Wave Hill

**Office Manager** – Historic Geneva

**Grant Writer** – The Hyde Collection

**Museum Store Manager** – Frank Lloyd Wright’s Martin House

Explore more job opportunities

**Hiring?** MANY Organizational and Industry Members post museum jobs for free. For other job posting opportunities, please contact the MANY office at info@nysmuseums.org or call 518-273-3400
NYSCA / MANY Partnership
Grants for Capacity Building

The Museum Association of New York in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts will award $500,000 in capacity building grants to non-profit museums located in New York State. 100 grants of $5,000 will be awarded.

As this partnership grant program was developed to reach museums not already funded by NYSCA, priority will be given to museums that did not receive NYSCA organizational support funding for FY 2022. Those who received Restart NY and/or Recovery Grants but not organizational support, are considered priority organizations.

Museums with NYSCA organizational support in 2022 may apply, but are not considered priorities.

Grants will be made to:

- Respond to pandemic challenges
- Build financial stability
- Strengthen board engagement
- Grow community engagement
- Update technology
- Change internal systems to address equity, diversity, access, inclusion, and justice

Grant projects cannot begin before June 15, 2022 and must conclude by June 15, 2023.

If a museum is interested in a project that does not fit into the above capacity building categories, please reach out to MANY staff to discuss if the project is the right fit for this funding opportunity.

Grant Application portal opens February 15 and closes on April 1.
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Funding Opportunities

New York State Council on the Arts Professional Development Grants

New York State-based museums of any type, or museum service organizations, may apply for support to attend the MANY 2022 Annual Conference for up to $500.

Application closes February 7 at 5 PM

Learn more

Humanities NY Action Grants

HNY Action Grants offer up to $5,000 to implement humanities projects that encourage public audiences to reflect on their values, explore new ideas, and engage with others in their community.

Deadline is February 1 for projects starting May 1 or later. A 1:1 match is required.

Learn more

Preservation League of NYS Preserve NY Grants
Grants for historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. This program supports up to 80% of the project cost. Applicants must provide 20% of the total project cost as a cash match. Grants are likely to range between $5,000 and $14,000, although we have awarded Preserve New York grants as low as $2,000 and as high as $20,000.

Applications are due Friday, April 15.

Learn more

DHPSNY Planning & Assessment

Conducted virtually, DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services are tailored to your organization’s unique circumstances. Each service aims to improve adherence to preservation best practices and can be utilized to obtain additional funding, increase the accessibility and use of your collections, and more.

Application materials for the following services must be received by Friday, March 18, 2022, to be considered for the spring 2022 application review period.

Learn more

The Coby Foundation
–Funding for projects in the textile and needle arts field

The majority of the Coby Foundation’s support goes to exhibitions and programs that combine excellent scholarship and effective interpretation. Projects may be in the arts or humanities, contemporary or historical, but all must have a public benefit. They may include research and documentation, conservation, publication and associated digital projects. The guidelines for Exhibition Implementation and Exhibition Planning can be accessed below.

Learn more and learn about previously funded projects to NYS museums by the Coby Foundation here.
New membership benefit!

We’re excited to announce a new partnership with Cornell University Press to offer active MANY members a 40% discount on books and a 40% discount on subscriptions to the New York History Journal!

Email Hadley DesMeules for the code hdesmeules@nysmuseums.org
Add NYCON to your MANY membership!

We are pleased to continue our partnership with NYCON to provide discounted Affiliate Membership rates for our active Organizational Members.

Join or renew your NYCON membership today to access technical assistance, employee benefits and more through December 31, 2022.

Email Hadley DesMeules hdesmeules@nysmuseums.org to learn more.

Arts Mid-Hudson in partnership with the Mid-Hudson Career Consortium and the Lincoln Center is looking for arts administrative professionals from museums in New York City to participate in a virtual informational session with college students interested in pursuing an art career. The informational session will give college students insights into the varied roles of arts administrative professionals in the New York City museums.

Virtual session is February 16th at 4 PM. Contact Sylvia at sylvia@artsmidhudson.org for more information.

2022 Annual Conference

ENVISIONING OUR MUSEUMS FOR THE SEVENTH GENERATION

April 9 - 12

Corning, NY
2022 Annual Conference  
**Envisioning Our Museums for the Seventh Generation**  

April 9 - 12, 2022 | Corning, NY  

The Seventh Generation is a core value among the Indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora peoples. The principle, which is rooted in the preservation of Indigenous culture, underscores the importance of the human continuum. It advocates for informed, long-term decision-making that recognizes and draws from the past while laying the groundwork for the future.

Consider this concept in Corning, NY, on the ancestral lands of the Seneca where you will meet and connect with colleagues in beautiful, unique museum spaces including The Rockwell Museum and Corning Museum of Glass. Conference plans include Saturday Workshops, Conference Capstones, special events, and more than a dozen sessions that will advance your professional practice and develop leadership skills.

**Registration opens Monday, February 7**

Learn more about the 2022 Annual Conference
Museums Advocacy Day

Congrats to Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve who were selected to receive a free registration for AAM’s Museums Advocacy Day! Follow MANY on Twitter for live advocacy updates as we speak up for NYS museums virtually on February 28 - March 1. Use the hashtag #MuseumsAdvocacy2022 to join the conversation.

Learn more about Museums Advocacy Day

Museums in the News

- Albright-Knox teams up with Smithsonian museum to acquire Yayoi Kusama installation –Buffalo News
- New SU Art Museum exhibition addresses inequality and injustice among incarcerated women –Syracuse.com
- Iroquois Museum receives art grant –Indian Time
- Exterior Work Continues on American Natural History Museum's Expansion on Manhattan’s Upper West Side –NY Yimby
- Art students collaborate with Long Island Explorium to present 'A Visual Dialogue on Environmental Issues' –Stony Brook University News
- The Louis Armstrong House Museum launches new digital guide –Planet Radio
- Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve becomes Charter Member of NY State Geological Trail –Buffalo Rising
- Smithsonian exhibition coming to Glens Falls –News 10
- The OHA has been telling Syracuse's story and preserving its history since 1862 –Syracuse.com
- Cynthia Chavez Lamar Named Director of the National Museum of the American Indian –Smithsonian News Desk
- Storm King Names Nora Lawrence Artistic Director and Chief Curator –Artforum
- Queens Botanical Garden Announces Evie Hantzopoulos as New Executive Director –Queens Botanical Garden blog
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 February “This Month in NYS Museums” newsletter is February 15. Email meves@nysmuseums.org