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MANY News

Investing in Long-Term Financial Stability to Western NY Museums: The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation



Buffalo Museum of Science will receive \$200,000 annually from the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation

In December 2021, The Ralph C. Wilson Foundation established an endowment and committed \$100 million to transform the financial strength and long-term viability of Western New York's art and culture community. The Foundation will contribute nearly \$60 million over the next ten years through a new endowment at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. This investment will create a permanent operational funding stream for 13 of the region's largest arts and culture institutions and will provide an annual grant opportunity for additional arts and culture organizations across Western New York.

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MANY Board Spotlight: Brian Lee Whisenhunt



Brian Lee Whisenhunt speaks up for NYS museums at the 2020 American Alliance of Museums Advocacy Day with Corning Museum of Glass President and Executive Director Karol Wight in Washington, DC

Brian Lee Whisenhunt has worked in art education and museums for more than twenty years and more than anything enjoys connecting people with art.

Whisenhunt joined The Rockwell Museum in January 2017 where has been diversifying the collection to reflect the museum's new focus on art about the American experience while working to increase overall attendance to the museum, its programs, and events. He joined the MANY Board in April 2018 and has served as Program Chair and Vice-President. This April he will become MANY Board President.

We spoke with Brian to learn more about when he knew he wanted to work in museums, his career path, and what keeps him motivated.

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Letter from Erika: Less Than or Yes, And: Why We Advocate



Dear Members, Supporters, Friends, and Advocates,

On Wednesday, February 16th, I had the honor of testifying at the New York State Legislature's 2022 Joint Budget Hearing on Economic Development. I have testified at hearings called by the Assembly Standing Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts, and Sports Development, but this was my first time at an Economic Development Hearing. Although I only had three minutes to speak, with my comments, those of others giving testimony, and the questions asked of us, I am certain the word "museum" has never been said more frequently at a New York State Economic Development hearing.

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Education and Public Programs Coordinator –Glenn H. Curtiss Museum

Executive Director –West Lake Art Conservation Center

Deputy Director for Development and Communications –Humanities NY

Executive Director –Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum

NEH Project Lead –Coalition of State Museum Associations

Archivist/Librarian –Historic Huguenot Street

Museum Educator (PT) –The National Lighthouse Museum

Director of Finance and HR –Planting Fields Foundation

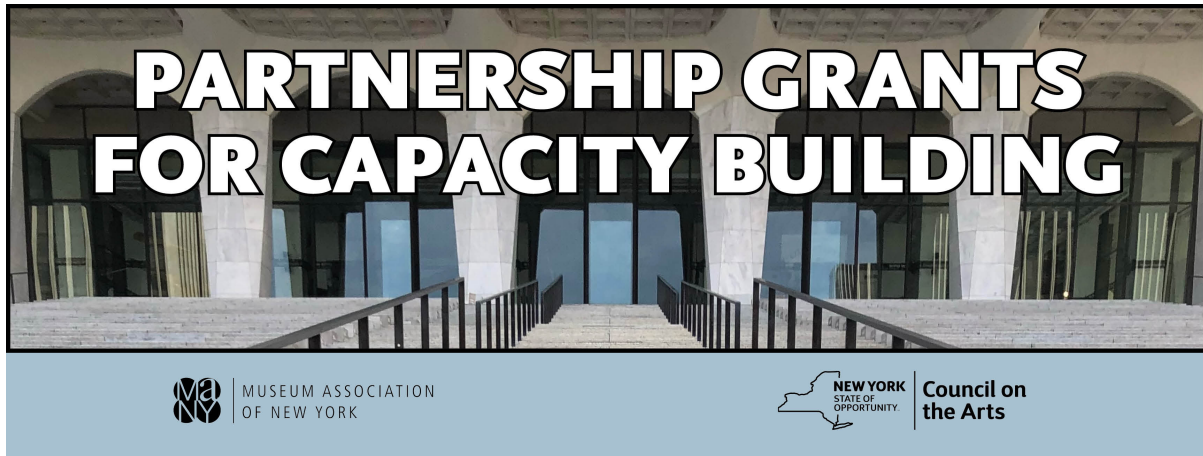
Explore more job opportunities

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



Funding Opportunities

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

To apply for a grant, please use the Google Form and email additional materials as PDFS to esanger@nysmuseums.org

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.

All applications from eligible organizations will be considered.

[Click here to learn more](#)



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Partnership Grants for Capacity Building is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

NYS Canal Corporation and Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor

New Grant Program to Support NYS Canal System Tourism Infrastructure and Event

The New York State Canal Corporation, through the Reimagine the Canals initiative, and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor are launching a new competitive grant program to support tourism and recreation along the New York State Canal System, including canal waterways and Canalway Trail. The 2022 program will provide funding to support tourism infrastructure and amenity improvements, and events.

Funding is open to counties, municipalities, units of local government, not-for-profit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes.

Applications are due April 1, 2022

[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.


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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 sites and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places that commemorate the founding of the nation.

Applications are due May 3, 2022.

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Board of Directors Class of 2022- 2025 Vote



We are pleased to share the slate of nominees for members of the Board of Directors of the Museum Association of New York (MANY) Class of 2022-2025. This slate is submitted to the membership for consideration and electronic vote by the Board President, Suzanne LeBlanc, Vice President, Brian Lee Whisenhunt and Governance Committee Chair, Georgette Grier-Key. These candidates have been nominated, vetted, and recommended by the Governance Committee and MANY's Board of Directors.

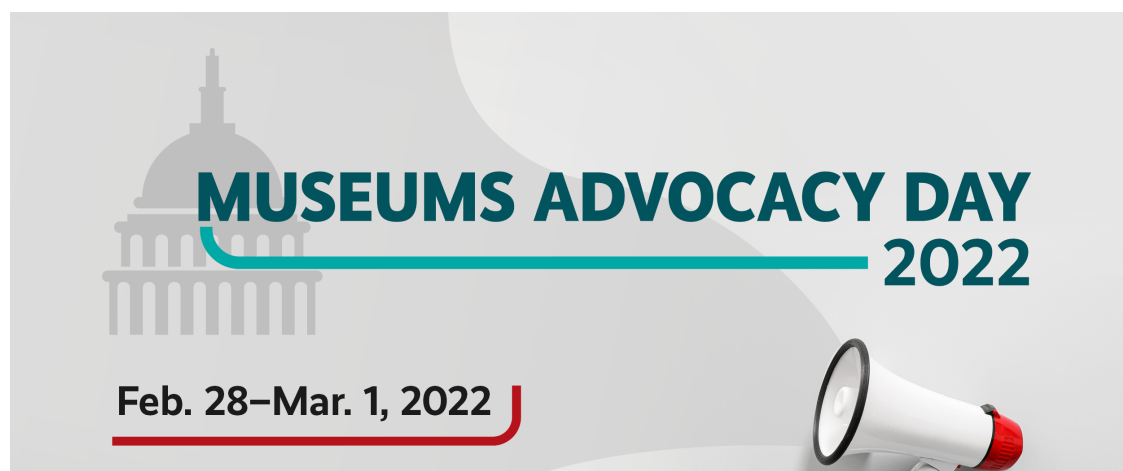
The election will be open from Wednesday, February 23 through Wednesday, March 10, 2022.


We thank the Governance Committee for their work on behalf of MANY and the candidates who accepted their nominations to join the organization's leadership in service to the field.

Please take a moment to read the biographies of these accomplished and dedicated members of our field and cast your vote. We will present the results of this poll at our annual business meeting that will be held virtually on Friday, April 1, 2022 at noon.

[Click here to vote](#)

Museums Advocacy Day





On Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 2, MANY staff and fifty-six representatives from museums, affiliate organizations, universities, and students will be participating in the American Alliance of Museums' 2022 Museums Advocacy Day. MANY is proud to be a partner supporter of this important national effort to speak out for the needs of the field. Our advocates will be meeting with Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and eighteen of New York's Congressional Representatives.

Our advocates will make brief statements about how COVID impacted their organizations. They will talk about how federal relief including PPP, EIDL, SVOG and federal grant programs were critical to sustaining their organizations and how additional relief is needed in the coming year.

We will remind our elected officials that one third of New York's museums entered the pandemic in a deficit position and that most are still not fully operational.

We are also requesting a significant increase to the Office of Museum Services at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For the Office of Museum Services to make a real impact on how our museums serve our communities, federal funds must be increased.

If you don't already, follow MANY on Twitter [@nysmuseums](https://twitter.com/nysmuseums). During the past couple of AAM Advocacy Days, MANY's tweets were trending!

If you are interested in learning more about advocacy, you can check out the tools that AAM offers on the Advocate from Anywhere pages on their website.

Look for the announcements about 2023 and think about joining your voice with thousands of others as we advocate for New York's and our nation's museums

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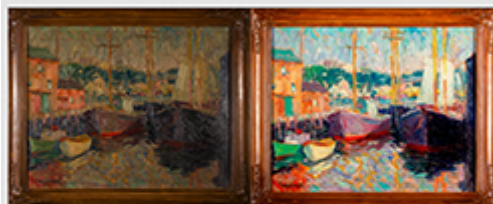
The Seventh Generation is a core value among the Indigenous nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy of the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora peoples. The principle, which is rooted in the preservation of Indigenous culture, underscores the importance of the human continuum. It 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.

Learn more

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[Register for a pre-conference workshop](#)



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Museums in the News

The Universal Hip Hop Museum's DAM Is Built for Now –and the Future
–via *Jing Culture & Commerce*

Heckscher Museum Names Executive Director, CEO –via *Huntington Now*

Syracuse University Art Museum Appoints Kate Holohan Curator of Education and Academic Outreach –via news.syr.edu

Maria Nicanor Named Director of Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum –via *Smithsonian*

Aquarium of Niagara to take over Niagara Discovery Center –via *Buffalo Business First*

Museum of the City of New York launches new digital guide on the Bloomberg Connects app to enrich visitor experience –via *GlobeNewswire*

LaGuardia's New Delta Terminal to be Defined by New York Artists –via *NY Times*

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 March “This Month in NYS Museums” newsletter is March 11. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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