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MANY News

2022 Awards of Merit Recipients



We are pleased to announce our 2022 Awards of Merit Recipients! Awards of Merit recognize outstanding and innovative programs, staff, and volunteers who have enriched New York State museums with new and remarkable projects. This year, the review committee reviewed over 50 nominations and awarded 10 recipients in 6 categories.

Awards of Merit will be presented as part of the 2022 Annual Conference Envisioning Our Museums for the Seventh Generation at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, NY on Monday, April 11 at 12 PM.

[Click here to learn more about this years recipients](#)

MANY Board Spotlight: Suzanne LeBlanc



Suzanne LeBlanc has served as the Museum Association of New York's Board President since 2018 and has spent her career working in children's museums. Prior to joining the Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) in 2005, she served in leadership positions at children's museums in Boston, Brooklyn, and Las Vegas.

Most recently, LeBlanc has been an award recipient of the Premier Business Women of Long Island and Nassau County's Women of Distinction. She was also chosen as one of the "50 Most Influential Businesswomen of Long Island" by Long Island Business News. She's been a member of the Community Advisory Council of the Junior League and the Early Years Institute Advisory Committee. In November 2012, she received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service at the White House on behalf of the Long Island Children's Museum for "Together to Kindergarten" a community-focused initiative for Spanish and Haitian-speaking immigrant families.

As Suzanne concludes her tenure as President of MANY's Board of Directors, we spoke with her to learn more about how she entered the museum field, what excites her about museum work, and more.

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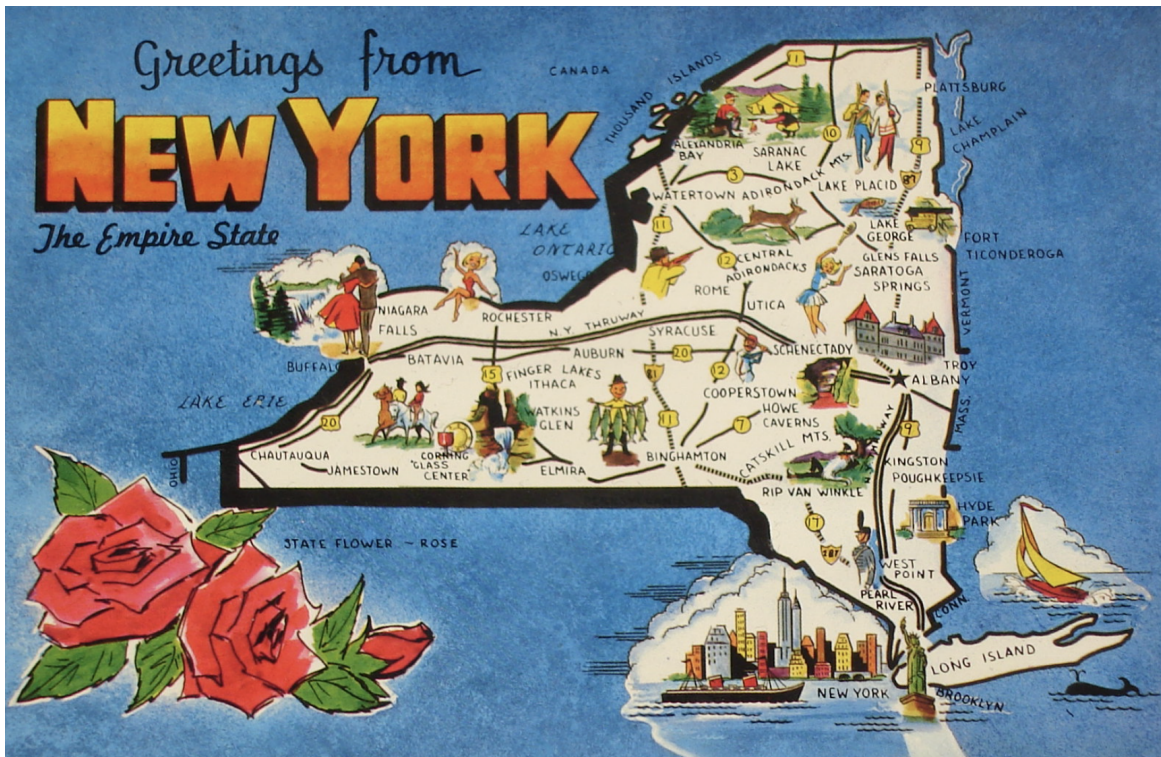


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Letter from Erika: Data-Driven Decision Making, A Call to Advocate for NYS Museums



Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters,

If I had a personal FAQ sheet, “How many museums are there in New York State?” would be at the top of the list. Believe it or not, it is a hard question to answer. MANY uses 1,400 as an estimate, but I have learned that to be an effective advocate and to counter inaccurate, commonly held beliefs and perceptions, we need to use precise and relevant data about who we are, who we serve, and what funds make our work possible.

The second FAQ would be, “What is next in MANY’s statewide advocacy agenda?” I am pleased to announce that on March 28th **Assembly Member Didi Barrett** (District 106 Dutchess/Columbia) introduced **Assembly Bill Number A9710**, “An act in relation to conducting a study of public and private museums in New York State.” The intent of the study is to identify and collect data about all museums in the state including information on size, hours of operation, visitor statistics, funding sources and amounts, and the subjects of the museums’ collections. It will provide information and recommendations to the legislature about the adequacy of public and private funding sources.

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Collections Cataloguer –Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College

Director of Finance and Administration –Putnam History Museum

Visitor Operations & Engagement Manager –The Olana Partnership

Visitor Experience Specialist –Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

Curatorial Assistant & Digitization Internship PAID –Antique Boat Museum

Major Gifts Officer –Planting Field Foundation

PT Public Programming Assistant –Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site

Curator –National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Director of Museum Programs & Experience –Buffalo Museum of Science

PT Communications and Programs Coordinator –Mount Guilian Historic Site

Collections and Preservation Summer Internship PAID –Weeksville Heritage Center

Curatorial Assistant –Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College

Museum Associate –National Women's Hall of Fame and the Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry

Media and History Internship PAID –Schenectady County Historical Society

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

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NYSCA/MANY Partnership Grants for Capacity Building



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Accepting Applications until Friday, April 1!

Partnership Grants for Capacity Building 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

Not sure what a capacity building project might look like? These are some of the projects that museums are applying for:

- Creating a print and website style guide for the museum
- Purchasing scanners and computers to digitize collections
- Developing a new interpretive plan for a historic site
- Partnering with a library to create a museum pass program

Have an idea, but not sure? Contact us! Email esanger@nysmuseums.org or call 518-273-3400

To apply, complete MANY's Google Form [here](#) and send required PDF documents to esanger@nysmuseums.org by 5 PM Friday, April 1.

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.

All applications from eligible organizations will be considered.

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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, 2022

[Learn more](#)

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

[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 joint 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](#)

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 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).

[Learn more](#)

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.

[Learn more](#)



2022 Conference Scholarship Recipients



Congratulations to our 2022 Conference Scholarship recipients!

Scholarship for BIPOC Museum Administrators

Zulmilena Then

Preservation Manager, Weeksville Heritage Center

Cassetti Annual Conference Scholarship

Ran Yan

Executive Director, Lewis Latimer House Museum

[Learn more about this years recipients](#)

Upcoming Programs



Virtual Annual Business Meeting

Friday, April 1 at 12 PM

Join us this Friday, April 1 for our virtual annual business meeting where we will welcome new board members, thank our outgoing board members, review the 2021 financial report, 2021 program highlights, and look at what's next for the Museum Association of New York.

Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email the day before or by 11:30 AM for same-day registrations. Registration will close at 11:20 AM

Please submit any questions for the board during registration.

Must be an active member; advance registration required.

Not sure if your membership is active?

Email info@nysmuseums.org or call 518-273-3400

[Click here to register](#)



Friday, April 29 12 - 1:30 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](#)

Missed a previous Museums Support Democracy program?

[Click here to view the recordings!](#)

Museums in the News

George Eastman Museum to present benefit film screening in solidarity with the people of Ukraine –*via I LOVE NY*

Museum of the Earth announces new exhibit featuring Cornell University's Insect Collection now open –*via fingerlakes1*

New visual arts exhibition invites kids to create and collaborate at Children's Museum of Manhattan –*via amny*

Museum of Natural History's New Science Center Takes Shape –*via NY Times*

Chapman Museum appoints new executive director –*via Post Star*

Hauser & Wirth Institute Awards \$700,000 in grants to Studio Museum in Harlem, Pratt, and More –*via ARTnews*

American Folk Art Museum celebrates 60th anniversary –*via Spectrum News 1*

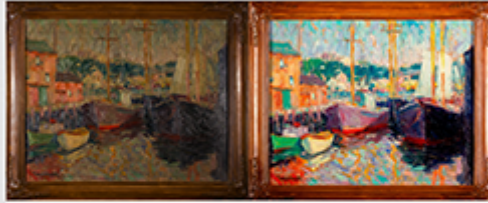
What's happening at your museum? Submit your museum news as a newsletter article!

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 April “This Month in NYS Museums” newsletter is April 19. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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