

This Month in NYS Museums: June 2022

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Sustainable Design: Olana's Frederic Church Center



FREDERIC CHURCH CENTER, VIEW FROM LAKESIDE TERRACE TO WEST

In 2024, the Olana State Historic Site will open the Frederic Church Center, a 4,500-square-foot orientation center with ticketing, restrooms, a café, and exhibition space. It will be the first new building at Olana since American painter Frederic Church's death in 1900. It will also be the first publicly accessible carbon-neutral building in New York State. The \$11 million project was generated from a 2015 strategic landscape design that encompasses the land and buildings that could be recovered, restored, rehabilitated, and brought into the full public experience.

[Learn more](#)

MANY Board Spotlight: Clifford Laube





Cliff Laube is the public programs and communications manager at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Hyde Park, New York. Laube has been with the United States Federal Government for almost twenty-five years with experience in public programming, public affairs, and heritage tourism.

He joined the MANY board of directors in 2021 as an ex-officio member and serves on the Marketing Committee.

Earlier this year, he took on the role of co-chair of the Program Committee. We spoke with him to learn more about his career path and what keeps him motivated.

[Read more](#)



Letter from Erika: What If? Grant Applications as Acts of Hope



Beatrix Farrand Garden, Bellefield, Hyde Park.

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters,

For the past couple of years my summer calendar has been decorated with patterns of red circles. The red circles represent the dates that applications for funding are due to private foundations as well as federal and state agencies. They also represent hours of writing, conversations, calculations, and a lot of hope.

For me, it is hope that MANY will be able to keep our museum community connected with a sense of belonging and offer programs where peer-to-peer learning can support shared purpose. These hopes are embedded in our [2022-2026 Strategic Plan](#) approved by MANY's board of directors at our June 22 meeting. I am pleased to share this important document and welcome your ideas to help us achieve our goals.

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Upcoming Programs



Friday, July 29 12 - 1:30 PM EST

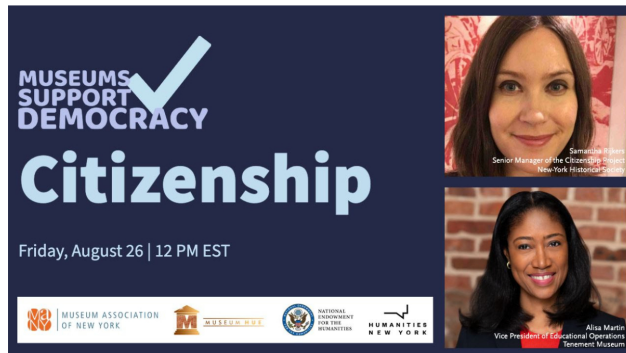
Expanding Interpretive Lenses

Dr. Haitham Eid, Professor and Director, Master of Arts in Museums Studies Program, Southern University at New Orleans

Alexa Griffith, Manager of Content + Curriculum, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

Webinar is free; advance registration required.

[Click to learn more and to register](#)



Friday, August 26 12 - 1:30 PM EST

Citizenship

Samantha Rijkers, Senior Manager of the Citizenship Project, New-York Historical Society

Alisa Martin, Vice President of Educational Operations and Engagement, Tenement Museum

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!](#)

Tell Your Story and Make Your Case

A Workshop to Build Grant Writing Skills





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In this participatory workshop, MANY Executive Director Erika Sanger will guide attendees through the grant writing process to build skills and develop insights, including analyzing guidelines, outlining narratives, writing statements of need, and developing budgets. Sanger will share examples of successfully funded grant narratives, hints for streamlining work processes, and designing visually appealing attachments.

This a 4-hour, 2-day virtual workshop held over Zoom; Tuesday, August 30 and Wednesday, August 31 from 10 AM to 12 PM.

MANY Members \$20

Non-members \$25

Registration includes a hard-copy grant writing book shipped in advance with more than 30 successfully written local, state, and federal grants from museums across New York State.

Advance registration is required; workshop is limited to 40 participants. Registration closes August 2.

[Click here to register](#)



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Job Board

MANY is committed to salary transparency.

As of June 1, 2022 all job postings require a salary range.

Philanthropy and Engagement Assistant –Wave Hill

Manager of Visitor Experience –Wave Hill

Director of Communications and Marketing –The Garden Conservancy

Director of Collections and Exhibitions –Seward House Museum

Development Officer and Collections Manager –Schenectady County Historical Society

Executive Director –Westchester Children's Museum

Museum Registrar –World Awareness Children's Museum

Curator for Public Art and Placemaking –Arts Center of the Capital Region

Executive Assistant + Board Liaison –American LGBTQ+ Museum

Development Associate –American LGBTQ+ Museum

Concierge –D&H Canal 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

When's the last time a consultant gave you something for free?

CLICK HERE for free museum exhibit design resources and articles.



Funding Opportunities

NYSCA FY2023 Funding Opportunities

NYSCA launched its guidelines for 2023 funding! With an historic budget level of \$140 million we seek to reach many non-profit arts and cultural organizations across New York State.

Museums are encouraged to review all of NYSCA's opportunities. A couple we will highlight are: Support for Organizations - which functions like general operating support and Regrowth and Capacity Enhancement. Did your museum experience any challenges due to the pandemic? If you can answer yes, then this is the spot for you to seek support to turn that around.

Deadline is July 12 at 4 PM

[Learn more](#)

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York Planning and Assessment Grants

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) offers Planning & Assessment Services in four major areas. These services are designed to support New York organizations in improving and advancing program efforts while forming strategies for future growth and development. DHPSNY's Planning & Assessment Services consist of Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Condition Surveys, and Strategic Planning Assistance. In each instance, our services aim to improve adherence to best practices and are tailored to an organization's unique circumstances.

Deadline is July 15

[Learn more](#)

National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. Our Town projects advance local economic, physical, or social outcomes in communities, ultimately laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum cost share/match equal to the grant amount.

Deadline is August 4

[Learn more](#)

NYSCA/Greater Hudson Heritage Network Conservation Treatment Grants

Does your museum own objects in need of conservation treatment? This program supports up to \$7,500 for professional conservators to help stabilize and make objects and art more accessible for all. This year we are particularly encouraging applications focused on objects from historically underrepresented communities so we can tell more diverse stories of New York State through collections.

Deadline is September 1

[Learn more](#)

Pomeroy Fund for NYS History

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Support for NYS history-related organizations

The Museum Association of New York is pleased to partner with the [William G. Pomeroy Foundation](#) for a fifth round of funding through **The Pomeroy Fund for NYS History**.

This round of funding will offer grants in amounts up to and including \$5,000 for salary support/hourly wages to bring back or hire museum educators who will plan and deliver interpretative educational programs. These may include

will plan and deliver interpretive educational programs. These may include school programs, teen programs, early childhood programs, family days, festivals, programs for older adults, programs for new Americans, or targeted, audience-specific programs identified in the grant application.

Funds will be grants to museums that apply for education staff who will offer in-person programming, but programs may include a virtual component.

Open to eligible 501c3 history-related organizations in New York State with budgets up to \$250,000. Applicants do not need to be members of MANY to apply.

The application portal opens July 18 and closes on September 23.

[Learn more](#)



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Professional Development Opportunities

"History Fights Back" Call for Proposals New York State History and Education Conference (NYSHEC)

SUNY Oneonta, October 28-30, 2022

Innovative, accessible, and inclusive history research and education have never been more relevant than in our current moment. History has a critical role to play in leadership, decision-making, policy, civics education, justice work, and community life. Yet, historians and educators face an increasingly challenging landscape in which politicians and pundits seek to limit open discourse and critical interrogation of many aspects of the past. The conference theme— "History Fights Back"—tackles this situation head on, creating spaces for lively discussion and dialogue on the ways in which historians and educators of all backgrounds can make their voices heard and stand up for well-researched and inclusive historical narratives.

Proposals due July 15

[Learn more](#)



Connect to K-12 classrooms in new ways next school year!

Contact Jen Hesselstine Education Consulting to learn more about:

- A New Plug & Play Live Virtual Field Trip Package for Museums
- Aligning Museum Exhibits to NYSED K-12 Learning Standards
- Accompanying Museum Offerings with K-12 Lessons & Activities

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Museums in the News

Universal Hip Hop Museum marks topping-off ceremony –Spectrum News

Sackets Harbor Battlefield part of Ulysses S. Grant 200th birthday video – NNY360

New York's Studio Museum in Harlem Names Its First-Ever Curator-at-Large –Artnews

\$3.9 Million in Museum Grants to Support African American History and Culture –Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded funding to the Louis Armstrong House Museum, the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, and the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center

Evan Wright has new role at Castellani Art Museum –Niagara Gazette

President of Museum of Natural History to Step Down After Nearly 30

President of Museum of Natural History to Step Down After Nearly 30 Years –*NY Times*

As it marks a decade in its new building, New York's Parrish Art Museum hires Mónica Ramírez-Montagut as its next director –*The Art Newspaper*

The Morgan Library unveils \$13M exterior restoration and new garden with public access –*6sqft*

New podcast reveals lives of queer 19th-century women through letters of photographer Alice Austen –*The Art Newspaper*

How Paintings Lost in a Small-Town Art Heist Were Recovered 50 Years Later –*NYTimes*

After supply chain delays, work accelerates on Albright-Knox expansion –*The Buffalo News*

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 June "This Month in NYS Museums" newsletter is July 15. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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