

This Month in NYS Museums: November 2022

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This Month in NYS Museums

Welcome to our November edition of "This Month in NYS Museums"!

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MANY News

MANY Board Spotlight: Natalie Stetson



Natalie Stetson, Executive Director of the Erie Canal Museum sits on a recreated canal boat in the historic 1850 Weighlock Building

Natalie Stetson is the Executive Director of the Erie Canal Museum in downtown Syracuse, NY. She previously served as the Director of Development at the Seward House Museum in Auburn, NY. Natalie has spent much of her career thinking about and finding ways to engage new audiences at history museums and connect museums to their community.

Natalie received a BA at the Honors College of Florida Atlantic University with concentrations in American Studies and Literature. She later attended Syracuse University and received an MA in Museum Studies. Natalie grew up in museums and followed in the footsteps of her father, who received his MFA in Museum Studies (then called Museology) from Syracuse University thirty years before she attended.

Natalie joined the Museum Association of NY Board of Directors in April 2018, is the Co-Chair of the Program Committee and Chair of the Host Committee for our 2023 Annual Conference in Syracuse "Finding Center: Access, Inclusion, Participation, and Engagement" April 15 - 18, 2023.

We spoke with Natalie to learn more about her career path and her leadership in the development of a new interpretive plan for the Erie Canal Museum.

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Letter from Erika: Support MANY/ Support Museums



Balsam Fir growing at the edge of a granite quarry that closed for industrial purposes in 1960, making this tree approximately the same age as the Museum Association of NY

The last weeks of 2022 bring MANY's sixtieth year of service to the museum field to a close. Despite the recent hardships we have all experienced, we stand stronger now than ever before. As I look back over all that we have accomplished, I am proud of the ways we brought museum professionals together in person and virtually for critical discussions about contemporary museum practice. I am continually inspired by my colleagues who generously share their time and expertise and I write now to ask for your financial support.

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Job Board

MANY is committed to salary transparency.

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

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Registrar –National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

Exhibition Curator –George Eastman Museum

Security Officer –The Strong

Live Collections Assistant –The Strong

Programs and Communications Manager –Mount Gulian Historic Site

Museum Retail & Guest Service Manager –Fort Ticonderoga

Director of Continuing Education –New York Botanical Garden

Development Operations & Data Manager –Thomas Cole National Historic Site

Michael D. Coe Archivist –Planting Fields Foundation

Annual Giving Manager –Historic Huguenot Street

Grants Projects Manager –Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum

Collections and Exhibitions Coordinator –The Olana Partnership

[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

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

[CLICK HERE for free museum exhibit design resources and articles.](#)



2023 Annual Conference



MANY's Awards of Distinction recognize the exceptional achievements of New York's museums and museum professionals. Awards celebrate museums and honor museum professionals who create transformative experiences for visitors, shape innovative programs, and use collections to tell the stories of everyone who calls New York home.

We've extended the deadline!

Submit your nominations by **5 PM Friday, December 16.**

2023 Awards of Distinction Categories

Excellence in Design

This award acknowledges extraordinary achievement in design in three categories: Publications/Graphics, Media/Marketing Campaigns, and Exhibition Design.

Engaging Communities

These awards celebrate organizations that use exceptional and resourceful methods to engage their communities and build new audiences.

Individual Achievement

The Individual Achievement Award honors a dedicated museum professional or volunteer that played a significant role in advancing their organizations.

Anne Ackerson Innovation in Museum Leadership

The Anne Ackerson Innovation in Museum Leadership Award honors a museum professional who during their career made significant contributions to the museum field or to their organization.

Rising Star

The Rising Star award celebrates a museum professional with five years or less who displays creative thinking and inspires institutional change. Nominees should be individuals whose performance demonstrates innovation, professionalism, and leadership.

Board of Directors Special Achievement Award

Members of MANY's board of directors will consider nominations for awards that do not fall into the above categories or for nominated projects that deserve exceptional attention.

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#)

Deadline extended!

**Nominations for Awards of Distinction are due
by 5 PM Friday, December 16**

Any museum or individual may nominate an organization, person(s), or project completed in 2022 at a museum, heritage, or cultural organization in New York State. Nomination of oneself or one's organization is permissible and encouraged.

If you have any questions regarding Awards of Distinction, please email conference@nysmuseums.org



MANY is thrilled to announce 27 scholarship opportunities available for museum professionals to attend **Finding Center: Access, Inclusion, Participation, and Engagement** annual conference in Syracuse, NY.

[Learn more and apply](#)

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Scholarships are supported by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Robert D. L. Gardiner Foundation, CNY Community Foundation, and Fireline Corporation



CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2023 Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Grow your network and reach new customers in New York State!

Join 400 museum professionals in Syracuse, in the Central Region of our state, and the home of the Onondaga Nation, the Central Fire of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, for our annual conference from April 15-18, 2023.

[Learn more](#)

**Interested in sponsoring the annual conference
but don't see what you're looking for?**

Email MANY Executive Director Erika Sanger esanger@nysmuseums.org
or call 518-273-3400



Upcoming Programs

Museum Association of New York
WEBINAR



Friday, December 2 | 12 PM EST

Finding a New Audience:
**Adapting an Augmented Reality Experience
to Reach New Users and Partner for Growth**

Dr. Georgette Grier-Key
Eastville Community Historical Society

Noel Gish
360 XR



Finding a New Audience: Adopting an Augmented Reality Experience to Reach New Users and Partner for Growth

Friday, December 2

12 - 1:30 PM EST

Content creators and creatives will provide an overview on incorporating the 360xr Augmented Reality platform to enhance tours for their visitors and share some examples of the experience from concept to implementation. Additionally, testimonials from regional museums will be featured.

Dr. Georgette Grier-Key, Executive Director and Chief Curator, Eastville Community Historical Society

Noel Gish, VP Operations, 360 XR

This webinar is free; advance registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

[Learn more about the speakers](#)



Measuring the Social Impact of Museums

Friday, December 16

12 - 1:30 PM EST

How can audience data help us plan for the future? Social impact, or the effect of an activity on the social fabric and well-being of a community, provides a fresh lens. Come learn about a new national research project and discuss how to make these measurements useful to all museums.

Katharine Mead, Membership & Grants Manager, The Rockwell Museum

Tom Barry, Assistant Director of Education, Cradle of Aviation Museum and Education Center

Michelle Mileham, PhD., Project Manager, Utah Division of Arts & Museums

Calvin Uzelmeier, PhD., Director of Featured Content, Rochester Museum & Science Center

This webinar is free; advance registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

[Learn more about the speakers](#)



Join MANY and your capital region museum colleagues for an in-person meet-up at The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College on **Monday, December 5 from 3:30 to 5 PM.**

Hear updates from the field, connect with colleagues, and take a guided tour of **"Parallax: Framing the Cosmos"**—an exhibition that explores what our fascination with outer space reveals about ourselves.

The work on view spans centuries, from an 1885 photograph of the constellation Cygnus to a 2022 Afrofuturist mixed-media collage by Alisa Sikelianos-Carter, and features textiles, prints, drawings, sculptures, paintings, and photography, including a wealth of NASA press photographs and other work new to the Tang collection being exhibited for the first time.

Meet-up is free; advance registration required.

Meet-up includes light refreshments.

[Click here to register](#)

Funding Opportunities

Humanities NY Reading & Discussion Grants

In each of Humanities NY's Reading & Discussion Programs, participants read a series of thematically linked texts over the course of four, five, or six sessions. At each session, participants come together with others in their community to discuss what they've read in a conversation facilitated by a trained local scholar.

Apply by December 12

[Learn more](#)

IMLS Save America's Treasures Grant Program

The National Park Service, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts, is now accepting applications for \$26.5 million in matching grants to support the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections through the Save America's Treasures program.

Save America's Treasures grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind services. To be considered for this funding, historic properties must be listed as National Historic Landmarks or at the national level of significance in the National Register of Historic Places, and a case must be made for a collection's national significance.

Apply by December 20

[Learn more](#)

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Capital Projects Fund

NYSCA's Capital Projects fund will focus on supporting cultural institutions seeking state funding for investments in capital improvements that allow the organizations to sustain and expand cultural programming for diverse audiences, promote accessibility and environmental sustainability, preserve and create jobs, and ultimately contribute to the growth of New York's arts and tourism sectors.

All New York State nonprofit arts and culture organizations with eligible capital projects are encouraged to apply for NYSCA's Capital Projects Fund.

Deadline is January 12, 2023

[Learn more](#)

NEH American Tapestry Initiative

Through new funding opportunities at NEH, American Tapestry will encourage projects that elevate the role of civics in schools and public programs, promote media literacy, and use robust humanities research to examine threats to our democracy. American Tapestry will build capacity at museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, cultural centers, and colleges and universities, benefitting more communities while amplifying the untold stories of historically underrepresented groups.

[Learn more](#)

Museums for All Webinar

The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) are thrilled to share that [Museums for All](#) – a cooperative agreement between IMLS and ACM – has surpassed 1000 participating museums, spanning every state and every discipline. Museums for All is an access program that encourages people of all backgrounds to visit museums by removing financial barriers from museum participation. It is also a

...making museum visitors more museum participation is also a useful tool in any museum's DEAI work. Since its start in 2014, more than 5 million guests have been welcomed by museums across the country through the Museums for All program.

Join staff from IMLS and ACM on January 26 at 2 PM ET to learn more about how and why museums of all kinds participate in the program.

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Museums in the News

The Bronx Museum launches new identity and unveils \$26M renovation

New MOMA exhibit recognizes JAM, a 1980s Black art gallery that contributed to the NYC art scene

Micron announces \$500,000 in funding to support the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (MOST)

New American Museum of Natural History expansion set to open in February

Longyear Museum of Anthropology (Colgate University) returning 1,500 artifacts to Oneida Indian Nation

Empire State Development Announces Groundbreaking of \$1.8M Visitor Center and Infrastructure Improvements at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site

Buffalo Museum to Reopen in May

\$200K from state puts North Country Children's Museum 92% toward expansion fund goal

Sanborn Historical Society planning to relocate school house museum

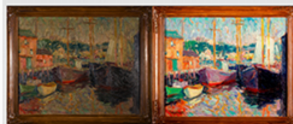
What's happening at your museum? Submit your museum news as a newsletter article!

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 December "This Month in NYS Museums" newsletter is December 9. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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