

This Month in NYS Museums: September 2022

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Building Capacity Across the State



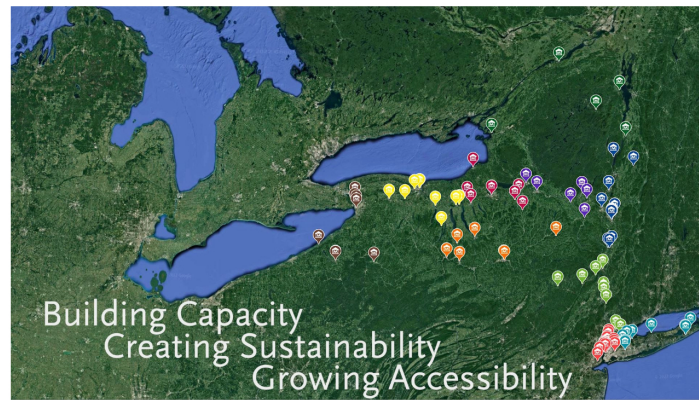
—Eli McClain, Building Capacity Project Fellow

Over the past two years, I've had the opportunity to work with over two-hundred museum professionals across New York State as the Building Capacity Project Fellow. Entering this role in the middle of the pandemic, I faced new learning opportunities every day and grew as an emerging museum professional with the support of my colleagues and our 96 museum participants. This week, the project comes to a close after more than 9,000 miles on the road, 555 1:1 meetings, 3,581 contact hours, and more than 90 workshops and training sessions.

MANY staff designed the [Building Capacity, Creating Sustainability, Growing Accessibility](#) as a rapid response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project's goals were to help museums reach their audiences virtually by providing much-needed hardware and software, increase digital literacy and skills among museum professionals through training, offering personalized support, and peer to peer learning opportunities, and helping them to utilize the new technology and skills to develop and deliver virtual programming. In the changing pandemic environment, the project team strove to reflect, reassess, and pivot to best meet the needs of our partners.

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Building Capacity Video Series



For the past two years, we've worked with 178 museum professionals at 96 museums across New York State to build new technical and program development skills.

In our 3-part video series, we meet just a few participants and learn what building capacity means for themselves and for their museums.

This "Building Capacity, Creating Sustainability, Growing Accessibility" was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services [CAGML-246991-OMLS-20].

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MANY Board Spotlight: Michael Galban

"I think about the young Native person coming here [to Ganondagan] to experience, to see, and to learn. I want them to come away with feelings of pride, feelings of empowerment. I want them to have a very different experience than what I got as a kid."

Michael Galban is the Historic Site Manager of Ganondagan State Historic Site and the curator of the Seneca Art & Culture Center. Ganondagan is a 17th-century Seneca town site and is nationally regarded as a center for Iroquoian history, and cultural and environmental preservation. His current research focuses on historic woodland arts, Indigenous/Colonial history, and lectures on the subject extensively. He sits on the board of directors of the Museum Association of New York (MANY), the editorial board of the New York History Journal, and is currently working in the Indigenous Working Group component of REV WAR 250th NY commission.

We spoke with Michael to learn more about his career at Ganondagan and how his life experience have impacted his work today.

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Letter from Erika: Finding Center



Syracuse, NY

Dear Members, Colleagues, and Supporters,

Born in Trinidad in 1932, the Nobel Prize-winning author V.S. Naipaul struggled while trying to write his autobiography. After multiple drafts, the threads he found to weave his story did not lead to his birthplace, but to a moment in time when he faced tremendous challenges. He described the process as finding center.*

We are all working to find center as we face, embrace, and grow beyond challenges and changes in our lives and our institutions. Many of you know that my husband and I have a ceramic studio in our home and that I work with clay as an avocation. I have learned that I can't create until I am as centered as the material in my hands.

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Job Board

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

Manager of Marketing and Public Engagement –Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum

Education and Community Engagement Assistant –Bennington Museum

Collections Care Assistant –Historic Huguenot Street

Associate Director of Marketing and Communications –International Center of Photography

Registration Technician –NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Retail and Guest Services Assistant Manager –The Rockwell Museum

Executive Director –Frederic Remington Art Museum

Programs Manager –Museum Hue

Registrar & Collections Manager –The Hyde Collection

Assistant Director & Chief Curator –Curatorial & Visitor Services NY State OGS

Education and Outreach Manager –Colgate University Museums

[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



Finding Center: Access, Inclusion, Participation, and Engagement

April 15 - 18, 2023 | Syracuse, NY

Call for Proposals opens: Monday, October 3

Deadline for proposal submission: Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5 PM.

Registration Opens January 23, 2023

Upcoming Virtual Programs



NYC Arts Internship Collective: A Collaboration in Crisis and Beyond

Friday, October 7

12 - 1:30 PM EST

This webinar will explore the NYC Arts Internship Collective (NYC/AIC)—a group for NYC Arts & Culture internship program managers and coordinators—formed to address the challenges brought about by the outbreak of COVID-19. Participants will learn how NYC/AIC promotes ethical internships through community support and resource sharing.

This webinar is free; advance registration is required.

[Click here to register](#)

[Learn more](#)



IMLS Funding Opportunities—Museums for America and Inspire! Grants for Small Museums

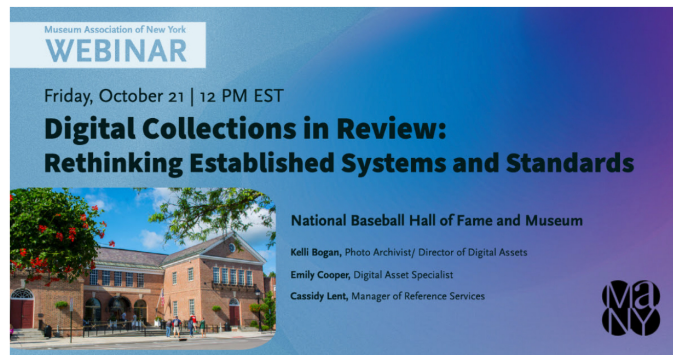
Friday, October 14

12 - 1:30 PM EST

Mark Feitl, Senior Program Officer at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will provide an overview of two of their funding opportunities, [Museums for America](#) and the [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#) programs.

This presentation will include details about the types of projects that IMLS funds can support, as well as suggestions for submitting a competitive application. There will also be time for Q and A.

[Click here to register](#)



Digital Collections in Review: Rethinking Established Systems and Standards

Friday, October 21

12 - 1:30 PM EST

Staff from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will discuss the process of evaluating digital collections system capabilities and metadata standards to construct a more accessible virtual visitor experience through the employment of interconnected systems and a reparative local vocabulary.

This webinar is free; advance registration is required.

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Accessibility

MANY is committed to making our virtual programs as accessible as possible. All virtual programs will have closed captioning. For ASL interpretation, please email info@nysmuseums.org at least two weeks prior to the program.





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Funding Opportunities

Preservation League of NYS Technical Assistance Grants

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) are available to eligible NYS nonprofits and municipalities. This program provides support for consulting projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. The grants will support professional services of architects, engineers, and other design and preservation professionals. Grants of up to \$4,000, with a required 20% project cost match from each applicant, are available to nonprofit groups and municipalities that own or have a long-term lease on buildings that house historic sites, museums, arts facilities, and other important institutions that serve an arts or cultural purpose and are open to the public.

The League will host a webinar and a series of drop-in help sessions via Zoom for all interested applicants to learn more before submitting their applications.

Pre-application deadline is Monday, October 17

Grant application deadline is Friday, October 21

[Learn more](#)

Humanities New York Action Grants

Action Grants offer up to \$10,000 to implement humanities projects that encourage public audiences to reflect on their values, explore new ideas, and engage with others in their community.

Application opens September 1

For projects starting January 1, 2023, deadline for applications is October 1, 2022

[Learn more](#)

IMLS Museum Funding Opportunities Open

Now through November 15, museums and related organizations across the U.S. have six opportunities to apply for grants from the nation's primary source of federal funding for museum services. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is now accepting applications for six grant programs:

- [Museums for America](#)
- [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#)
- [Museums Empowered](#)
- [National Leadership Grants for Museums](#)
- [Museum Grants for African American History and Culture](#)
- [Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services](#)

At IMLS, we are looking to reach and support museums of all sizes and disciplines through our existing programs," said Laura Huerta Migus, Deputy Director of Museum Services. "These grant programs fund all types of projects that support museums' work in their communities, whether through direct service or by increasing their institutional capacity. We encourage all museums to consider applying and to contact IMLS staff if you have questions about which grant program best fits your needs."

Deadline is November 15

[Learn more](#)

Museums in the News

Ukrainian Museum in New York Appoints Peter Doroshenko as New Director

The Wellin Museum of Art Marks Tenth Anniversary with Sweeping Exhibition

Rochester Museum of Science and RIT formalize their collaboration

Met Appoints New Leader of Modern and Contemporary Art

Brooklyn Children's Museum Unveils New \$7.8M Auditorium

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 October "This Month in NYS Museums" newsletter is October 14. Email meves@nysmuseums.org

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