Thank YOU!
We have traveled a long way together to achieve our mission of bringing our diverse world to children. There is still an exciting journey ahead!

We’re having a great summer!

Dan Wade  
*President, Board of Trustees*

As we look forward to school season just around the corner, a reflection upon this past summer gives reason to be excited! We safely re-opened the museum doors to the public and it has been a joy to see the wonder on the faces of children as they return or enter the museum for the first time. We successfully held our first ever outdoor International Cuisine fundraiser a launched a brand new exhibit on Thailand at the museum. It’s really quite stunning and I suggest everyone come to check it out.

Looking ahead, we have several wonderful events coming up, including a speakeasy themed night at the Park Theater and the launching of the “COVID-19 & Me” art exhibit at the Crandall Public Library. You may have even seen us and said “Hi” at our booth at the Take-A-Bite in downtown Glens Falls. The museum is more active and vibrant than ever before. We could not continue to provide these amazing services without your generous support. Thank you and we love you all!

“Bee-keepers house”  
by Alicja Jadziewicz, age 13  
Poland, 1994

“Planting the future”  
by Adriele Assis Valomi, age 10  
Brazil, 2010

“Our neighborhood”  
by Ahmet Emre Oruk, age 9  
Turkey, 1991
I am so very pleased to report that the museum is fully open again! We reopened on July 10 to a crowd of 99 visitors, and our patrons were incredibly glad to be back. The Post Star did a wonderful article about our reopening and our new Thailand exhibition; you can read it here: https://bit.ly/3yt7rVB. We hope you’ll stop by and visit!

Our Museum Summer Camp was a huge success. Children loved learning about modern messy artists in our first week of camp, fascinating sea creatures in our second week, racing around the world during our third week, and solving the case of the missing masterpiece in our fourth week. We are very grateful to Schutze Family Dentistry P.C. for their generous sponsorship of our 2021 summer camp!

I have to say a big thank you to our community. Our International Cuisine Festival at the Lake George Festival Commons in June was a great success -- we raised over $29,000! Our community also nominated us for the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year award. Thank you for your support.

We are in the middle of some exciting projects and initiatives. We received funding from the Cloudsplitter Foundation, Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council, Wood Foundation, Stewart’s Holiday Match, and individual sponsors to help fund our Worldwide Explorers television programs. Our episode all about Japan is out now and can be seen on your local LOOK TV channel or at https://lookmediaresource.org/living-room-explorers-ep6/. Each episode costs about $3,000 to produce; if you’d like to contribute to this initiative, please visit https://paybee.io/@wacm@11.

We had great success with our “COVID-19 & Me: Changes in my World” project this past year. You can see all of the artwork submitted to this project here: https://worldchildrensmuseum.org/covid-19-and-me/ Due to the wonderfully positive response, we have decided to expand this project to include international students and showcase their experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to fund this international project, we need your help. To lend your support, please visit https://paybee.io/@wacm@24.

Thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to seeing you soon!
We are open again! Little feet are moving throughout the museum, parents are chatting by exhibits while their children play, and our doors are officially unlocked. For most of my time here at the museum, the front door has been locked, only opening to let in one family at a time.

I like that one-on-one time, to say 'hello' and introduce ourselves or welcome a friend back. But what a different feeling, what a thrill, to just unlock the door and place out the 'go!' open sign and see our friends walking in! We not only opened our doors in July, we also opened our new Beauty and Beasts exhibit featuring Thailand! I've been able to see first hand how much fun the children have measuring themselves against the wild animals of Thailand on our wall ruler, or how they stretch their legs and jump the stride of one elephant footprint to another. There are many new pieces they have had fun exploring, and we hope you all get to come see them, too!

What has been happening upstairs in the offices? This year we have made the transition to virtual programs. Our team of educators and the volunteer Education Committee were determined to bring our interactive classes into classrooms from right here in the museum. Artifacts and art were virtually transported to schools and children. Hands-on activities that enhanced the lessons were shipped to the classrooms, anything from their very own chopsticks to practice with and take home, supplies for creating a repurposed necklace from recycled materials, or items to ‘build’ their own greenhouse to watch beans begin to sprout. We are excited to continue to grow our virtual collection and reach even more children around the world!

On the note of virtual learning and enrichment, we also began to develop 30- to 60-minute virtual workshops for children and families around the world through Outschool! Currently we have a live, interactive storytime for preschoolers, Fashion From Around the World: A Doll Show-and-Tell for 7-10 year olds, and design and building challenges for 8-11 year olds with Mission Earth. There is also a collection of recorded videos from the past year to encourage children to keep discovering new cultures and countries as a free resource. If you would like to come and explore with us in the classroom or at home, you will find more details on our website, or please feel free to reach out to us. We are so excited to continue to bring our diverse world to children, and even more excited to see them back here at the museum! Happy Summer!
Russell Serrianne  
Curator of Exhibitions and Collections

This summer, we opened “Thailand: Beauty and Beasts,” our new interactive exhibition inviting our visitors to explore Thailand’s traditions, wildlife, and water market. The nature sanctuary features informative and playful magnetic puzzles highlighting unique animals of the country.

Children can decorate a baby elephant for a festive parade, explore the “Rice Life Cycle” field, and fill their boat for the traditional Thai Water Market. Thailand artworks from our International Youth Art Collection are displayed throughout the museum, in addition to the nostalgic antique wooden school desks with mounted iPads for viewing videos of many Thai customs, food, animals, and dance. You can check out how tall an Asian elephant is, too!

Many thanks to Tina Curruthers, Sheileen Landrey, Linda & Frank Cappabianca, Gretchen Steen, and the Education Committee for their creative and educational contributions in developing this activity center.

COVID-19 & Me: Changes in My World was a partnership with ten schools across the country to ask the question: How has the pandemic affected children? The project’s goal was to document the pandemic through the eyes of children. From hundreds of submissions, 52 pieces were selected for inclusion in our International Youth Art Collection. These expressive and powerful works have now been developed into a traveling exhibition curated by myself and Independent Curator Jenny Hutchinson. Our first public showing of this exhibition will be hosted by Crandall Public Library Friends Gallery from September 1-30, 2021. We invite you to visit the exhibition!

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