




Holland Museum

# ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021–JUNE 30, 2022

## YOUR COMMUNITY MUSEUM












## Dear Museum Friends,

Much like the previous few years, 2021/22 presented challenges for the Holland Museum and the world at large operating in a pandemic environment. The Museum persevered and the quality of the experiences we were able to offer only reinforced our value as a cultural institution for the benefit of locals and visitors alike.

The Museum's professional staff continued to provide online programs and reintroduced in-person programs as well. These were a combination of educational opportunities for all ages, fundraising events and new exhibits which were designed to share the world around us, both local and broad in scope.

Once again, the work accomplished during the year presented evidence of the strength and value of the Holland Museum and those who support us. Throughout the challenges we remain steadfast in our mission to preserve our past and imagine our future.

During the fiscal year, we were able to offer two exciting temporary exhibits, *United for Progress: The LAUP Story*, and *Contemporary Portraits of Native Americans by James Cook*. Both experiences were unique and extremely well received. The LAUP exhibit, highlighted the significant impact and history of LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress), a local organization that continues to transition and remain relevant for the Latinx community. This exhibit offered labels in both Spanish and English, which is a requirement we have put in place for all new in-house exhibits. The portrait exhibition featured James Cook's beautiful and relevant photographs of indigenous people, some of whom are from West Michigan. Alongside these displays, corresponding programs were offered to dive deeper into the content. One of the many highlights, was *Dia de Los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead. Over 200 people attended the event in the Armory, enjoying a student art exhibition, mariachi band, traditional dance, and art projects. Additional programs were offered through our Cultural Lens Series, as well as a new series we call Tales from the Archives. In all, we offered 32 programs throughout the fiscal year.

The historic houses were open during the summer months and our robust intern program worked in a variety of Museum departments from Communications to Collections. The Intern Council was instrumental in providing the fundamentals for the permanent outdoor Pere Marquette Caboose exhibit which opened just before the end of the fiscal year at the Padnos Transportation Center.

At the Museum's June annual meeting, the membership acknowledged the dedicated service of Jason Coney who served as Secretary of the Museum board and retired after seven years. Two new board members were welcomed to the roster with their terms starting in the new fiscal year. Nancy Stryker is a marketing professional and has served as a committee volunteer for the past two years. Clare Heyboer returns to the board after fulfilling two terms and retiring a few years earlier. He has remained on several committees throughout, most recently serving as the project manager on the caboose restoration.

As you look through the pages of this report, I invite you to see what this past year has been for the Museum, and how your continued support, enthusiasm, and interaction allows us to continue to adapt, grow, and serve everyone in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Ricki L. Levine
Executive Director

Holland Museum

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## MISSION

Preserving our past, imagining our future.

## VISION

To be a cultural leader and community collaborator inspiring the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.

## VALUES

**Community**
We strive for interactive relationships with everyone.

**Curiosity**
We encourage exploration and discovery.

**Education**
We value life-long learning opportunities.

**Inclusion**
We welcome everyone and their stories.

**Stewardship**
We uphold the highest standards in maximizing and preserving the resources we are given.

**Impact**
We inspire community change and innovation through reflection upon the past and collaboration for the future.

## Thank you!

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# Looking Back

## JULY 2021

### Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

This free, annual family event takes place at the Cappon House offering lawn games, art activities, tours of the Cappon House and ice cream.




## AUGUST

### United for Progress: The LAUP Story Exhibition

This exhibition explored the LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress) organization, its history, how they've evolved, and how they continue to serve the Latinx and greater Holland community. Displayed from August 20-January 17.




## SEPTEMBER

### Began the Tales from the Archives Program Series

This new program series explores local history topics supported by the Holland Museum's collection and archives.




## OCTOBER

### Dia de Los Muertos/ Day of the Dead

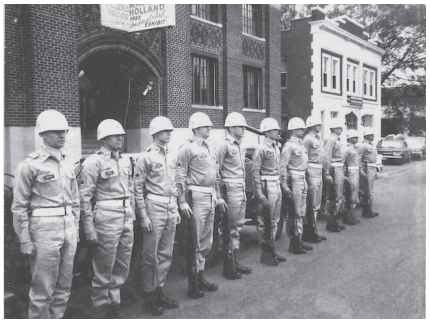
A free community program hosted by the Holland Museum and LAUP. 220 attendees.



## NOVEMBER

### Honoring Our Veterans/ Celebrating Veterans Day

Free family program to honor our veterans.



## DECEMBER

### Holidays Around the World

This family program explores different holidays from around the world with fun activities and stories.



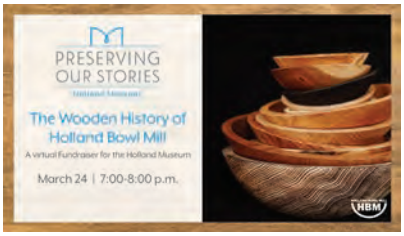
## MLK, Jr, Day Celebration How Would You Change the World?

Free family program that included a variety of in-person activities and virtual resources, such as a video of students from the Holland community reading the I Have a Dream speech.



## Preserving Our Stories: The Wooden History of Holland Bowl Mill

Preserving Our Stories is a virtual fundraiser to support Holland Museum Education Outreach. This fundraiser celebrates the history of Holland's businesses and families who make our community unique.




## Asian Pacific American Heritage Panel Discussion

Panel discussion with members of the Asian Pacific American community sharing their journey to West Michigan and how they proudly share their culture with others.



**JANUARY** 2022 ▸ | **FEBRUARY** | **MARCH** | **APRIL** | **MAY** | **JUNE**

## Contemporary Portraits of Native Americans by James Cook Exhibition

This exhibition explored the varied lives of modern-day Native Americans from across the United States through the lens of photographer James Cook. On display from February 4-June 20.



## History Mystery Trivia Night Fundraiser

Popular Museum History Mystery Trivia Night fundraiser with dinner, drinks, three rounds of trivia and a chance to win prizes.



## Summer Intern Council Exhibition Showcase

Eight young professionals who worked across various departments at the Museum presented their work.



# By the Numbers

## Engagement

The Museum continues to reach new audiences through visits to the Museum, Cappon and Settlers Houses, Spark!Lab, education initiatives, programs, and community outreach. Thanks to all of our members, guests, donors, and sponsors, the Museum continues to grow.

**ATTENDANCE**
**6,331**
Holland Museum

**DONORS**
**313**
Households

**MEMBERS**
**375**
Members

**CORPORATE SPONSORS & GRANTS**
**85**
Local Organizations

**SPARK!LAB VISITORS**
**534** Adults
**629** Children

**SECOND FREE MONDAY**
**604**
Total Visitors

**MUSEUMS FOR ALL***
**85**
Attendees

**National program that offers discounted admission to EBT or WIC card holders*

### TOP 5 VISITING STATES

1. Michigan
2. Illinois
3. Ohio
4. Indiana
5. Wisconsin

### TOP 5 VISITING COUNTRIES

1. Netherlands
2. Mexico
3. Canada
4. Spain
5. United Kingdom



Author's Night - Free Second Monday Family Program



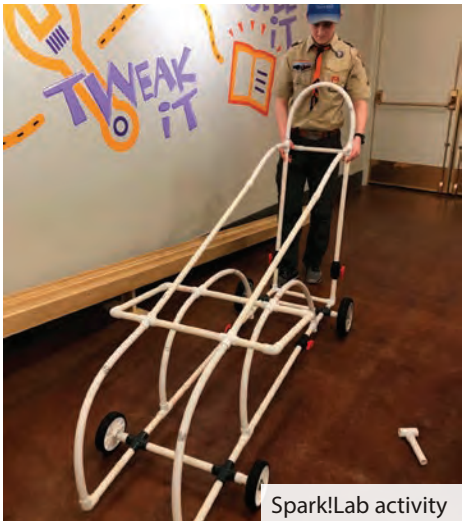
## Steadfast Employee and Friend

**Paula Dunlap** has been a steadfast employee of the Museum for over two decades. Her title was Operations Manager, but she did so much more than that, serving in whatever role was necessary and supporting every department. Paula has been a constant and reliable presence, working with numerous directors on behalf of all board members and staff. Her petite stature did not compare with her enormous loyalty and commitment to the Museum, and the special friendships she generously shared with us all.

# Educational Programs and Outreach Numbers

The Education Department continues to engage new participants.

**Education Department Connections: Programming, Events, Tours, Outreach** **5,557** Total number of participants



Spark!Lab activity

## Programs: 32

- General/Community Programs: 8
- Exhibition Programs: 10
- Cultural Lens Programs: 7
- Family Programs: 4
- Special Programs: 3

Total number of participants: 1,342

## Exhibition Openings: 2

Total participants: 90

## Tours: 89

Total participants: 1,195

## Outreach Events: 28

Total participants: 1,757

## EXCEPTIONAL EXHIBITS

The Museum hosted dynamic exhibitions over the last year with a variety of related programming to enhance visitor experiences. Each exhibit inspired new partnerships and new opportunities for attendees.

### United for Progress: The LAUP Story

*August 20, 2021 – January 17, 2022*

LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress) has been a driving force for change in the Holland community and has spent decades promoting a more equitable Holland for all. *United for Progress: The Story of LAUP* explored the organizations' history, how they've evolved, and how they continue to serve the Latinx and greater Holland community to this day.


United for Progress Exhibition

### Contemporary Portraits of Native Americans by James Cook

*February 4 – June 20, 2022*

This exhibition shared a glimpse into the faces of native people from across the United States and the collection of 25 photos explored the varied lives of Native Americans in the modern-day through the lens of photographer James Cook.


Contemporary Portraits Exhibition

# Engaging Our Community

## Collection Highlights

Zillow of yesterday... The number one research request is about properties in the area, which help tell an important story. The Museum has three real estate themed collections:

1) The De Roo Realty collection was donated by Jack De Roo in 1988. This collection consists of thousands of property listing cards collected by Jack and his father William C. De Roo (1902-1989) and cover the years 1968 to 1988.

2) The Real Estate Exchange/South Shore Realty collection was donated by Mike Lawson in 2022. This collection also consists of thousands of property listing cards collected by Mike and his father William "Bill" Lawson (1922-1996) and cover the years 1966 to 1996.

3) The Board of Light and Power donated the City of Holland's books of certificates for house numbering in 2022. Beginning in 1908, the six books provide insight into what was built in Holland up into the 1950s.






Example of a property listing card donated by De Roo Realty




City of Holland's books of certificates for house numbering




Example of a property listing card donated by The Real Estate Exchange/ South Shore Realty

## Collection Data

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| Records available to the publiic on June 30, 2021 | **13,371** | Items donated during the fiscal year | **1,089** | Archival Research Requests | **212** |

## Community Collaborators

We made great strides with our community partners—increasing and deepening those relationships. Partners include:

- Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony (ACEH)
- OAISD/Future Prep'd and IChallengeUth
- City of Holland
- Empowering Youth Global Connection (EYGC)
- Explore Hope
- Fair Housing Center of West Michigan
- Grand Valley State University
- Groundworks/Herrick Public Library
- Hope Academy of Senior Professionals (HASP)
- Holland Garden Club
- Hope College
- Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP)
- Ottawa County Health and Human Services/ Meet Up and Eat Up
- Out on the Lakeshore
- Promesa/Ferris State University




Meet Up and Eat Up

## Volunteers

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| **57** Total Volunteers | **16** Interns |
| **24** Committee Members | **14** Board Members |
| **1** Organization | **30** New Volunteers |

**4,780**
Total Volunteer Hours

# Financial Impact



History Mystery Trivia Night

## $786,658

### TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

- **37%** Contributions
- **36%** Government
- **13%** Earned
- **6%** In-kind
- **7%** Grants
- **1%** Other

## $895,105

### TOTAL EXPENSES

- **66%** Programs & Exhibitions
- **22%** Management
- **12%** Fundraising



Holidays Around the World



Summer Walking Tours



Day of the Dead

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## EXHIBITIONS



**Storied Objects: Folk Art from the Holland Museum Collection**
December 9, 2022 – April 17, 2023

Explore folk art from around the world, how it reflects the heart of a community, and how folk art merges the utilitarian with the decorative.



**Cultivating Dutch Tradition in the 21st Century: The Floral Paintings of Jane Jones**
May 5 – July 3, 2023

This exhibition features 25 original oil paintings, produced by Jane Jones from 2012-2021. The exhibition is circulated by David J Wagner, LLC. Spanish translations will be provided.




**How would you change the world?**

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day at the Holland Museum!**

Monday, January 16
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Free Museum Admission

**FREE Second Mondays**

Free Admission Monthly

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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**Day of the Dead**

**DIA DE LOS Muertos**

**10.28.23**

## FUNDRAISERS




**Museum On Tap: Beer, Cider, Wine Tasting**
February 3 | 7:00-9:00 PM
Holland Armory



**History Mystery Trivia Night**
April 27 | 5:30-8:30 PM
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**Settlers House**
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**Holland Armory**
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