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Over \$50,000 Awarded to Assist 31 History-Related Organizations in New York State
William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Museum Association of New York Announce Grantees

Troy, N.Y. — The Pomeroy Fund for NYS History has awarded \$50,808 in grant funding to assist history-related organizations across New York State that have been forced to close in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Launched in partnership between the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and the Museum Association of New York, the Pomeroy Fund for NYS History is providing assistance grants that will be used to support the purchase of computer hardware or software, gain internet access or expand bandwidth, pay for utilities and secure facilities and collections. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Qualifying organizations have operating budgets of \$100,000 or less.

“History organizations help to enrich our communities,” said Bill Pomeroy, Founder and Trustee of the Pomeroy Foundation. “The Pomeroy Fund for NYS History was established to provide much needed assistance during these challenging times. This was a very competitive grant program and our hope is that the funding that’s been awarded will make a meaningful difference in the time ahead.”

“We reviewed more than 170 grant applications totaling almost \$300,000 in requests,” said Erika Sanger, Executive Director for the Museum Association of New York. “This incredible response demonstrates how deeply our museums have been hit by this crisis and how much support it will take to get New York’s museums open and functioning again. We are grateful for the Pomeroy Foundation for being a leader in our state’s philanthropic community and reaching out to help history organizations in these uncertain times.”

“As a member of the MANY Board of Directors, I am pleased that the Pomeroy Foundation stepped up and made the funds available and that MANY was able to work with them in partnership to help museums in this challenging time,” said Bruce Whitmarsh, MANY Board Member and Executive Director for the Chemung County Historical Society.

POMEROY FUND GRANTEES (listed alphabetically)

Anderson Falls Heritage Society
Black Rock Historical Society
Brentwood Historical Society
Broome County Historical Society
Clinton County Historical Association
Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum Association
Fulton County Historical Society
Gates Historical Society
Hasting Historical Society
Historic Red Hook
Historical Society of the Tonawandas, Inc.
Historical Society of Woodstock
Howland Stone Store Museum
Interlaken Historical Society
Java Historical Society
Lodi Historical Society
Macedon Historical Society
Mastic Peninsula Historical Society
Montgomery County Historical Society
National Bottle Museum
Nunda Historical Society
Oswego County Historical Society
Peekskill Museum, Inc.
Preservation Association of the Southern Tier
Schoharie Colonial Heritage Association
The Warsaw Historical Society and Gates House Museum
Town of Madison Historical Society
Town of New Scotland Historical Association
Town of West Bloomfield Historical Society/West Bloomfield Historical Society
Wappingers Historical Society, Inc.
Yaphank Historical Society

The Pomeroy Foundation and MANY are pleased to announce plans for a second grant round. The two organizations will partner to distribute an additional \$50,000 for general operating support. Details and criteria for this new round of funding will be made available in the week ahead.

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About the Pomeroy Foundation

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is a private, grant-making foundation established in 2005. The Foundation is committed to supporting the celebration and preservation of community history; and to raising awareness, supporting research and improving the quality of care for patients and their families who are facing a blood cancer diagnosis. To date, the Foundation has awarded over 1,000 roadside markers and plaques nationwide. Visit:

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About MANY

The Museum Association of New York inspires, connects, and strengthens New York's cultural community statewide by advocating, educating, collaborating, and supporting professional standards and organizational development. MANY ensures that New York State museums operate at their full potential as economic drivers and essential components of their communities. Visit <https://www.nysmuseums.org>

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