



# NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of the Museum,

I want to personally extend my most sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued support over 2020 – a year rife with challenges but all met with resolve and creativity. It was our pleasure to find new and interesting ways to engage with you remotely, from virtual tours and exhibitions, to fun and informative blog posts and online artist talks.

In addition to pivoting to online programming, your support helped address what is called the “digital divide” where everyone, especially younger schoolkids, may not have the same access to reliable internet or devices such as laptops, computers, or tablets. We took this challenge to heart and developed and delivered over 4,400 Art @ Home activity kits for those who might not have access to internet or simply needed a little screen-free time!

It was so wonderful to see many of you online last October for our annual Saints & Sinners Gala, the Museum’s most important fundraiser of the year! Those of you who participated through sponsorship and/or

during the event really came through for the Museum during such an uncertain time. Your gala contributions, coupled with your year-end gifts, truly saved the Museum from facing serious financial hardship – thank you!

We are also thankful to have the Museum fully open once again! We hope to see you in person soon to enjoy our new exhibitions, programs, and events. And be sure to mark your calendars for the fast approaching 2021 Saints & Sinners Gala on Friday, October 1st. Until then, please do come by and say hello - we have truly missed you and look forward to being together again!

Sincerely,

Megan C. McAdow  
Director

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(Photos from left to right: A Fredericks figure studies drawing before and after conservation; Venus Bronze Works of Detroit, MI cleaning the “Flying Pterodactyls”; Mamie Thorns, SVSU Director of Diversity Programs with Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum; and visitor at the “Hateful Things” exhibition.

# YOUR SUPPORT MADE ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE...

## Virtual & In-Person Exhibitions & Events

The beginning of the year was busy with the *Explorations in Wood: Selections from The Center for Art in Wood* opening in January and the *Hateful Things: a collection of Racist Memorabilia from the Jim Crow Museum* opening in February. The *Hateful Things* Exhibition opening reception included a powerful lecture from Dr. David Pilgrim, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the *Explorations in Wood* Exhibition moved online with a virtual opening reception held in April. With the Museum closed, the virtual exhibition, *Mark Beltchenko: . . . — — . . . (SOS)*, opened in October and featured a thought-provoking virtual artist talk with Mark Beltchenko held in November. All Virtual Exhibitions are viewable at [MarshallFredericks.net/ve](http://MarshallFredericks.net/ve).



(Photos from left to right: "Split Sphere I" by Mark Bishop from the "Explorations in Wood: Selections from The Center for Art in Wood" exhibition; SVSU students viewing the "Hateful Things" Exhibition; Dr. David Pilgrim speaking at the "Hateful Things" Exhibition Opening Reception; Mark Beltchenko in front of his artwork "Good Ole Number 45.")



## Museum Musings

The Museum created the new "Museum Musings" web portal that features a blog covering Fredericks's life and art as well as behind-the-scenes updates at the Museum. The web portal also includes virtual engagement activities for all ages, educational resources, a Kids Virtual Field Trip, a Museum Virtual Tour, and several virtual exhibitions!

## Art @ Home Activity Kits

The Museum assembled over 4,484 Art @ Home Activity Kits for local youth located in Bay, Midland, Allegan and Saginaw Counties who needed something fun and educational to do, as well as for those without access to computers or art supplies during the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you to you, our donors, and the following partner organizations for making this possible: Kingdom Life Ministries, Youth Protection Services, Child and Family Services, READ Association of Saginaw & The Ezekiel Project, Mustard Seed Shelter, North Bay Activity Center, Bay Area Women's Shelter, Good Samaritan Rescue Mission, Bay Arenac Behavioral Health, Flood shelters in Midland, Bangor Schools food distribution, Saginaw Headstart ISD, and SVSU Roberts Fellows.



(Photo: Mary Ellen Johnson, President/CEO of Youth Protection Council and employees receive Art @ Home activity kits to distribute in Saginaw.)

## 2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Due to the pandemic, the Museum temporarily closed to the public in mid-March, however, we were still able to serve...

3,911

IN-PERSON VISITORS

1,560

K-COLLEGE STUDENTS, ONLINE AND IN-PERSON

519

ONLINE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

4,484

OFFSITE PARTICIPANTS

100

ART CAMP @ HOME PARTICIPANTS

10,574

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS SERVED

## SAVE THE DATE

- **REGIONAL BIENNIAL JURIED SCULPTURE EXHIBITION**  
Opening Event, Saturday July 10, 1 – 3 pm  
JULY 10 - OCTOBER 2, 2021
- **SUMMER ART CAMPS**  
Youth Summer Art Camps  
July 12-16, 2021, 14-18 years  
July 19-23, 2021, 11-13 years  
Adult Art Camps  
August 2- 6  
NEW! One day options available!
- **SAINTS & SINNERS GALA**  
Friday, October 1, 2021!



For more information and to register, go to [MarshallFredericks.org](http://MarshallFredericks.org)

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Thank you to everyone that has supported the conservation of Youth in the Hands of God Seeking Knowledge. Your generous contributions to this project are hard at work now, breathing new life into the damaged sculpture. The sculpture is on track to be reinstalled mid-July 2021. For future updates follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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