A very curious visitor in
On the Edge of the Inland Sea
Dear Museum Supporter:

This is the time of year where we take a few moments to evaluate our successes and identify where we can improve. We are busy planning a full exhibit and program schedule for 2018 designed to best reflect the Museum’s collections and meet the community’s educational and creative needs.

In 2017, the Museum agreed to temporarily house the University of Wisconsin Extension’s Horticulture, FoodWise and 4-H educators and staff while they wait for a new STEM building to be built, had our first fully bilingual exhibits Estamos Aqui and Permian Monsters, added a Little Free Library and a bike repair station to the grounds, piloted new SPARK! programs for people with memory loss and their care partners, and much more. Our exhibit team was extremely busy in 2017 installing 15 different exhibits and putting on a variety of fun packed programs. We couldn’t possibly re-cap all of them so here are five of our favorite exhibits and programs from 2017!

#1 Neon: Darkness Electrified – This exhibit illuminated the history and explored the science behind the glowing tubes. Most neon signs have disappeared from highways and storefronts. A local collector, Jed Schleisner, worked diligently to gather and restore the historic pieces of Americana. Neon opened in July 2017 and thousands of guests explored the exhibit. The exhibit was also featured in several events including our Dinner Speaker Series, Library Summer’s Reader Day, 90s Night, and the 3rd annual a Night at the Museum.

#2 Morbid Curiosities: 99 Ways to Die - Morbid Curiosities returned in 2017 for its second year. This year 300 guests (doubled from last year!) explored deadly museum artifacts. A murder mystery and black light art project provided added Halloween fun! If you missed it this year make sure to get tickets early for next year’s Morbid Curiosities!

#3 Artifact Tournament - In September the Museum hosted an Artifact Tournament to select an artifact for the upcoming exhibit Our Brown County. Eight artifacts went head to head in this bracket style competition. Over 400 votes were counted via Facebook and the winner was a Vietnam War Flight Suit worn by John Evans (1965-1973). The Flight Suit will be on exhibit in Our Brown County opening May 29, 2018!

#4 Alice in Dairyland - 2017 marked the fourth time Brown County hosted the Alice in Dairyland Finals. It was one of the largest finals events ever and was held at the legendary Lambeau Field. In celebration of this event the exhibit Alice in Dairyland opened in January 2017. During the Finals weekend thirty one of sixty nine Alices visited the exhibit. Among them was Margaret (McGuire) Blott, the first Alice. This exhibit explored the impact Wisconsin

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Volunteer Spotlight

Shari Haasch has been volunteering at the Neville for five years and has been a member for nine years. You can find Shari in the Gift Shop, Children Only Shop, and at exhibit openings and Dinner Programs. She loves volunteering at the Neville because she gets to talk to people from all over the world. Shari feels proud to be involved and do something good for the community.

She is a wonderful ambassador to the Museum and Gift Shop (she’d like everyone to know what a great selection of Baggallini purses we have!). She spreads the word that the Neville is a great place to explore and learn.

When Shari isn’t volunteering at the Neville she spends her time doing other social activities like taking bus trips with the Salvation Army Senior Program, volunteering at her church, and challenging people to a game of Words with Friends.

Thank You Volunteers!

This past year would not have been as successful without the dedication and hard work of all of our volunteers. The Neville Public Museum would like to acknowledge all of the wonderful volunteers and interns who help with events, run the gift shop, set up and tear down exhibits, assist with school groups, wrap presents in the Children Only Shop, lend a voice to Bruce the Spruce and many other things.
Members of the Neville Society ensure the permanence of the Museum for centuries to come by including The Neville Public Museum Foundation in their estate plans.

We invite you to join this special society today! Our friends and neighbors such as Mr. Phil Dixon have chosen to join the Neville Society by including the Museum in their estate plans. It’s a great way to share your love of history, science and art with our community for years to come.

As a member of the Neville Society, you can be proud that your gift will demonstrate your commitment to carrying forward the mission of the Museum. With your permission, your name will be placed on a special plaque in the Museum and will be mentioned in subsequent annual reports. To learn more about the Neville Society, contact Kasha Huntowski, Foundation Director at (920) 448-7850 or huntowski_kj@co.brown.wi.us

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*Denotes that these Neville Society members are still with us and have made a generous future commitment to the Neville Public Museum Foundation.

agriculture has on our everyday lives, along with Alice, in a one of a kind hands-on experience.

#5 Explorer Wednesday Lava Lamps - Each first Wednesday of the month is Explorer Wednesday. From 5-7pm during Brown County Resident Free Night guests can participate in art projects, science experiments, or guided tours of exhibits. In August, guests made their own Lava Lamps!

There were so many more events and exhibits that helped make 2017 a great year for the Neville that we will mention later in the report.

As you read this annual report, we hope it will remind you of the Neville’s role as the bridge between diverse communities, the unique position the Neville holds as the place where generations come to connect, and a place to celebrate the rich heritage of northeastern Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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Neville Public Museum Year in Review

The mission of the Neville Public Museum Foundation is to raise funds for exhibits and programs at the Neville Public Museum.

The following exhibits and programs were made possible by our generous donors:

**Green Bay Art Colony: Inspirations from the Neville**
(January 21 - April 2, 2017)

In this exhibition artists chose artifacts and photos from the Neville’s collection to inspire their pieces.

**Alice in Dairyland: Wisconsin’s Agricultural Ambassador**
(January 28 - July 9, 2017)

Guests discovered the impact Wisconsin agriculture has on our everyday lives along with Alice in Dairyland in this hands-on exhibit. The Neville also hosted a historic gathering of 31 past Alices!

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72nd Art Annual
(April 8 - June 4, 2017)
This 72nd juried exhibition continued to connect generations and communities in Northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan through art.

Estamos Aquí “We Are Here”
(May 6, 2017 - April 29, 2018)
Estamos Aquí features personal stories and artifacts from many Latino families living in Northeast Wisconsin. This bilingual exhibit celebrates the diverse cultures and traditions that have endured emigration from across Latin America.

Initiated Eye : Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington, DC
(June 10 - September 3, 2017)
Initiated Eye explored the Masonic ideals and designs implicit in the fabric of our nation’s capital through paintings by Peter Waddell.
Neon: Darkness Electrified
(July 29, 2017 - January 7, 2018)

Neon featured over 30 rare neon signs, the science and technology of the signs, and history of this advertising technique. From the personal collection of Jed Schleisner of Greenville.

Permian Monsters: Life Before Dinosaurs
(September 16, 2017 - January 28, 2018)

Permian Monsters brought the past back to life with fossilized skeletons and full size life models of the animals that ruled the world millions of years before the age of dinosaurs. The exhibition blended art and science with a collection of new artwork from award winning paleo-artist Julius Csotonyi.
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Holiday Memories
(November 4, 2017 - January 14, 2018)
The Neville brought back your favorite holiday memories! Guests enjoyed Prange’s window displays and favorites like Bruce the Spruce and the Children Only Shop!

Morbid Curiosities: 99 Ways to Die
This sold-out event featured some of the pointiest, sharpest, and deadliest artifacts in our collections, pulled for one night only!

Guns and Gowns
Guests explored stories from over 200 years of fashion and firearms in Green Bay.
Explorer Wednesdays
Explorer Wednesdays take place on the first Wednesday of the month during our Brown County Resident Free Night. Activities may include art projects, science experiments, or guided tours of a featured exhibit. In 2017 we offered activities like lava lamps, Day of the Dead lanterns, and more!

Dinner Programs
The popular Neville Dinner Program series includes delicious meals and programs on a wide range of topics. This year we offered programs like “Good Night Ladies,” Anastasia Lee’s My Christmas Card to You, Nuts and Bolts of Neon, and many more! There are more of these entertaining and educational dinners scheduled for 2018. Make sure to reserve your spaces today!

Don’t forget about our other programming including the Winter Warm Up Music Series, Hardcore History, International Film Series, and more. For a full listing of all of our events go to www.nevillepublicmuseum.org.

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In 2017, almost $500,000 was raised and 129 volunteers donated 4,538 hours with a value of $109,548 to support the mission of the Neville Public Museum Foundation. On behalf of the Museum and staff, and all the people who look to this museum as a community resource and asset, we remain forever grateful for your support. For over one hundred years, you have helped us preserve the legacy of the past and with your continued support, we look forward to preserving the legacy of the next one hundred years and beyond.

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We’re proud to introduce our newest program series in 2018: SPARK!

SPARK! is a cultural program for people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their care partners. Programs are designed to keep participants actively engaged in their communities by providing experiences that stimulate conversations, provide peer support, and inspire creativity through engaging in museum experiences.

Programs last between 60 and 90 minutes and include light refreshments and time to socialize, an in-gallery experience with specially-trained staff, and various hands-on experiences and projects depending on the exhibit we’re exploring.

You can find more information about the SPARK! programs at the Neville on our website! The SPARK! program schedule is:

SPARK! Exquisite Miniatures: Under the Magnifying Glass February 20, 2018
SPARK! The Green Bay Art Colony March 20, 2018
SPARK! Estamos Aqui (“We Are Here”) April 17, 2018
SPARK! NWTC Artisan Center May 15, 2018
SPARK! Into the Arctic June 19, 2018
SPARK! 73rd Art Annual July 17, 2018
SPARK! Our Brown County August 21, 2018
SPARK! Bees! September 21, 2018
SPARK! Delay of Game: Experience of African American Players in Titletown October 16, 2018
SPARK! Holiday Memories November 20, 2018

The SPARK! program at the Neville Public Museum is generously funded by BADER PHILANTHROPIES, INC.
The Neville Public Museum Foundation held its 3rd annual A Night at the Museum event on the evening of December 12, 2017 at the Neville Public Museum in Green Bay!

Guests enjoyed great food, a silent auction, entertainment from the John Kelley Duo and Audrey Nowak, and several activity stations including a neon demonstration with Neon artist Jed Schleisner, a viewing of Pyle Paintings from our collection with the Green Bay & De Pere Antiquarians, a personal tour of the Estamos Aquí cabin with Antonio Saldaña, Bruce the Spruce, and more.

The success of the event was attributed to the participation of over 140 guests, the sale of 40 silent auction baskets/experiences, and Lego Lambeau Fan Figurine Sales. We had the generous support of many silent auction donors, 19 table and station sponsors and individual ticket buyers. We also benefitted from generous discounts and outright donations by our supportive vendors. Many thanks are extended to all involved.

This year’s event brought in almost $25,000 after expenses, which will be used to help fund the Museum’s exhibits, exhibit-related programming and other educational activities. Because of generous sponsors like you the Neville Public Museum Foundation is able to support the mission of the Neville Public Museum and inspire audiences by presenting innovative and thought-provoking exhibits, educational programs and public events on history, science and art.

Please plan on joining us again next year on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors and the planning committee, we extend a special thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests that helped make the event a great success! We greatly appreciate your support in helping to create a community legacy of bridging communities and connecting generations!

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