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ACCESSIBLE EXIT/ENTRANCE

Continuum: A History of Erie County

Created in coordination with Erie County's bicentennial celebration, Continuum offers a glimpse into our region's history—a history dating back thousands of years.

The Native American Gallery Presented by The John R. Oishei Foundation

Tells the region's history through its first inhabitants.

Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Gallery Icons: The Makers and Moments of Buffalo Sports

Icons shares the unique history of Buffalo's professional sports teams.

Research Library

In person appointments are available Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Virtual appointments on Thursday All appointments cost \$10 per visit, and remain free for members

Auditorium

The Pioneer Gallery Presented by The John R. Oishei Foundation

Pioneer life in Buffalo Creek Village over 200 years ago is interpreted with a blacksmith's shop, weaver's cottage, and hands-on activities in the Post Office and Crow Tavern.

Erie County Gallery

Featured exhibit.

Museum Spotlights

The Assassin's Weapon

The .32-caliber Iver Johnson revolver used to kill President William McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo on Sept. 6, 1901.

Buffalo **Main Light** Lens

Formerly located atop the Buffalo Main Light, at the entrance to the Inner Harbor, this original third order Fresnel lens was installed in 1857.

Surveying Stone

An original stone marker left in 1799 by a surveyor of the Holland Land Purchase and discovered in the Boston Valley.

THE PIONEER GALLERY

The John R. Oishei Foundation

Presented by



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CONTINUUM: A History of Erie County

> Western New York **Business Hall of Fame**



Ralph Wilson's Hall of Fame Jacket

One of the founding owners of the American Football League, Wilson founded the Bills in 1960 and was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 2009.



THE NATIVE AMERICAN GALLERY Presented by The John R. Oishei Foundation

RALPH C. WILSON JR. **GALLERY** Icons: The Makers and Moments of Buffalo Sports





Return to Rainbow City

AUDITORIUM



The Trial of Red Jacket

One of the most iconic pieces in The Buffalo History Museum's collection - a masterwork from a nationally significant artist - is back on display inside the Museum for the first time in over a decade.



C Lincoln the **Emancipator**

Commissioned by the Lincoln Birthday Association and used for the annual celebration of Lincoln's birthday.



Buffalo Japanese

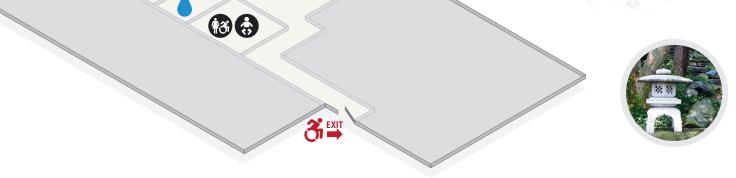
The Japanese Garden in Delaware Park was established through a special sister-city initiative between Kanazawa, Japan and Buffalo. Each year, the garden is home to the Buffalo Cherry Blossom Festival. Access is located behind the museum, through the Portico stairs.

Garden



• Apostolic Clock

Iconic timepiece was created over the span of 35 years as a passion project by local engineer Myles Hughes. Apostles parade around Jesus every half hour with Peter turning his back to Jesus.



Experiencing history with you.

The Buffalo History Museum has been Western New York's premier historical organization since 1862. We are the keepers of the authentic stories that make our community unique. Our collections, exhibits, and programs tell the stories of the people, events, and movements that demonstrate Western New York's essential place in shaping American history.

Our Mission

Experiencing history with you, by safekeeping, remembering, discovering, and sharing our stories; learning and exploring together; sparking emotional and social connections within our unique community.

CURRENT EXHIBITS



THROUGH 2025

10 X 5

50 Years of Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, 1975–2025

This exhibition will showcase Hallwalls' impact on the art world over five decades, highlighting its role in launching significant movements like The Pictures Generation and its ongoing influence in contemporary culture.



Ink & Insight 20 Years of Adam Zyglis Cartoons

Come enjoy this 20-year retrospective collection of dozens of his cartoons, spanning four presidents and five governors.

OUR HOME



About our National Historic Landmark Building

Buffalo architect George Cary designed the New York State Building for the 1901 Pan American Exposition. It is the only structure that was intended to remain from the exposition. The building was dedicated to the then Buffalo Historical Society on August 6, 1901 to serve as a home to the Society.

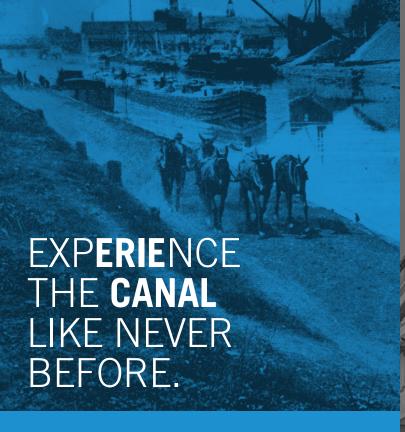
MEMBERSHIP

Join a community with a shared passion for our region's heritage, stories, and culture! For more information and rates inquire at Guest Services.

Member Benefits *subject to change.

- Free general admission to Museum and Research Library
- Special invitations to Members-only exhibit openings and events
- Advance notice and free admission to select programs
- Free admission to all lectures
- Priority registration and discounted tickets on workshops and select special events
- Access to the Time Travelers Program
- Members exclusive emails with premium content, offerings, and morel

Museum short Find a unique selection of quality items related to the history of Western New York and its people. Members enjoy a 15% discounts.



The Buffalo History Museum is partnering with the Buffalo Waterfront to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal. From hands-on exhibits in the Longshed to an immersive evening projection show, there are experiences for all ages to discover.



For more information visit:

buffalowaterfront.com/erie-canal













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