

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM  
annual report  
**24 / 25**



the  
countdown  
begins...



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**THE MISSION**  
of the Milwaukee Public  
Museum is to inspire  
curiosity, excite minds,  
and increase desire to  
preserve and protect  
our world's natural and  
cultural diversity through  
exhibitions, educational  
programs, collections,  
and research.



# dear friends

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This past year was filled with extraordinary progress as we continued to take mammoth steps toward readying Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) for its final year in operation and the transition to its new home, the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin. We are now counting down to an exciting new era of this institution!

But a countdown isn't just measured by a finite period of time. It's measured by the countless goals met and obstacles overcome along the way. Each of these accomplishments is a "tick" on the clock, moving us closer to completing our transformative future museum project.

Throughout the year, MPM partnered with other museums, uplifted local organizations, and launched educational initiatives that infused inclusivity and authenticity into our cultural and science programming. This effort sets us up for strong, meaningful connections when we welcome visitors into our new home.

Our researchers deepened international collaboration, sharing updates on species documentation and discovery. Through published papers, major grants, and widespread fieldwork, MPM's curators enhanced the Museum's scientific profile and the visibility of our world-class collections.

These collections—the foundation and heart of the Museum—continue to be prepared for their eventual move. Our Collections team not only wrapped and packed hundreds of thousands of priceless artifacts and specimens from storage, they also began the complicated and meticulous process of deinstalling a small number of objects on display.

The new museum has also reached remarkable heights. The building achieved maximum vertical construction, followed by the installation of the exterior panels. We revealed the official name, logo, and brand identity of our future home—a bold vision that honors both the physical design and the 143-year-old legacy of this groundbreaking institution.

With every program delivered, every partnership strengthened, every object packed, every dollar invested, and every panel installed, we count down to history being made. Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey. Together, we are creating a place of wonder, a place to gather, and place to welcome the next generation of curious minds.

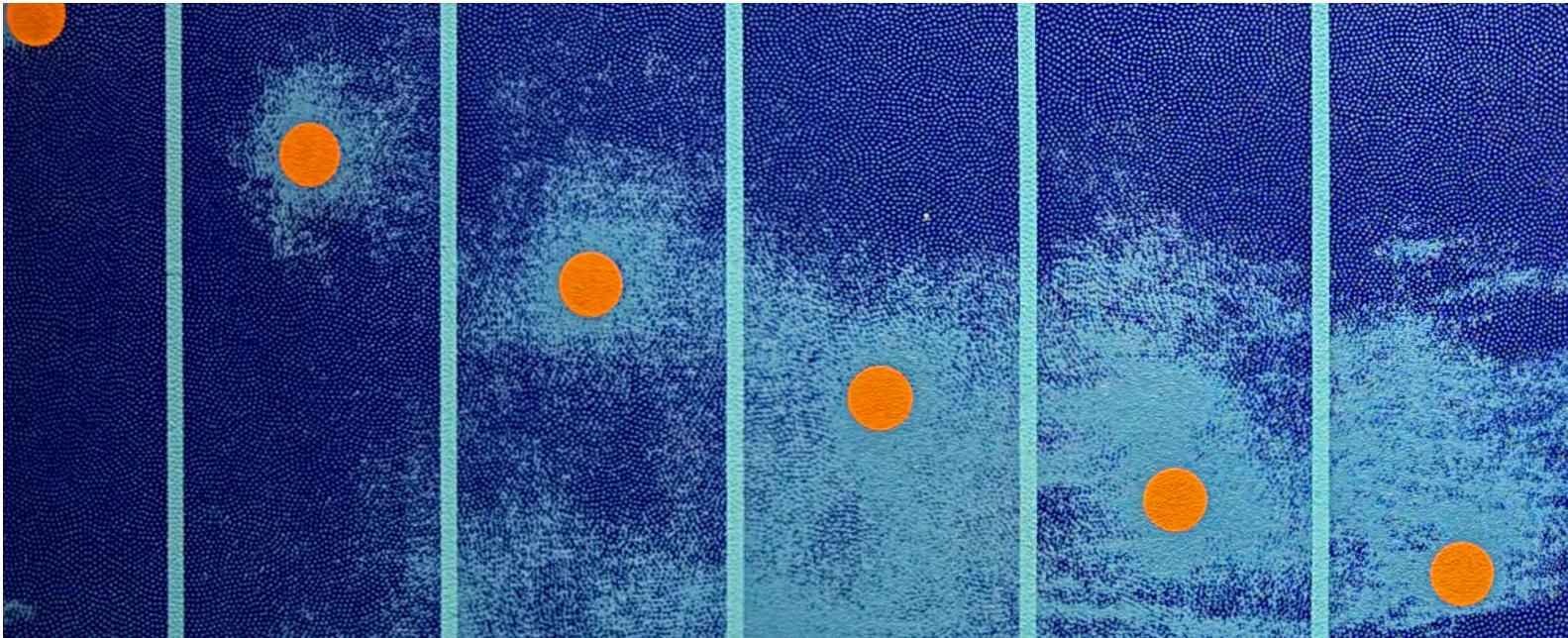
With gratitude,



Dr. Ellen Censky  
President & CEO



John Roberts  
Board Chairman



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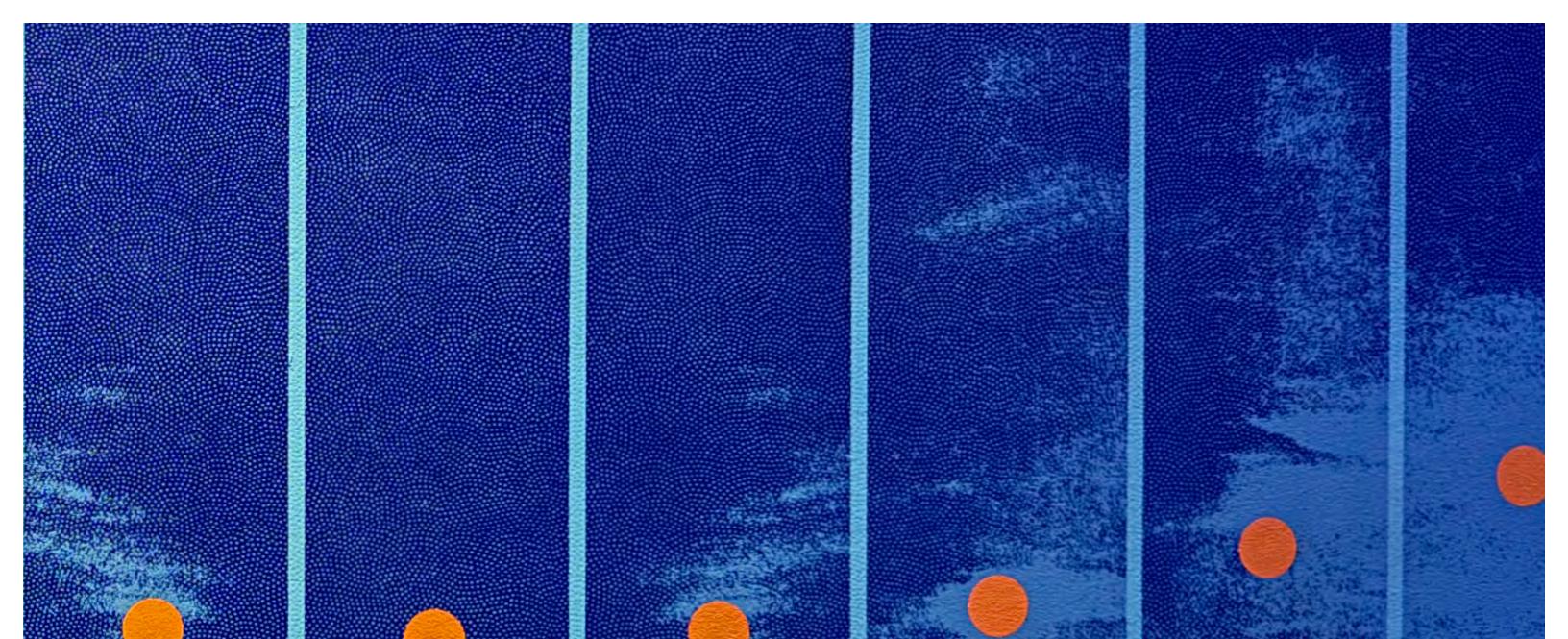
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Milwaukee Public Museum

# board of directors

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - AUGUST 31, 2025



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**2,748,212**  
Total website views



**1,340,450**  
Specimens digitized by Terrestrial Parasite Tracker



**501,887**  
People served



**400,000**  
Items packed for our big move



**150,999**  
Planetarium-loving stargazers and filmgoers



**62,788**  
Global Biodiversity Information downloads



**25,600**  
Visitors who received free admission  
on Kohl's Thank You Thursdays



**3,020**  
Ring Pops sold



**160**  
Museum staff members



**50**  
Adjunct  
Curators,  
Research  
Associates,  
Honorary,  
and Emeritus  
Curators

counting  
down  
the  
numbers

Next page: Time passes  
with each generation.  
Mother and daughter share  
a moment looking in a  
diorama, Africa, 3rd Floor

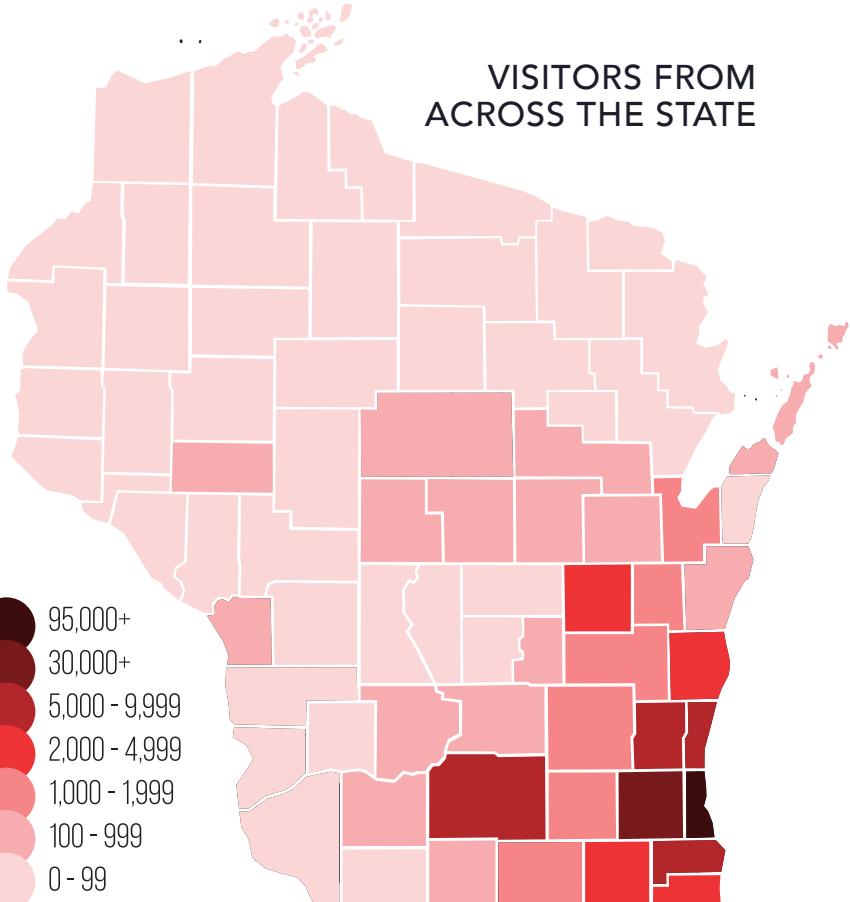
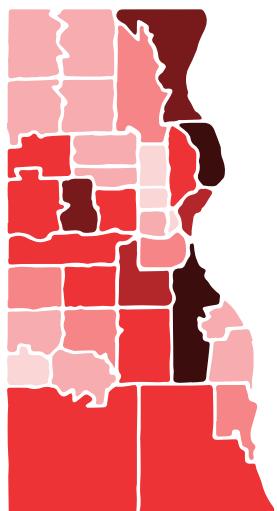
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# visitorship & reach



...minds...inspires...curiosity and excites  
both near and far!

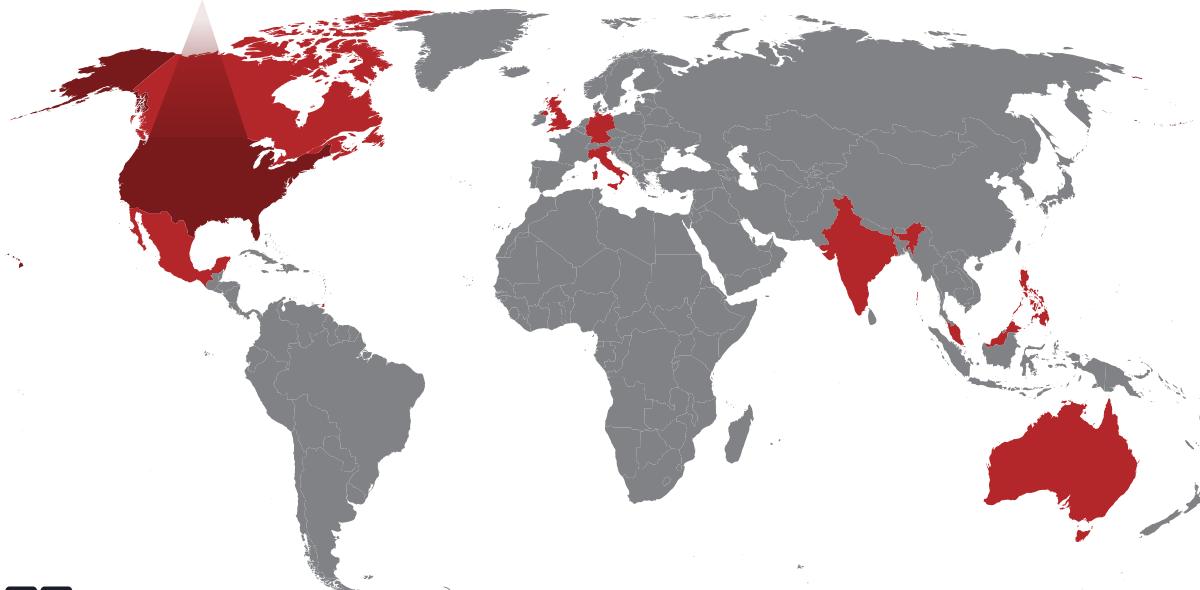
VISITORS FROM  
MILWAUKEE  
COUNTY  
(by zip code)



**HALF** of Wisconsin visitors  
came from our 71 counties  
other than Milwaukee

MPM had visitors from

**EVERY STATE**



**1 MILLION+**  
web visitors  
from across the  
states as well as  
web visitors  
**FROM**  
**ACROSS THE**  
**WORLD**

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# future museum preparation



History  
Hallway

112.2



29430

Cabinet 112 - Shelf 2



## SEPTEMBER 2024

Tower crane erected at construction site, in preparation for the building going vertical

## DECEMBER 2024

First concrete deck pour completed

## FEBRUARY 2025

Planetarium vendor selected

## OCTOBER 2024

Exhibit fabricators and building systems vendors selected

## JANUARY 2025

Community Job Fair for construction and trade work

## MARCH 2025

Second Community Job Fair

## THIS PAST YEAR

included important milestones in the future museum project, including the announcement of the official new name and its branding: the **Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin**.

The once-in-a-generation opportunity to bridge our institution into its next phase—the most inspiring, engaging, and relevant museum of nature and culture for tomorrow's Wisconsin and world—continues.





## APRIL 2025

Deinstallation of some collections currently on display at MPM begins



## JUNE 2025

Final concrete deck pour completed

## AUGUST 2025

First 100 collections crates labeled and packed (about 400,000 total items packed)

## MAY 2025

Announcement of new name and branding for the organization, the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin  
Collections storage and furniture vendors selected



## JULY 2025

Museum staff, donors, and project team members celebrate “topping off!” Final beam placed on the structure; Museum building fully vertical



Nature & Culture  
**MUSEUM**  
OF WISCONSIN



# LIVING IN A DYNAMIC WORLD: CONNECTIONS EFFORTS BREAKDOWN

Through immersive environmental scenes and our vast collection of global artifacts, the exhibits in the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin's *Living in a Dynamic World* gallery examine how ways of life are shaped by natural landscapes. We are digging even deeper into this concept by engaging in conversations with the origin communities who created the priceless items in the Museum's care. Our goal is that this dialogue will help guide us in telling these items' stories respectfully and comprehensively.

**968+**

days  
cultivating  
relationships

**18**

countries  
connected  
with



## ARCTIC

**18** people connected with  
across **12** organizations



## GRASSLANDS

**24** people connected with  
across **17** organizations



## MOUNTAINS

**18** people connected with  
across **13** organizations



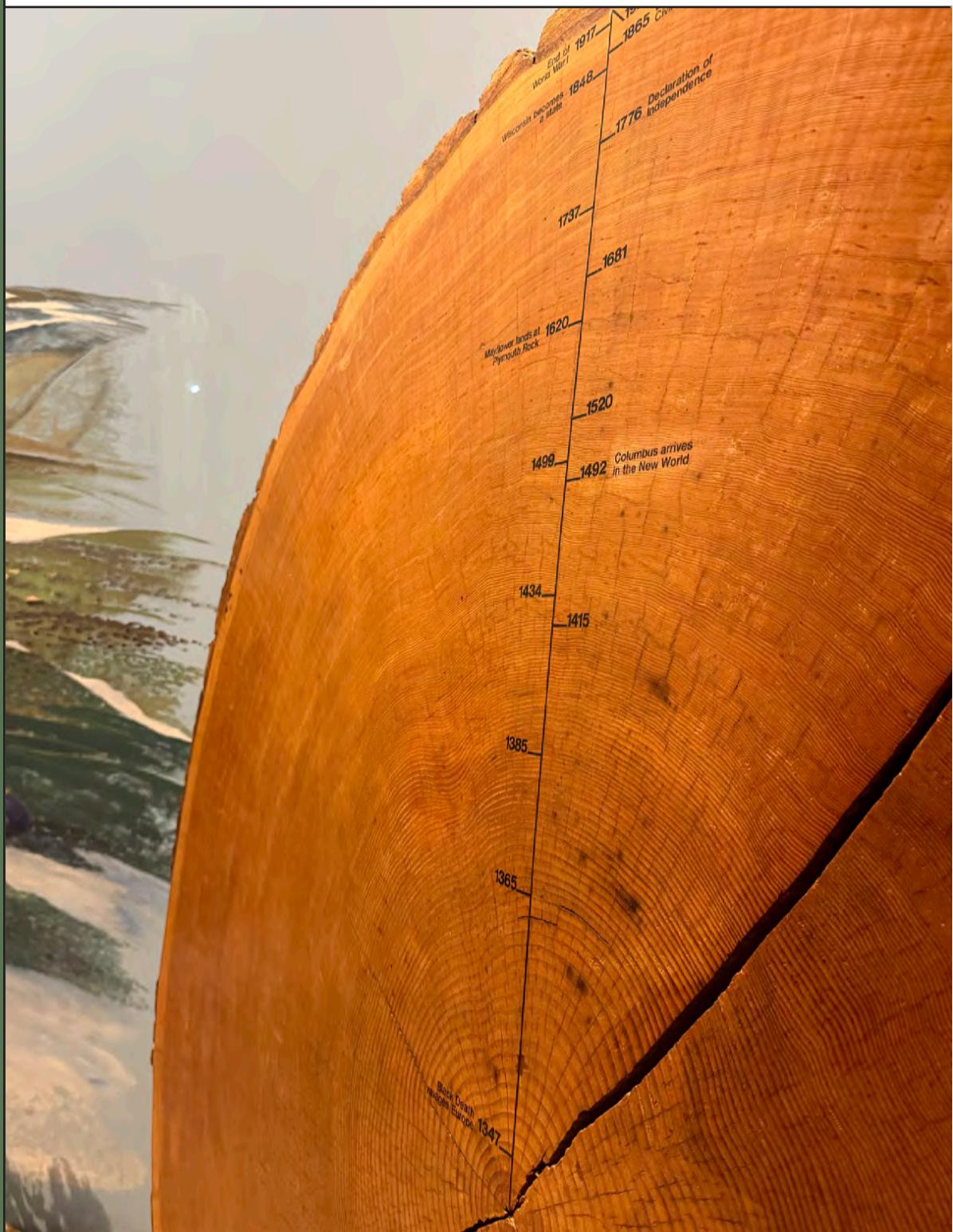
## ISLANDS

**34** people connected with  
across **18** organizations

## DESERTS

**08** people connected with  
across **07** organizations

# collections & research

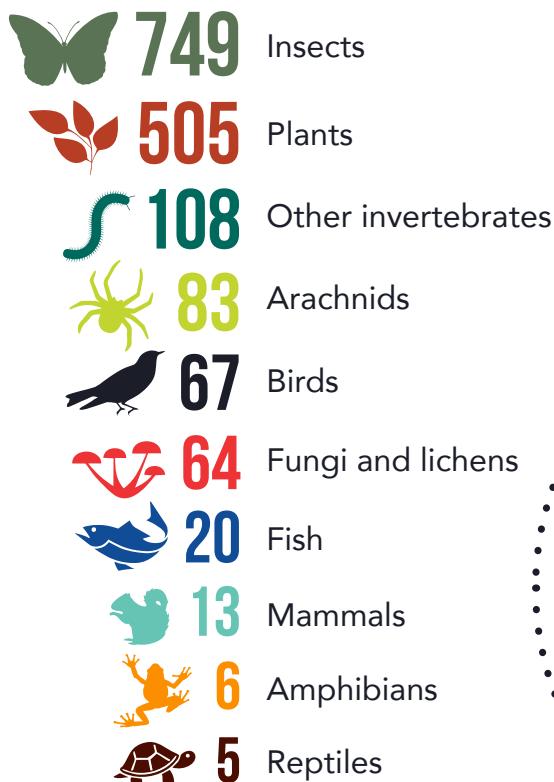


MPM IS HOME to unique collections of more than 4 million objects and specimens in the departments of Anthropology, History, Botany, Zoology, and Geology. These collections have always been, and will continue to be, the very root of this institution – regardless of their physical location.

Active in research around the world, the Museum engages the people of Wisconsin and strengthens our global impact through community science and interactive programming. Without the collections serving as a “library of life,” much of Wisconsin’s ecological history would be unrepresented.

## ANNUAL BIOBLITZ

A BioBlitz is part contest, part festival, part educational event, and part scientific endeavor where MPM brings together a group of scientists in a race against time to see how many species they can count in a 24-hour celebration of biodiversity in a designated Wisconsin natural area.



Aldo Leopold Foundation, June 2025

Previous page: A tree cross-section dating back to the 1400s, 2nd Floor. This tree's rings represents over 500 years of growth; certain major human events are marked on it as a timeline.





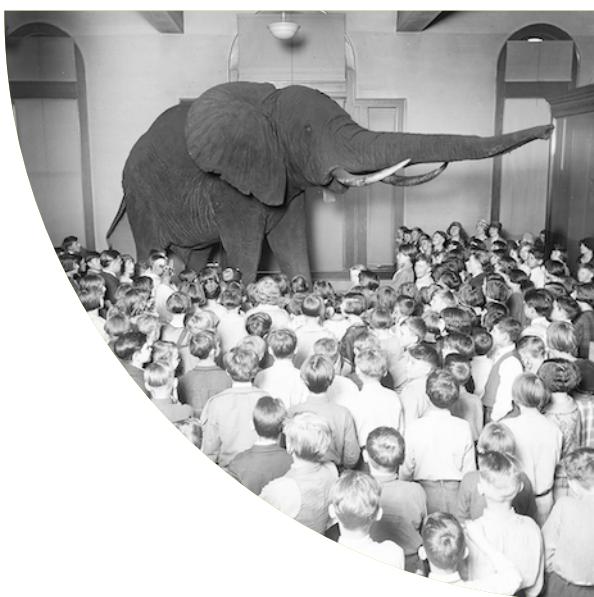
## IN MEMORIAM

Curator Emeritus and retired herbarium curator Neil T. Luebke died on September 21, 2024. Neil was on staff at MPM for 42 years before retiring in late 2013.

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT

### 140

Years of innovative achievements celebrated through our in-house special exhibit, *Groundbreaking*. It debuted October 2024 and ran through January 2025, exploring MPM's evolution in research, preservation, and education. Highlighted topics included the Museum's origins as an academy, notable figures who helped shape MPM, and the revolutionary practices that have earned us our pioneering legacy. An interactive "Follow the Object" experience illustrated how our perspectives on collections have also evolved through the introduction of modern technology, new research methods, and cultural responsiveness.



# trailblazers

## NICK DOWDY, PHD

Zoology Research Curator & Director of Collections Informatics

**47,000**

Number of new Zoology specimens acquired through three donors

**6,400**

Miles traveled to Kyoto, Japan to present tiger moth research at the International Congress of Entomology

**50**

Participants in the international Arctiinae Research Community 2025 conference (an annual meeting bringing researchers together for discussions about the biology of tiger moths), organized and hosted by Dr. Dowdy

**10**

Peer reviews for scientific journals, including one peer-reviewed article published

**7**

Media interviews, consultations, and lectures

**2**

Exchange opportunities at international host institutions through newly awarded position on the "Fulbright Specialist Roster" by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and World Learning

**1**

Orchestral piece created, inspired by Nick's research, using MPM's real field recordings of tiger moth ultrasonic emissions



Left: Nick Dowdy, PhD  
Top: Tiger moth specimen  
Bottom: A small fraction of the Zoology specimens acquired



# JAMES FLORES

Manager of Tribal Relations

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Federally recognized Wisconsin Tribes at the State of the Tribes address in Madison, WI, which Flores attended in March 2025

“Following the address, I attended the reception at the governor’s house. It was a great opportunity to meet with various Tribal representatives and Governor Tony Evers to discuss the many initiatives happening at MPM, such as the future museum and the Native American exhibits that will be on display, and our continued efforts to work with Tribal Nations regarding NAGPRA.”

1

New annual powwow created and announced at Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference: MPM’s 3 Rivers Powwow (held on November 1, 2025)



Left: James Flores

Right: Art developed by Flores for the 3 Rivers Powwow

Top left, clockwise:  
John Hendricks, PhD,  
Geology specimens,  
Elizabeth Hermsen, PhD,  
paleopotatny fossil



**JONATHAN  
HENDRICKS, PHD**  
Robert & Sally Manegold Associate Research  
Curator of Paleontology

**900,000**

Specimens of rocks, minerals, fossils, and meteorites in the Geology department, newly overseen by Dr. Hendricks as of September 2024

**474,605**

Dollars transferred to MPM through National Science Foundation grant

**3**

Published works (two research papers and one children’s book about fossils)

**ELIZABETH  
HERMSEN, PHD**  
Collections Move Scientist

**6,000**

Miles traveled to Tierra del Fuego, with a team from Cornell University and the Museo Paleontológico Egidio Feruglio, to collect plant fossils from Miocene (23 to 5.3 million years ago) deposits, which will help us understand plant diversity and paleoclimate during a time of global cooling

# CHRIS TYRRELL, PHD

Curator of Botany

**6,150**

Miles traveled to present at conferences (International Symposium on Aquatic Plants in Lisbon, Portugal; 14th National Water Quality Monitoring Conference in Green Bay, WI; and 2025 Botany Conference in Palm Springs, CA)

**500**

New plant specimens added to MPM's Herbarium (collection of plant specimens) found during the sixth annual Wisconsin Botanical Foray in Manitowoc County, led by Dr. Tyrrell

**4**

Unusual bamboo species found, leading to the creation of three new branches of the plant tree of life, or "genera" (group of related species): *Vianaea*, *Quixiume*, and *Stelanemia*

**3**

New works published

**2**

Grant partnerships: One investigating the evolution of leaf micromorphology and anatomy in Neotropical woody bamboos; the other to help "unravel" the evolution of bamboos on a global scale

# JENNIFER ZASPEL, PHD

Vice President & Academic Dean

**261,232**

Parasite specimen data transcriptions representing 84,067 unique specimens across seven major institutions

**24,078**

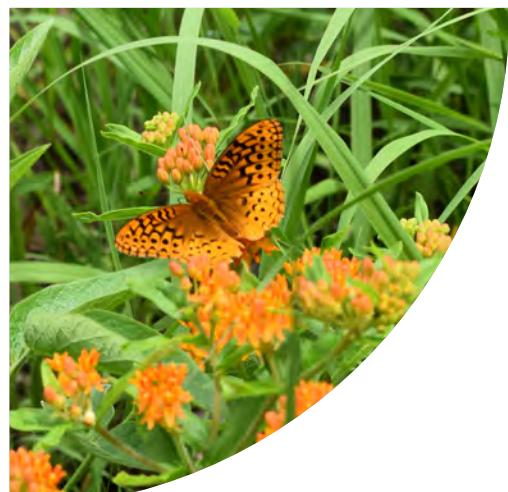
Total butterfly observations recorded so far as part of the Statewide Community Science Project

**7,200**

Miles traveled to Okinawa, Japan to present collections-based research at the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) Conference

**7**

Published works (five research papers, one article, and one data paper) plus one invited submission



Bottom left, clockwise:

Chris Tyrrell, PhD

A stelanemia bamboo specimen

Jennifer Zaspel, PhD

Photo taken for the community science project

# education, events, & programs



## MPM'S EDUCATION

initiatives are crafted with its visitors in mind: those curious about both culture and the natural world, ready to explore through various lenses. Having had its beginnings by local schoolchildren of the German-English Academy, the Museum continues to hold ways of learning, and the sharing of stories through collections, in the highest regard.

Previous page: A wood turtle shell, native to Wisconsin, Zoology collections. Some Tribes use the divisions on a turtle shell as the lunar calendar, with 13 sections representing the 13 annual lunar cycles.

## BILINGUAL PROGRAMMING

Bilingual-Spanish programming expanded in FY25 through additional outreach, early learning, and informal engagement offerings as well as an increase in resource translations.

## DOCENT TOURS

**651** visitors attended **41** docent-led Museum tours

**2,222** students attended **101** docent-led Museum tours during field trips

## EARLY LEARNING

Served **695** students via **32** programs

## FIELD TRIPS

**43,606** students with their chaperones visited MPM on a school field trip

## LEARN WITH AN EXPERT

Served **3,256** students virtually

*This live-streamed program connects classrooms with real experts in scientific and cultural fields.*



## INFORMAL PROGRAMS – NEW!

In FY25, the Education department piloted two new school programs: Reserve an Educator and Museum Academies.

**551** people served through Reserve an Educator

*In this program, an Educator joins a visiting group in an exhibit relating to a rotating topic with a variety of hands-on materials and resources.*

**420** students served through Museum Academies

*This program for middle and high school students highlights different fields of study, supported by Museum collections, through hands-on learning experiences.*

Two trick-or-treaters at  
Halloween Hauntings

## MEMBER EVENTS

HALLOWEEN HAUNTINGS is a bewitchingly fun family event with activities like trick-or-treat, ghost tours, and more.

INSIDE OUT allows MPM members to view rare—and rarely seen—collections objects.

**6,336** attendees were welcomed to these two member-favorite events.



## MPM ON THE MOVE

Served **7,733** people at schools and community organizations across

**9** Wisconsin counties and

**4** out-of-state counties (virtually)

Our outreach program, MPM on the Move, seeks to improve scientific and cultural literacy through both formal programs and events with community partners. It has something for everyone and can be adapted for different age groups.



Left: A MPM docent with the day's schedule  
Right: A bilingual MPM educator at a visitor engagement table

## MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

**148** volunteers gave **7,365** hours across **3** departments

**5** interns worked in Education, Development, Community Science, and Zoology

## PARTNERSHIPS

**4** new partnerships

MPS First Nations Studies, Wisconsin Association of Bilingual Education, Black Educators Caucus MKE, and MPS Black Latino Male Achievement

**2** ongoing partnerships

## WATERMARKS

WaterMarks is an initiative to develop an inclusive and urban-scaled vision for Milwaukee, to help people better understand their relationship with the water systems and infrastructure that supports their lives. In August 2025, a new WaterMarker was installed at 16th and Harrison.

## AMERICA'S BLACK HOLOCAUST MUSEUM (ABHM)

MPM Educators attended a workshop with ABHM's team to learn how to apply culturally responsive teaching strategies for early learners in museums. This was part of our reciprocal relationship with ABHM educators for their help in putting together new Black History Month programming.

## SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

For **1,000** visitors, Indigenous Peoples' Day 2024 celebrations included performances by Little Priest and México Indígena, plus activities through community partners and Museum curators.

Serving more than **26,000** visitors and Tribal members, Native American Heritage Month was celebrated throughout November with drop-in programming, docent tours, learning carts, and lectures.

## SUMMER CONNECTIONS

Served **547** kids by providing free educational outreach as well as access to the Museum and pop-up activities for K-8 students at

**7** Milwaukee youth organizations across

**10** individual sites

*MPM's Education department coordinates with community resource centers in under-resourced areas to provide summer engagement to students during the summer with the goal of connecting our community with our mission, connecting youth with their natural world, and connecting families through learning. Each participating student receives a family membership to continue exploring the Museum throughout the year.*



## VISITOR ENGAGEMENTS

**52,312** visitors served through combined volunteer and education engagements

Visitor engagements include hands-on activities and learning stations, free to all visitors with admission.

*Top: Two dancers at Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Bottom: A visitor engagement table teaching about horns vs. antlers*

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a museum  
for all



MPM strives to be inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible to all visitors, regardless of cultural, financial, or physical barriers. The Museum is dedicated to continuously collaborating on progressing that work through a tradition of fostering learning, dialogue, and self-reflection in a safe and welcoming environment for all people.

**46**

Accommodation tools checked out by visitors (may include noise-cancelling headphones, sensory kits, compression vests, and sensory lab coats)

**473**

Affordable Adventure memberships

*The Affordable Adventure membership was created so all families, regardless of income level, can enjoy the Museum and receive all membership programming opportunities and discounts. Affordable Adventure includes all the same benefits as a Family membership.*

**15,139**

Museums for All program participants

*Through this program, those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can gain free or reduced admission to more than 500 museums throughout the United States simply by presenting their EBT card.*

**10,112**

Words translated into Spanish for signage, programs, and resources

Left: A MPM educator at this year's Braille Games  
Right: The sensory lab coat available for checkout



Previous page: Aboriginal bark drawing, 3rd Floor. The Aboriginal people of Australia used this to mark important time-places (time and place are the same concept).

## HIGHLIGHTS

In May 2025, approximately **60** people participated in the 23rd Annual Braille Games at MPM. This year's theme was Native Games, as participants learned about lacrosse, the Ojibwe Snake Game, and a card game similar to Go Fish featuring Wisconsin birds and an audio element.

Testing of audio tours began for *Streets of Old Milwaukee*, *Rainforest*, and *The Third Planet* for the development of future audio tours at the Nature & Culture Museum of Wisconsin. Different individuals will provide feedback on three styles of tour, and we will use this feedback to produce a universally beneficial product – regardless of age, ability, etc. The future tours will eventually include audio in other languages and printed scripts in both standard and large print.

There are now **12** sensory materials at MPM through a partnership with Marquette University Capstone Occupational Therapy Doctor students.



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# financials & giving



# you keep mpm going.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!

25TH ANNUAL  
FOOD & FROTH

**\$202,000** raised

**1,400** guests

**87** vendors

Guests sampled brews and bites throughout the exhibit floors with live music, all while supporting MPM's mission.

38TH ANNUAL GALA

**\$841,000** raised

**400** guests

"Metamorphosis: Flight to Our Future" set a fundraising record!

**GIVING DAY**

Thank you to all who contributed to MPM's record-breaking 2025 Giving Day!

**\$623,650**

**GRAND TOTAL!**

**459**

donors supporting nature & culture

**142**

first-time donors

**83**

gifts over \$1,000

Previous page:  
Marsh diorama,  
2nd Floor. Animal  
migration indicates  
the changing of  
the seasons.

Our donors,  
members, visitors,  
staff, volunteers, and  
community support  
this institution in  
countless ways.

## MEMBERS

**13,389**

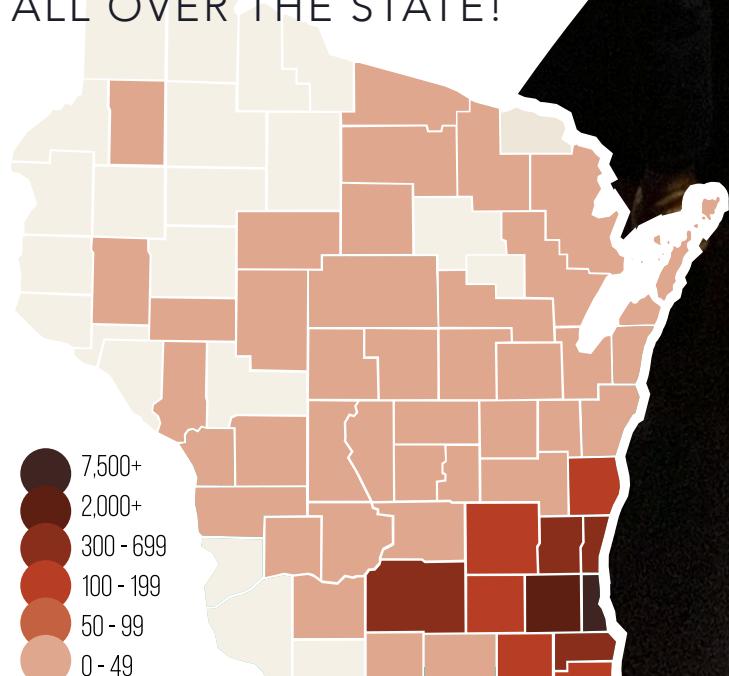
Members as of August 31, 2025.

We greatly appreciate your  
continued support!

**2,467**

Memberships made free for  
families in the community, thanks  
to our generous donors

## MEMBERS COME FROM ALL OVER THE STATE!



# financial information



	FISCAL YEAR 2025	FISCAL YEAR 2024
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE BY SOURCE</b>		
Contributions & Membership	\$ 6,286,125	\$ 5,977,587
Public Support	\$ 3,508,922	\$ 3,572,168
Earned Revenue	\$ 3,872,484	\$ 3,728,617
Other (Released from Restriction)	\$ 2,752,761	\$ 2,152,590
TOTAL REVENUE	<b>\$16,420,292</b>	<b>\$15,430,962</b>
<b>MUSEUM OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 386,999	\$ 351,970
Supplies & Subscriptions	\$ 798,801	\$ 859,840
Wages & Benefits	\$ 9,141,884	\$ 8,818,283
Travel	\$ 79,986	\$ 149,459
Insurance	\$ 76,227	\$ 71,507
Marketing/Donor Development	\$ 717,675	\$ 665,575
Maintenance	\$ 685,010	\$ 605,298
Utilities	\$ 1,180,734	\$ 1,075,772
Professional Fees	\$ 914,896	\$ 416,577
Miscellaneous/Sales Tax	\$ 181,836	\$ 196,947
SUBTOTAL MUSEUM OPERATING	<b>\$14,164,048</b>	<b>\$13,211,228</b>
Interest Expense	\$ 2,454	\$ 3,342
Depreciation	\$ 1,548,112	\$ 1,454,543
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<b>\$ 15,714,614</b>	<b>\$ 14,669,113</b>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS BEFORE NON-OPERATING ITEMS	\$ 705,678	\$ 761,849
<b>NON-OPERATING INCOME</b>		
Pension & Retiree Benefits Gain/(Loss)	\$ 623,872	\$ 568,161
Net Investment of Return	\$ 1,249,696	\$ 1,206,110
CHANGE IN NON-OPERATING NET ASSETS	<b>\$ 1,873,570</b>	<b>\$ 1,774,271</b>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS W/DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 570,986	\$ 2,357,418
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<b>\$3,150,232</b>	<b>\$4,893,538</b>
<b>CONSOLIDATED ASSETS, LIABILITIES, &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 37,886,283	\$ 35,476,491
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,846,065	\$ 4,586,505
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<b>\$ 34,040,218</b>	<b>\$ 30,889,986</b>

## THE CHANGING SEASONS

The Broadleaf Deciduous Forest is more profoundly affected by seasonal change than any other community of plants and animals. The annual cycle of production and loss of leaves affects every organism of the forest.

In SPRING the trees are still bare, but the sun's sunlight reaches the forest floor. The plants begin to grow and bloom. Many animals awake from hibernation or return to spring migration. In SUMMER the canopy of tree leaves intercepts the sunlight. Trees shade and store food. The dense layer of leaves protects the interior of the forest from extreme and changing weather. In AUTUMN the food supply of the forest is replenished as leaves and fruits drop from the trees and animals fatten for the winter.

WINTER is the time of severe trial. The leafless trees provide little cover or protection from wind and cold. Water is frozen and there is little food available from the plants.

For the broadleaf trees the loss of leaves in winter is an adaptation for survival in a cold climate. In colder regions a reliable early snow cover insulates the soil and prevents deep ground frost. Needleaf evergreens can take up water through their roots to replace that lost by evaporation from their leaves. But in a temperate climate a snowless winter may result in frozen ground water below the depth of tree roots. Only dormant, leafless trees can survive these conditions.

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# 24/25 annual fund giving

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