

Message from the Director

The museum galleries will close on August 14 at the conclusion of the current featured exhibit, New Jersey Crafts Arts Annual, to prepare for the national premiere of *Gustav Stickley and the American Arts & Crafts Movement*, opening at the Newark Museum on September 15.

Although our galleries will be closed to the public, museum staff will be hard at work preparing for a busy and fascinating fall. We encourage you to stay in touch with all of our activities by visiting our Web site regularly.

The *Gustav Stickley* exhibit will be accompanied by free docent tours featuring an emphasis on "The Stickley Style." On October 16, three experts will explore this uniquely American Arts & Crafts movement from different perspectives in a special one-day symposium, *Honest and Beautiful: Gustav Stickley and the Arts & Crafts Home in America*. The Museum is also planning to conduct a guided visit to Craftsman Farms, Stickley's domestic masterpiece, located right here in Morris Plains, New Jersey. The Newark Museum Arts Workshop on November 20-21 will offer an Arts & Crafts Woodblock Printmaking workshop, open to beginners as well as more seasoned artists.

Families, in addition to our regular weekend programming, be sure to mark your calendars for two great upcoming special weekend festivals: *Harvest Moon Family Day* on Saturday, September 25, and *Latino Heritage Festival: Dia de los Muertos*, on Saturday, October 30. Every weekend and during special school holidays this fall, the Newark Museum will offer drop-in family enrichment activities and fun learning experiences for the entire family.

Educators in grades Pre-K through 12 are urged to register to receive the *2010-11 School and Teacher Brochure*, listing more than 40 curriculum-enhancing programs conducted either at the museum or in your schools, as well as accredited training opportunities. The brochure is set to mail in hard copy on the week of September 20, and will also be available as a text download on our Web site.

We realize that the recent economic upheaval has been especially difficult for all New Jerseyans, as our state's economy has slowed in response to the national economic downturn. In response, we have redoubled our efforts to offer the highest quality cultural enrichment, family fun and special learning in the arts and natural sciences opportunities at a great value.

Of course, the Newark Museum has not escaped having to make some hard decisions. The Mini Zoo will close permanently as of August 14, and the majority of our special

“small exhibit” animals will be placed in other zoos and captive breeding programs. Live animals will continue to be part of school on-site and outreach programs and family weekend activities at the Museum, but for a full “zoo experience,” we commend you to Essex County’s recently renovated Turtle Back Zoo.

All Newark Museum staff, trustees and volunteers are committed to continuing our tradition of providing exceptional cultural and educational programs that address your needs and interests. We invite you to participate in a great lineup of fall 2010 activities, exhibitions and events beginning with the reopening of the galleries on Wednesday, September 15.

Museum members and Newark residents receive free admission, so I invite and urge you to become a member. We are counting on your contributions during this time of State and City funding setbacks. The best way to support the Museum is by becoming a member. Visit our Membership page to become a member or upgrade your membership and show your support.

The 100-year-old Newark Museum is, without question, one of this country’s finest museums. Our renowned collections in art and science span every corner of the globe, and we are nationally recognized for our ongoing tradition of offering engaging learning and fun.

Your ongoing participation will help us continue to be one of Newark’s and New Jersey’s greatest assets.

Looking forward to welcoming you beginning September 15th,

Thank you!

Mary Sue Sweeney Price
Director