

Dear Friends,

As Americans, we pause to bear witness to our own history as the books are being written. Once again, our nation finds itself living through a time that will be studied and remembered in the chapters to come. In these moments, I reflect on our beloved Museum's history—its triumphs, challenges, and transformation—and how they align with the sweeping events that have shaped America. I marvel at the resilience embedded in both our nation and this institution, at how we have continually emerged from each significant chapter stronger, more inclusive, and more committed to our purpose.


Over our 172-year history, the NBMAA has flourished through some of the most significant moments in U.S. history—including Civil and World Wars, the Great Depression, the moon landing, the internet revolution, and a global pandemic—surviving and growing more welcoming, more responsive, and more vital with each passing era. Support from our Members, funders, sponsors, Legacy supporters, Trustees, staff, and volunteers ensure we continue this tradition of resilience—not only preserving the collection, but also positioning the Museum as a place of belonging, reflection, and inspiration for whatever lies ahead for our nation.

How will you continue the story of resilience with us? Start by being here. Bring your family and friends to experience our storied collection and ever-evolving special exhibitions. This fall, we are proud to present an exhibition featuring Norman Rockwell, an artist who quite literally illustrated his American experience from 1914 to 1970. Attend our programs and find moments of connection, enrichment, and inspiration for both the senses and the soul. Mark your calendar for the *Art Party of the Year* on October 4—a mid-century celebration inspired by Rockwell's era and honoring Dr. Peter and Gail Byeff. Consider deepening your connection by becoming a member of the Heritage Society or the John Butler Talcott Society. These are just a few of the many ways you can help carry this legacy forward.

We are preparing not just for today, but for the future children, grandchildren, and generations we cannot yet imagine—so that they, too, will find in these galleries a mirror of who we were, who we are, and who we hope to become.

Thank you for continuing to turn the page with us.

Warm Regards,



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Executive Director and CEO

