

**LETTER FROM  
THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to wish you all a very happy New Year! We could not have ended 2007 on a higher note, with four spectacular exhibitions on view and \$3 million raised at our History Makers Gala honoring historian David McCullough and trustee Thomas A. Saunders III. With three more exhibitions to come, a terrific roster of public and educational programs, and the promise of path-breaking history from the scholars working in our newly-named Peter Jay Sharp Reading Room (including our Bernard and Irene Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellows, our brand-new Patricia Klingenstein Fellows, and Mr. McCullough, who is writing a wonderful new book), 2008 promises to be an extraordinary year, as well.

The names attached to the spaces and positions I've mentioned will give you a sense of the great support we've received so far to help further the goals of our Strategic Vision. These gifts are complemented by others, including major support from our own Board Chairman, Roger Hertog, and from two members of our Chairman's Council, Robert Smith and Lawrence Field. Our ambitions are to serve you, our cherished fellow history buffs and art lovers, with the best facilities and programs possible. This, of course, requires resources. So we ask you to think of us as you plan for the year ahead, and that you be as generous as you can. We promise we will make you proud to have contributed—at any level—to this splendid institution!

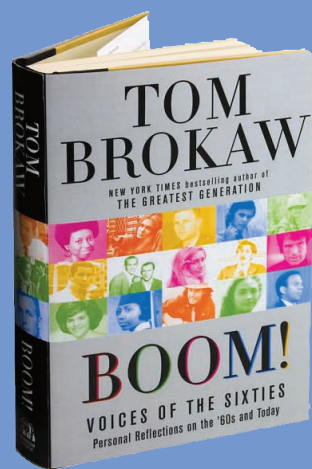
Next month I look forward to reporting on the progress of our renovation, which portends a remarkable transformation of our most public spaces.

With all best wishes to you and your families,



Louise Mirrer  
President & CEO  
New-York Historical Society

Looking for a fantastic read about American history that is bound to prompt discussion? Join the New-York Historical Society's online History Book Club at Barnes & Noble at [nyhistory.org/bookclub](http://nyhistory.org/bookclub) or [bn.com/nyhistory](http://bn.com/nyhistory).



This month, the History Book Club discusses **Boom! Voices of the Sixties** by Tom Brokaw. Remarkable in its insights, profoundly moving, wonderfully written and reported, this revealing portrait of a generation and of an era, and of the impact of the 1960s on our lives today, lets us join in these frank conversations about America then, now, and tomorrow.

**Life's Pleasures:**

**The Ashcan Artists' Brush With Leisure, 1895–1925**

More than 70 paintings by Ashcan School painters Robert Henri, George Bellows, William Glackens and John Sloan will be on view at the New-York Historical Society starting Nov 28. Organized by the Detroit Institute of Arts, the showing focuses on these artists' shared fascination with pastimes and the forms of recreation city dwellers managed to pursue in their precious leisure time around the turn of the century.



John Sloan, *McSorley's Bar*, 1912. Oil on canvas, 26 x 32 in. Detroit Institute of Arts, Founders Society Purchase

In addition, **John Sloan's New York** will be on view at the **Museum of the City of New York** through Feb 24, 2008. Tour the historic tenement building at the **Lower East Side Tenement Museum** and hear the stories of the urban working class and immigrant families who inspired the Ashcan artists.

**French Founding Father: Lafayette's Return to Washington's America**

Military tactician. Diplomat. Aristocrat. Benefactor. France's Marquis de Lafayette came to the Americas to join the fight for independence in 1777 and went on to play a major role in George Washington's defeat of the British army. More than 40 years later, he returned on a 13-month tour of all 24 states, inspiring the American public in a uniquely galvanizing event in the early history of our nation.

**Nature and the American Vision: The Hudson River School**

The New-York Historical Society will continue showcasing together more than 100 famous paintings by artists of the Hudson River School, including Thomas Cole, Asher B. Durand, John F. Kensett, Jasper F. Cropsey and Albert Bierstadt, in a series of exhibitions drawn from the Society's extraordinary American art collection. **CLOSES JANUARY 13.**

**here is new york: remembering 9/11**

This exhibition reflects both the horror of what happened on 9/11 and the positive ways in which New Yorkers responded.

The **Henry Luce III Center for the Study of American Culture** is a permanent innovative display making accessible to the public in a single place nearly 30,000 museum objects, ranging from the cot used by George Washington at Valley Forge to one of the world's largest collections of Tiffany lamps. The *Slavery in New York* panel exhibition is on display in the Mezzanine level.

**FUN FOR FAMILIES!**

**Meet George Washington in person! Chat with the Marquis de Lafayette! Hear what it was like to be a soldier during the American Revolution from reenactment troops. This month's Living History days include:**

John Lamb's Artillery Company and Daniel Morgan's Rifle Company (Continental)  
Saturday, Jan 5, 2008 10–5

Regiment de Bourbonnais (French)  
Dean Malissa as George Washington  
Saturday, Jan 12, 2008 10–5

Nathaniel Heard's Brigade of New Jersey Militia (Continental)  
Saturday, Jan 19, 2008 10–5

His Majesty's 22nd Regiment of Foot (British) & Loic Barnieu as Marquis de Lafayette  
Saturday, Jan 26, 2008 10–5

**Museum and Museum Store Hours**

Tuesday–Saturday  
10 AM to 6 PM  
Sunday 11 AM to 5:45 PM  
FREE FRIDAY NIGHTS 6–8 PM

**Library Hours**

Tuesday–Friday  
10 AM to 5 PM

**Admission**

Members: Free; Adults: \$10;  
Students: \$6  
Seniors and Educators: \$7  
Children 12 and under w/ adult: Free

Café open DAILY.

N-YHS will be **OPEN Monday, Jan 21**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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**PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

To order tickets, visit [SmartTix.com](http://SmartTix.com) or call SmartTix at 212-868-4444.

**Gallery Tours of Life's Pleasures**

Speaker: Linda Ferber  
Wednesday, Jan 9, 2008 4 PM

Speaker: Kimberly Orcutt  
Thursday, Jan 17, 2008 6 PM

**How Green Is My City? New York Today and 2030**

Speakers: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, Daniel L. Doctoroff, Adrian Benepe, Douglas Blonsky and Jonathan Rose  
Tuesday, Jan 15, 2008 11 AM

**Inventing Human Rights**

Speaker: Lynn Hunt  
Wednesday, Jan 23, 2008 6:30 PM

**LeRoy Neiman's Leisure Painting**

Speakers: David Halle, Linda S. Ferber and LeRoy Neiman  
Thursday, Jan 24, 2008 6:30 PM

**The French in New York**

Speakers: Count Pierre de Ravel d'Esclapon and Valerie Paley  
Tuesday, Jan 29, 2008 6:30 PM

**Henri, Sloan and Their New York**

Speakers: Kimberly Orcutt, Vincent DiGirolamo and Joyce K. Schiller  
Wednesday, Jan 30, 2008 6:30 PM

**Lafayette and Washington:**

**The Friendship That Won the War**  
Speakers: David A. Clary, Harlow Giles Unger and Thomas Fleming  
Thursday, Jan 31, 2008 6:30 PM

**N-YHS PUBLIC PROGRAMS ONLINE!**

Did you miss one of the exciting evening public programs at the New-York Historical Society? Audio and video recordings of select programs are now available on our website, including Walter Isaacson's discussion of his latest work, the first full biography of Einstein since all of Einstein's papers have become available. **Click here to listen.**

**LET THEM EAT CAKE FRIDAYS!**

N-YHS is proud to partner with members of the city's Franco-American business community on Let Them Eat Cake Fridays.

Café du Soleil, Nancy's Wines For Food, Godiva Chocolatier, Bakery Soutine and Paris Framing will participate, and will sell their patisserie's and chocolates from 6–8 PM on Friday evenings.

Join us with **Soutine on Friday, Jan 4**, and **Godiva on Friday, Jan 18**

