



MUSEUM of NORTHERN ARIZONA

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ANNUAL REPORT

*"So happy to see the museum is opening and with extreme precautions."*

Sharon Petriccione Angelo (Visitor)  
JULY 3, 2020

## Our IMPACT in DATA



1,981 Members  
200 Volunteers  
3,711 Volunteer Hours



31 Kids programs  
15 Discovery Camps



5,401 plant specimens catalogued  
38 type specimens found

12 archaeology projects  
100 sites assessed in Glen Canyon  
53 sites documented in Muley Pt., UT  
1,000 items from Black Mesa reburied



63 Tours & Talks  
29 Classes

82 Online Programs  
339,669 Viewers  
118,562 invertebrates added to BioMNA.org

4,000 MNA collection objects added to online database

1,222 Paintings & drawings online in the Gunnar Widforss Catalogue Raisonne



### Online Programs

Within a week of shutting down in March, MNA began producing online events, including artist demonstrations, science talks, kids' programs, lessons on landscape drawing, and even yoga in a gallery. The livestreams reached viewers around the world. More than 80,000 people tuned in to a dance performance in November.

### New Website

MNA developed a new mobile-friendly website in 2020, thanks to generous support from an anonymous donor. The new website provides online access to more than 4,000 collections records. Online visitors can now browse through Mary-Russell Ferrell Colton's artwork, MNA's world-class collections of katsina dolls, Navajo textiles, carved fetishes, ceramics, botany, and geology collections.

### Gardens & Trails

Volunteers and visitors enjoyed MNA's outdoor spaces. More than 100 people signed the new guest book in the Colton Community Garden and volunteers put in nearly 3,000 hours planting, pruning, watering, and weeding. Many people walked the improved Rio de Flag Trail, using the new sign and map to find their way.



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The mission of the Museum of Northern Arizona is to inspire a sense of love and responsibility for the beauty and diversity of the Colorado Plateau.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Friends,



2020 was a year unlike any other. And while, as you will see from this report, it may have been the most challenging in MNA's history, it was also one in which you, our supporters, rallied for our support through the global pandemic. For that, on behalf of the MNA board of directors, I must say: thank you. We are grateful for your generosity and your confidence in MNA during these unprecedented times. I must also acknowledge past board chair Bob Gunnarson and his steady hand at the helm through the worst of 2020. He and Director Mary Kershaw brought a calm to these stormy times.

Now, in the closing months of 2021, not only have we survived, we have thrived! I am proud of the staff's commitment to innovating through the pandemic, as we pivoted to virtual programming and moved many of our collections online. The board of directors worked closely with the staff to control spending in order to ensure that MNA remained financially solvent throughout the crisis – a process which continues today. And you, our members and donors, stepped up when asked and have ensured that MNA will emerge from the pandemic as a renewed creative force in our region.

Museums are gathering places not just for collections and ideas, but also for communities. We are honored to be one of northern Arizona's longest-lived gathering places for members, volunteers, artists, scientists, visitors, and many more. Thank you for ensuring that MNA will continue to be such a place for years to come!

Sincerely,

Troy Gillenwater  
Board President

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