

# 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

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BETHLEHM - As we kick off the start of a new year, please enjoy this look back at 2021 and the successes and accomplishments of our staff, volunteers, and community partners in preserving our past and inspiring new generations of inventors and entrepreneurs. While the challenges of the past year have been significant, our future is bright and our opportunities to forge connections are glowing stronger than ever.

NMIH has worked harder than ever to expand our footprint by introducing new community spaces, using our industrial heritage to foster the creativity of future engineers, and tirelessly working to preserve important artifacts.

Whether you were one of the tens of thousands who tuned into our Youtube channel, attended one of our in-person events, joined as a member, made a donation, or just simply clicked 'Like' on our Facebook page, I want to thank you for taking a part in our journey over the past year. Without patrons like you, our work would not be possible.

As we embark on another trip around the sun, I invite you to become more involved in learning about our industrial ancestors and the preservation and conservation of industrial history. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of NMIH, I wish you a Happy New Year and hope you and your families stay safe and well.



Foundry Park

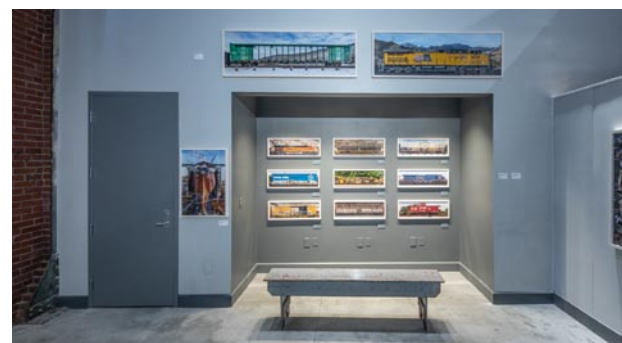


Air Products Pavilion

## NEW COMMUNITY SPACES

NMIH celebrated its 5th anniversary by debuting a new, 17,000-square-foot park that nearly doubles the museum's available space. Part of an approximately \$350,000 project, the exhibit space includes a new area where visitors can see working machines and follow in the footsteps of generations of workers and inventors. Utilizing actual industrial machinery from Bethlehem Steel and beyond, the park

NMIH dedicated the new Air Products Pavilion, built with a \$100,000 grant from the Air Products Foundation. The grant will help the Museum highlight the importance of industrial safety in our past, present, and future. The opening of the pavilion established a new outdoor venue in the Lehigh Valley. The 15' x 30' covered multi-use Air Products Pavilion will serve as a space for industrial demonstrations, youth educational programs, live performances, and future community gatherings.



### Machines of Interest: The Selected Works of Stephen Mallon

Oct 2020 - Aug 2021

Critically acclaimed photographer Stephen Mallon shared a collection of some of his most captivating, riveting, and thought-provoking pieces. The exhibit featured over two dozen original prints from the artist's collection spanning life on the rails to deconstruction in the recycling yard to tracing the elements of human-made machines.



### The Works of a Mechanical Genius: The Legacy of John Fritz

On view now through Oct 2022

This new exhibit explores the legacy of John Fritz, General Superintendent and Chief Engineer of the Bethlehem Iron Company. Touted as the founder of the American steel industry, he built and oversaw the operations at the plant from 1860 to 1893, building what was described in engineering journals as "the pride and pattern of American practice."

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