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International Museum Day is May 18!

Cheboygan, MI - Museums are an important part of our world. Michigan's museums provide jobs and support communities. They educate children and engage families and groups. They preserve and share priceless works of art and historic artifacts, and promote scientific exploration and a better understanding of our shared Michigan culture.

During this time of closures and crisis, Michigan museums are adapting and working to serve their communities in new ways. Many museums have donated PPE materials to health care centers. Even more have created great online content for those in isolation, as well as for teachers and parents who are continuing learning for students. Whether it is online exhibits, videos, worksheets, tours or science experiments, museums are delivering great experiences for people at home.

In celebration of [International Museum Day](#) on May 18, the Michigan Museums Association (MMA) is sharing the [#MIMuseumsFromHome](#) webpage to raise the visibility of Michigan museums and celebrate the work they are doing behind-the-scenes to support their communities. The page provides a central resource for individuals and families looking for online opportunities to connect with Michigan museums. Museums around the state are also using the #MIMuseumsFromHome hashtag on social media channels to make searching for content as simple as possible. Users are encouraged to share about their online experiences using the hashtag as well.

"Museums are working hard to provide online content for those that are looking for inspiration, an escape or educational experiences. The #MIMuseumsFromHome webpage is full of resources, all of which are accessible from the comfort of home. If virtual tours, crafts, science experiments, and history are areas of interest, a Michigan museum has a program for you," said Lisa Craig Brisson, Executive Director of MMA. "We look forward to the time when museums can be open again for visitors, but it's wonderful to know that museums are still feeding our curiosity, sense of adventure, and creativity online, and I don't think that's going to go away when we open, either."

The Michigan Museums Association is a catalyst for advancing Michigan's museum community through shared learning, advocacy and collaboration. MMA has been supporting the work of Michigan museums for over 60 years. Our members include the institutions, professionals and volunteers of the Michigan museum community who believe that strong museums help us better understand our world and ourselves. Every type of museum is represented and welcomed, including art, history, science, military and maritime, and youth museums, as well as aquariums, zoos, botanical gardens, arboretums, historic sites, and science and technology centers. Learn more at www.michiganmuseums.org.