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### **Decorative Arts Trust Awards Concord Museum Curatorial Internship Grant — Challenge Grant Supports Prominent Position for Young Scholar —**

*Media, PA* — The Decorative Arts Trust is pleased to announce our partner for the 2020–2022 Curatorial Internship Grant: the Concord Museum in Concord, MA.

The Decorative Arts Trust is a nonprofit organization that underwrites curatorial internships for recent Masters or PhD graduates in collaboration with museums and historical societies. Through a matching-grant program, these internships allow host organizations to hire a deserving professional who will learn about the responsibilities and duties common to the curatorial field while working alongside a talented mentor. The Trust's internship program seeks to provide mutually beneficial opportunities that will nurture the next generation of museum curators while providing essential staffing for the host.

The Concord Museum brings Concord's remarkable past to life through an inspiring collection of historical, literary, and decorative arts treasures. Highlights of the over 50,000 artifacts include Ralph Waldo Emerson's study, Henry David Thoreau's desk, Louisa May Alcott's tea kettle, a Paul Revere lantern, a Paleoindian spearhead, the most complete collection of Concord clocks anywhere, and more.

The Concord Museum is embarking on a two-and-a-half-year effort to redesign their 14 permanent galleries. Called *Concord: At the Center of Revolution*, the newly renovated 6,000-square-foot permanent exhibition is set to reimagine the museum experience. The project will begin by focusing on three galleries related to Concord's role in the political revolution of 1775. Phase Two will focus on the Transcendentalist period leading up to the Civil War as well as four decorative arts galleries.

The curatorial intern will serve as the assistant project manager for this exciting undertaking and will be involved with all levels of the project, including selection of artifacts, facilitating conservation,

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meeting with design partners, installation, writing, editing, developing operation manuals for media elements, and analyzing the visitor experience. The intern selected will work under the direction and mentorship of the Concord Museum's highly regarded curator, David Wood, and will be an essential member of the exhibition team.

Interested scholars are encouraged to visit the Concord Museum's website at [concordmuseum.org](http://concordmuseum.org) for updates or to sign up for their email list. Also look out for social media posts on the Concord Museum Facebook and Twitter pages and the Decorative Arts Trust's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## IMAGES



Concord1.jpg:

The Concord Museum in Concord, MA will partner with the Decorative Arts Trust for the 2020-2022 Curatorial Internship Grant.



Concord2.jpg:

This rendering shows the Concord Museum's expansion, a project which the Decorative Arts Trust's Curatorial Internship Grant will help support through intern resources.



Concord3.jpg:

This overhead plan of the Concord Museum's expansion shows the project's scale and the wonderful opportunity it will be for the intern selected through this partnership with the Decorative Arts Trust's Curatorial Internship Grant.