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*"The Washington State
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history connects us all."*

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**It's Been Quite a Year.
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Image collage featuring UW Public Health/Global Health major Capstone students and the community members interviewed for the 'Pandemic Perspectives project.' Washington State History Museum Collections

Dear Friends,

In 2021, we all continued to experience an unprecedented time in world history. Through it all, you've been by our side, as friends and members who have supported the Historical Society during these months while we've discovered new and different ways to serve the public.

Despite all the challenges this year brought, we've accomplished a lot. In fact, we've done some of our most exciting and innovative work to date. History is being made every day, and we're right here not only preserving the past, but also capturing history as it happens—and making sure diverse voices are represented.

This year, we collaborated with students at the University of Washington's School of Public Health/Global Health to capture and preserve important pandemic insights for the future through oral histories and artifacts. (Visit the museum in the next few days to see the [Pandemic Perspectives](#) exhibition before it closes, experience the [virtual tour](#), and watch short segments of the oral history videos on our [YouTube channel](#).)

This unique student project was a fantastic opportunity for the Historical Society to live our mission of *partnering with our communities to explore how history connects us all*.

Here's a story KUOW did about the Washington State Historical Society's collection efforts and why it's important to document the pandemic while it's still happening:



Through our new Diversity in Local History grant program, we're making sure the next generation of preservationists and culture workers can succeed and thrive by providing funding to smaller heritage organizations to support [paid internships](#) focused on fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We opened two new permanent galleries in the Great Hall of Washington History during 2021: [360](#) and [REMEMBRANCE](#), bringing innovative, interactive exhibits that explore history through multiple perspectives. And we deepened our commitment to telling seldom-spotlighted history in our original exhibition, [Crossing Boundaries: Portraits of a Transgender West](#).

We've got amazing plans for 2022 to develop robust digital educational resources that will bring the magic of the History Museum into classrooms across our state. We will share exciting new exhibitions like [The Negro Motorist Green Book](#) and *Time Machines: Inexplicable Inventions, Odd Objects, and Fashionable Funk of the Retrofuture*. And so much more!

But we can't do it without your help!

Your [end-of-the-year gift](#) will allow us to provide experiences that educate and inspire people with history AND help power us into the future.

There are [so many ways](#) to contribute--make a one-time donation, or a monthly contribution to the Society through our [Evergreen League](#). There are also opportunities for estate planning, corporate sponsorships, and employer matching.

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Membership supports WSHS, too. If you're not already a member, consider [joining!](#) You'll receive a whole bunch of fun benefits for helping the Society realize its mission, like our quarterly history magazine *COLUMBIA*, and discounted admission to museums nation-wide.

Need to renew your membership? You can do that [here](#).

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Please have a happy and safe holiday, and thank you again for your support—you help keep history alive!

With gratitude,



Jennifer Kilmer,
Director
Washington State Historical Society

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