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Weepy, photography and sculpture by Hanna Washburn

King Manor Museum opens *Museum Workers' Create*, an exhibit showcasing museum workers as artists in their own right

October 26th, 2022 (New York)—The exhibition *Museum Workers Create* is scheduled to open to the public free of charge starting November 11th, 2022, at King Manor Museum in Jamaica, New York. The exhibition displays selected artwork from museum workers who have gathered from all over the tri-state area. These museum professionals come from a range of well known institutions such as the Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Storm King, The Museum of Jewish Heritage, and many more.

Museum workers engage with art, history, science, and culture on display in their respective institutions, yet very often do not have the opportunity to display their own work. This exhibition gives them the opportunity to share with the public the artistic insights that come from museum work. Whether professionally trained or using art as an outlet to express their creativity, these museum professionals share their personal experiences and identity

as museum workers through the medium of painting, sculpture, photography, fiber art, collage, and ceramics.

The exhibition Museum Workers' Create highlights the resilience and creativity of present and past museum workers by giving museum – educators, curators, teaching artists, administrators, security, maintenance, etc. – a platform to explore the state of the field. Artist Daneleah Schoenfuss, who is a part of the exhibition sums up the nature of making art as a museum worker perfectly when she writes: “When is my art just work, when is my art hobby, and when is my art, well, Art with a capital ‘A’? King Manor hopes that, collectively, these creative works will showcase the museum worker as an artist and the value that their works bring.

The exhibit can be seen during regular open hours until March 7th, 2023. The museum is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday by appointment from 11:00am-3:00pm, with open hours on Saturdays from 1:00pm -4:00pm.

The only museum in Southeast Queens, King Manor is open to the public free of charge and offers many community events for all ages in addition to historic tours, festivals, concerts, and local art exhibitions. The museum's mission is to interpret Rufus King's political legacy and antislavery history in order to teach critical thinking for a healthier democracy.

About King Manor Museum:

King Manor Museum is located in King Park at 150-03 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, New York near the E train terminal at Jamaica Center, the LIRR to Jamaica, the F train to Parsons, and many bus lines. Enter at the cross section of Jamaica Avenue and 150th or 153rd streets for easy access. The

museum was the home and farm of founding father Rufus King from 1805 to 1827. Rufus King was a framer of the U.S. Constitution, and an early, outspoken opponent of slavery. King Manor later became the estate of King's son, John Alsop King, who served as New York's Governor where he fought against unfair fugitive slave laws. King Manor has been a museum since 1900. Detailed information about King Manor's events, history, and other programs is available at www.kingmanor.org.