



The Rufus Porter Museum

The Rufus Porter Museum celebrates the life and times of a remarkably creative American genius who worked throughout Maine, New England and beyond.

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We, like cultural institutions everywhere, are deeply concerned about the safety of our visitors and staff, and are deeply committed to slowing the transmission of this virus. With so much still unknown, we want to give you an update on what's going on at the Rufus Porter Museum.

We have been closely monitoring protocol and procedures as recommended by both the federal and state Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We have also been closely following Governor Mills' four stage plan for reopening the state. Keeping all of this in mind, the Board of Trustees has decided to postpone our 2020 season opening date to July 8th.

The world pandemic has also had an impact on our proposed 2020 events schedule. While we have had to cancel our annual major fundraiser, we intend to provide smaller, social distancing-appropriate activities that support our mission of celebrating Porter's legacy. Please visit our website for an up-to-date listing of our events.

While a lot of our activities have had to be put on hold, the staff and volunteers of the Rufus Porter Museum are far from idle. Our staff has been working diligently on our special exhibit focusing on Maine's Bicentennial and Porter's use of the Camera Obscura, as well as enhancing our already popular permanent exhibits. Our 2020 Dorothy W. Sanborn Summer Intern started June 1st with a focus on creating and implementing virtual exhibits. A grant from the Davis Family Foundation has enabled us to improve access to our collections with a forthcoming unveiling of our collections online. Our Facilities Committee has been working with a local contractor to continue beautification improvements of our museum campus with a focus on Church Street.

Thank you so much for standing with us in these complicated times. As always, your encouragement and support are truly welcome.

Best regards,

Karla Leandri Rider
Executive Director