

New York State Museum: My First 100 Days and the Path Ahead



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A Quick Introduction

Guiding Principles

- Tell a true, whole history
- Consult with community and Tribes
- Everyone should feel they belong
- Interactivity/multiple modes of learning
- Accessibility is required
- Endeavor to be a beloved community center and respected, valued statewide institution



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First Steps

- Met with every department and sub-unit
- Toured collections spaces and facilities
- Met with key legislators
- Reviewed existing budget, staffing, program and exhibition plans



Key Takeaways

We are much more than a museum:

State Biological Survey

State Science Survey
(state geologist,
paleontologist,
botanist, entomologist,
and archaeologist)

New York State
Biodiversity Institute

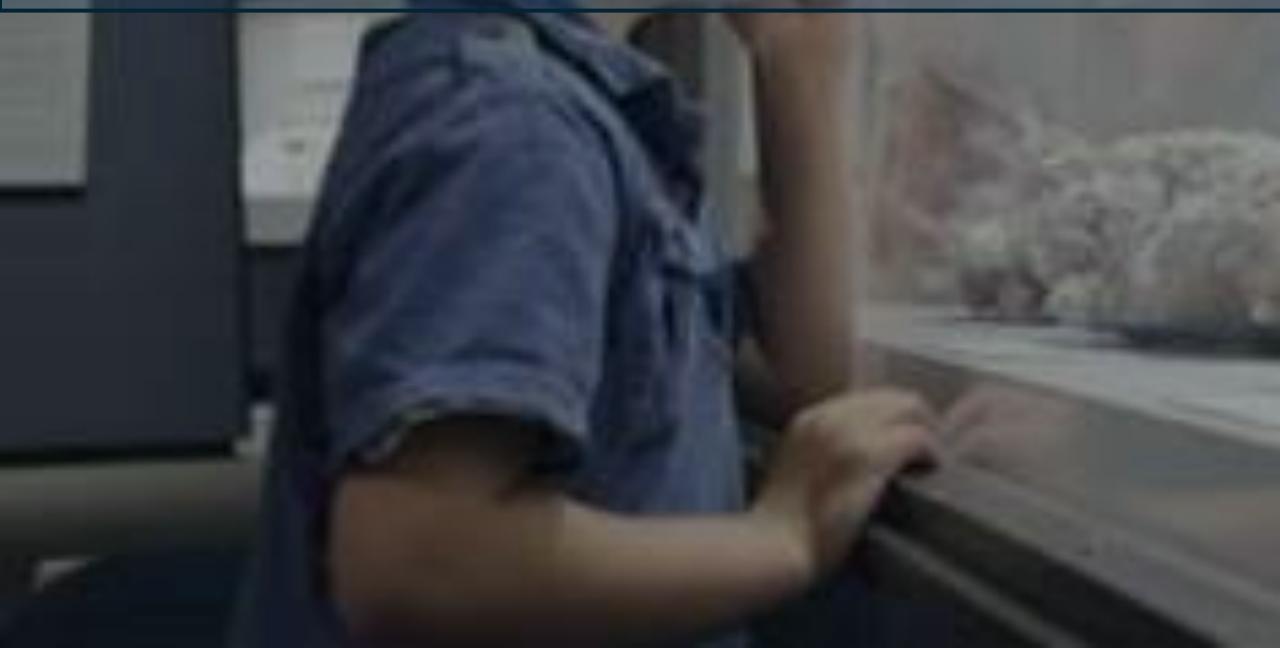
Lead state response to
unmarked graves

Cultural Resource
Survey Program

Office of State History



Case Study: Critical Minerals in Lewis County



Barbie

A CULTURAL ICON EXHIBITION

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF FASHION AND INSPIRATION



Key Takeaways

We have an incredible staff who are excited to invigorate the NYS Museum and are dedicated to its mission.

Together we have:

- Brought a major traveling exhibition to the Museum
- Continued to offer daily public programming
- Begun a lobby makeover



Museum Store Re-opened

Key Takeaways

We need a long-term funding solution to support world-class operations.

Needs include:

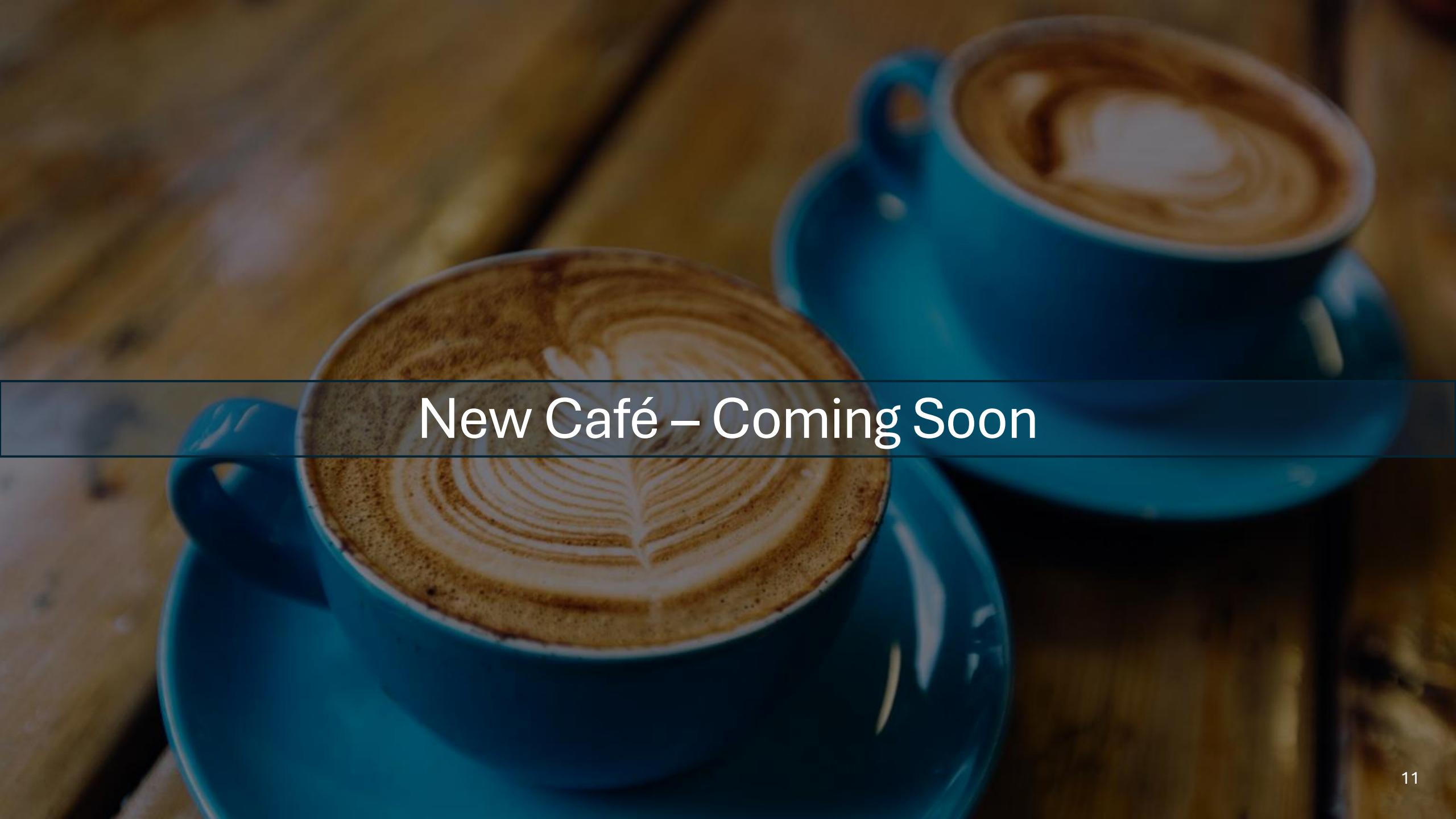
- Collections care
- Educational programming
- Scientific and historical research
- Original exhibitions



Exhibition Plans

- 6-8 new exhibitions each year
- Major traveling exhibitions
- Original NYS Museum exhibitions
- Diverse content



A photograph of two blue ceramic cups filled with coffee. The coffee has a layer of frothy latte art on top, featuring intricate, swirling patterns. The cups are placed on a light-colored wooden surface. The lighting is warm, creating a cozy atmosphere.

New Café – Coming Soon



The Path Ahead

- Visitor Study
- Institutional Strategic Planning
- Fundraising Framework
- Gallery Renewal – Visioning Process
- Gallery Renewal – Comprehensive Planning, Design, Execution