Arriving on America’s shores almost 300 years ago, Catholic sisters built and led schools, hospitals, orphanages, colleges, and other social institutions at a time when women had few professional opportunities. Women & Spirit is a fascinating compilation of first-person accounts, rare artifacts, compelling films and important photographs, revealing a new perspective on American history, with stories with special significance in this region.

Meet women who corresponded with President Thomas Jefferson, talked down bandits and roughnecks, lugged pianos into the wilderness, and provided the nation’s first health insurance to Midwestern loggers. Discover sisters’ courage during the Civil War, the Gold Rush, the San Francisco Earthquake, the Influenza Epidemic, the Civil Rights Movement, and Hurricane Katrina.

Welcome to Women & Spirit.
Some of our best ideas come from you! A volunteer, Edith Berger, had the spark that became World War Posters from the Berger Family Art Collection. Member and Board member Albert Ratner helped spearhead an author talk and performance by a cellist from The Cleveland Orchestra, and a suggestion from Michael Goldberg led to the sold-out panel discussion on Cleveland’s immigrant entrepreneurs. We were introduced to Tents of Hope, the interreligious initiative for Darfur awareness, by Rabbi Stephen Weiss. Not a week goes by without contact from someone with a fascinating idea.

We’re fortunate to have so many passionate and imaginative advocates. Still in our infancy, we’re growing, and benefit from different points of view. We recently held our first Board and Staff Retreat, envisioning the museum of the next five years and beyond. Diversity, non-discrimination and inclusion, important in our mission from the start, have become more integral to our daily work; Stop The Hate: Youth Speak Out! has blossomed in two years, with a successful essay contest, specialized tours and increased school interaction.

We’ve reinvented ourselves a few times already, and plan to keep doing so as we learn what interests you. Our Board, advisory and ad-hoc committees, Friends volunteers, members, and people throughout the community help keep us fresh and relevant, and we welcome your participation.

You may not see your idea implemented immediately because of space, time, budget or all three. But the germ of a good idea can lay dormant for years before emerging, so keep ’em coming. This is your museum.

Our latest product addition - Stop the Hate Essay Contest Winner Andrea Bestor’s bracelets! For the full story on Andrea and her bracelets, visit the Museum Store.
When Martin Rose arrived in Cleveland in 1903, he brought a vast knowledge and skill in ironworks he honed in his home country of Hungary. He founded Rose Iron Works and soon became the premier source in Cleveland for forged ornamental design. Martin’s sons, Melvin, Steven and Milton, continued to lead the company after his death in 1955 and is run today by his grandson Robert. Rose Iron Works continues to produce ornamental designs, but has branched out into industrial design – including producing parts for the Patriot Missile. Recently, a group of staff and Friends of the Maltz Museum visited Rose’s factory and were hosted by family members Melvin and Barbara Rose.

If you know of a group or organization that would like a speaker, please call Martha Sivertson at 216.593.0587 or e-mail at msverton@mmjh.org. Thanks!

“The Friends of the Maltz Museum” is dedicated to supporting the Museum through volunteerism, fundraising and friend-raising. To learn more, join the Friends or volunteer, contact Martha Sivertson.
The second annual Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! Essay Contest continues to grow, involving not only 1,800 students from 165 schools in 67 districts but thousands more people through classroom discussions, school assemblies and family conversations. The message of stopping hate is resonating throughout our community.

Launched in 2008, Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! is open to students grades 6-12 in public, private, parochial and home schools throughout Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties in Ohio. In just two years, more than 3,000 students have entered.

An Advisory Committee worked tirelessly behind the scenes, recruiting nearly 250 readers; each essay was read and scored by three of them. Then, a panel of distinguished judges scored Scholarship Finalists’ written essays and oral presentations.

This year’s group of finalists came from all over Northeast Ohio – and juniors ruled the day, capturing the three top prizes. Andrea Bestor, a student at Avon Lake High School took home top honors and a $50,000 scholarship. Amnon Carmi, Beachwood High School, was first runner-up, winning a $25,000 scholarship; and Diane Ryu, Shaker Heights High School, was second runner-up, winning a $15,000 scholarship. All scholarships are for four years at an Ohio college or university.

Master of Ceremonies Jimmy Malone, with Museum Co-Founder Milton Maltz, led the Awards Ceremony. Guests were treated to video remarks by Ted Ginn, Sr., Executive Director of The Ginn Academy and Head Football Coach of Glenville High School and a stirring speech by Darrell Bolden, graduate of Glenville High School and a former football player of Coach Ginn’s. Bolden is now a teacher in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, currently at Franklin D. Roosevelt Academy.

Thank you judges
Visit www.maltzmuseum.org to read all of the winning essays, see the names of all entrants, judges, readers and Advisory Committee and learn more details about the contest.

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GRADE 6-10 FINALISTS SHOW OFF THEIR AWARDS.
(first row l to r): Gabrielle Goodman, Blaise DeRoberts, Elizabeth Yee, Beka Waterman, Shawn Zubek, Lilly Makee, Holly Krampitz
(second row l to r): Anna Stanton, Chidera Mgbudem, Tiarra Varner, Tyler Gamble, Seth Kubaitis, Clay McMullen, Hayleigh Sanders, Laura Milstein

Scholarship Finalists were surprised to find pictures of themselves blown up and hung on our walls. Here, Brett Musick poses with his picture.

Finalist Mario Pollard relaxes with teacher Eloise Fiebig and friend from Cleveland School of the Arts.

Last year’s Grand Prize Scholarship winner, Matt Soble, congratulates Grand Prize Scholarship winner Andrea Bestor and Second Runner-Up Diane Ryu.

Museum Co-Founders Milton and Tamar Maltz enjoy the festivities.

Guests were treated to a performance by Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s All-City High School Choir.

Members of U. S. Army, Cleveland Recruiting Battalion present the colors.
JUNE
GUEST LECTURE: A QUESTION OF HABIT: THE CURIOUS IMAGE OF NUNS IN POPULAR CULTURE
Wednesday, June 23, 7pm
$15/$12 members
Dr. Bren Ortega Murphy, Associate Professor of Communications at Loyola University, Chicago, examines the wide variety of visual images of Catholic nuns and sisters used in contemporary U.S. popular culture. Dr. Murphy, frequently interviewed on National Public Radio about topics of gender and women’s studies, contrasts these images with the real lives of historical and contemporary women religious. A fascinating evening! Co-sponsored by Notre Dame College.

GUEST LECTURE: THERE ARE NO STRANGERS AT THE FEAST: CATHOLICISM AND COMMUNITY IN NORTHEAST OHIO
Wednesday, July 14, 7pm
$10/$8 members
Urban historian John J. Grabowski presents a cultural history of Cleveland’s Catholic community and the role it played in the transformation of Greater Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. This lively illustrated lecture depicts how Catholics, as outsiders, became an integral part of the community and in doing so foreshadowed the path that others, including Jews and more recent immigrants of diverse religious backgrounds.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR
Sunday, July 18, 1-4pm
Free with Museum admission
Looking for impactful ways to live your faith? Meet representatives from local organizations who are working for change in our community and learn how you can become involved. Groups represented include: Catholic Community Connection, Jewish Federation of Cleveland and InterAct Cleveland. Co-sponsored by the Abrahamic Center of Notre Dame College.

JULY
PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN WITH SPIRIT: CLEVELAND’S WOMEN LEADERS
Wednesday, July 7, 7pm
$10/$8
Cleveland is home to many exceptional women with leadership roles in social service, health care, education and business. Join us for a lively discussion with Susan Bichsel, President/CEO Jewish Family Services Association, Heather Rouleston Ettinger, partner and Director of Fairport Asset Management, Jan Murphy, President of Lakewood and Fairview Hospitals, and immigration attorney, Margaret Wong. Moderated by Eliza Wing, President and COO of Sideways.

FILM: ROSES IN DECEMBER: THE JEAN DONOVAN STORY (55 MINUTES)
Wednesday, July 21, 7pm
$10/$8 members
In 1980 lay missioner Jean Donovan and three American nuns were brutally murdered by members of El Salvador’s security force. This dramatic film chronicles Jean’s life; her affluent childhood, decision to volunteer with the Maryknolls, and tragic death. An eloquent memorial to the commitment of this courageous young woman, as powerful today as it was when first released in 1982. Co-sponsored by the Inter-Religious Task Force on Central America. Brian Stefan-Szittai, IRTF Program Coordinator leads a post-viewing discussion.

AUGUST
DANCE LECTURE DEMONSTRATION: VERB BALLET TRIBUTE TO JEWISH CHOREOGRAPHERS
Wednesday, August 4, 7pm
$10/$8 members
Dr. Margaret Carlson, Executive/Artistic Director of Verb Ballet introduces the work of two outstanding Jewish choreographers—Sophie Maslow, modern dance pioneer who turned to her Jewish heritage for inspiration; and Daniel Shapiro an inventive contemporary choreographer. Dancers will perform excerpts from Maslow’s The Village I Knew inspired by the stories of Sholem Aleichem and Shapiro’s To Have and To Hold. Verb Ballet will hold a full performance concert at Cain Park. Show your membership card when purchasing tickets and receive a $2 discount.

FILM: THEY KILLED SISTER DOROTHY (90 MINUTES)
Wednesday, August 18, 7pm
$10/$8 members
How could a struggle over land lead to the brutal murder of an American nun? This affecting documentary focuses on Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDN, a Catholic nun from Dayton, Ohio, who in 2005 was killed on a muddy road in the Brazilian Amazon she worked tirelessly to save. But it’s also the story of peasant farmers hoping to preserve their way of life in the face of powerful industry interests. Sr. Carol Brandt and Sr. Carol Ziegler, Notre Dame College, lead a post-viewing discussion.

Free Family Program
DOG DAY AFTERNOON: POLICE DOG DEMONSTRATION
Sunday, August 8, 1pm
Free in the Museum parking lot
Join the excitement with this awe-inspiring demonstration of police K-9 dogs by B.A.R.K (Buckeye Area Regional K-9) and see exactly how these amazing animals keep our community safe.
Museum open daily for group tours and private events beginning at 9am and on Mondays.

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday .......... 11am - 5pm
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DROP-IN TOURS
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JUNE

BACKSTAGE PASS: WOMEN & SPIRIT
Thursday, June 3
3pm Guided Tour/4pm Curator’s Talk
Free with Museum admission
Attendance is limited; reservations required

Enjoy a guided tour of the special exhibition Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America where you’ll learn the inspiring stories of pioneering women who established schools, hospitals and who continue to work for peace and social justice. Your tour is followed by a special “insider’s look” at the exhibition with Maltz Executive Director Judi Feniger and Registrar Amber Anderson.

FILM: PRAYING IN HER OWN VOICE (60 MINUTES)
Wednesday, June 9, 7pm
$10/$8 members

This powerful film documents the courageous struggle of the “Women at the Wall” movement. For the past decade they have challenged the government of Israel and the entire Jewish world by focusing on the Wailing Wall—the holiest site for Jews where women are not allowed to gather and pray. The film raises many provocative questions about the battle of the sexes within the religious Jewish world. Shulamit Magnus, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Oberlin College leads a post-viewing discussion.

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Family Membership Special
$65 $50
Clergy & Sisters Membership Special
Individual: $45 $30
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For Museum Members

WOMEN & SPIRIT BEHIND THE SCENES TALK AND TOUR
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day brought another packed house. Nearly 700 visitors enjoyed the Museum during the day.

400 parishioners from St. Dominic’s spent a day at the Museum, participating in sessions on numerous topics. Dr. Jack Jaffe takes a group through with a stop outside the Hate Theater.

Volunteer Dave Rivelis joined the presidential line-up on Presidents’ Day as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (pictured with dog, Fala).

The Museum partnered with Ideastream to preview Masterpiece Theater’s new production of The Diary of Anne Frank. Volunteer and survivor Betty Gold interviewed by WCPN 90.3’s Dan Moulthrop held a post-screening discussion.