DeCordova Receives Grant from the Foundation for MetroWest to Support Hands-on Learning Experiences

Lincoln, MA, January 8, 2018—DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum has received a $5,000 grant from the Foundation for MetroWest to expand hands-on visitor experiences. This funding will support deCordova’s interactive spaces and opportunities, including The Lab, a new gallery where visitors can explore art, nature, and science through a variety of multisensory activities.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Foundation for MetroWest for this generous grant, which will allow us to continue offering engaging, hands-on learning experiences to visitors of all ages,” says John B. Ravenal, Executive Director at deCordova. “With the Foundation’s support, we’re able to expand our year-round interactive opportunities—helping us achieve our goal of making art inclusive, approachable, and relevant to an ever-broadening audience.”

The grant will help enhance deCordova’s Learning and Engagement services, including two interactive spaces for families: the new Lab and the existing Process Gallery. The Lab, which opened in October, encourages visitors to explore the intersection of art, science, and nature with hands-on activities inspired by exhibitions on view. The Process Gallery features imaginative play and exhibition-themed stations. Both spaces offer opportunities for visitors to touch, interact, create, and discover together—forming connections that strengthen their understanding of contemporary art’s relevance to their own lives.

“We are excited to partner with deCordova on this interactive, family-oriented space,” said Judith G. Salerno, Executive Director of the Foundation for MetroWest. “The Lab will nurture art appreciation for families with children of all ages by providing a safe space to play, think, and create. What could be better?”
### About deCordova
Established in 1950 and located just twenty miles west of Boston, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is dedicated to fostering the creation and exploration of contemporary sculpture and art through a dynamic slate of rotating exhibitions, innovative learning opportunities, a constantly changing thirty-acre landscape of large-scale, outdoor, modern and contemporary sculpture, and site-specific installations.

### General Information
DeCordova’s summer hours (Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend) are every day, Monday–Sunday, 10 am–5 pm. DeCordova’s winter hours (beginning after Columbus Day weekend) are Wednesday–Friday, from 10 am–4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, 10 am–5 pm. Admission: $14 for adults, $12 for seniors, $10 for students (ages 13 and up), and free for children 12 and under. Members, cyclists, Lincoln residents, and active duty military personnel and their families are admitted free of charge with proper ID. Visit [decordova.org](http://decordova.org) or call 781.259.8355 for further information.

### About the Foundation for MetroWest
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