

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MECHANICS & TRADESMEN
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Founded 1785

Celebrating Over Two Centuries of Service to the People of the City of New York

ABOUT THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MECHANICS & TRADESMEN

The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York was founded in 1785 by the skilled craftsmen of the City. Today, this 233-year-old organization continues to serve and improve the quality of life of the people of the City of New York through its educational and cultural programs, including its tuition-free Mechanics Institute, The General Society Library, and its nearly two century-old Lecture Series.

In 1820, The General Society opened one of the City's first free schools, as well as the Apprentices Library. The school, which became the **Mechanics Institute** in 1858, continues to provide tuition-free evening instruction in trades-related education and provides a critical service to improve job opportunities for New Yorkers in the building and construction industry. **Without a tuition-free education, many of our students would be unable to get the technical education needed to advance in today's environment. Each fall, over 300 students enroll in the Mechanics Institute's programs, including Electrical Technology, HVAC/R Systems, Plumbing Systems, Construction Project Management, AutoCAD and BIM.**

Founded in 1820, **The General Society Library** is the second- oldest library in New York City and one of three remaining membership circulating libraries. It serves the educational programs of The General Society. It also makes its extensive collections available to other institutions and the public. The book and periodical collections of the Library span two centuries and are suited to both scholarly research and recreational reading. Its archives date back to 1785. Library members also enjoy access to current fiction, biography and non-fiction.

The Labor, Literature and Landmarks Series continues a tradition of public lectures that started at the Society in 1837. The Series brings people of diverse interests from the entire New York area into our Library space. Now in its eighth season, the **Artisan Lecture Series** pays tribute to the art of craftsmanship by featuring master artisans who lecture about the intricacies of their specialized crafts. **The Artisan Lecture Series** promotes the work and art of skilled craftsmen to assist in ensuring their unique knowledge is understood and carried forth for future generations.

The Society also houses the unique John M. Mossman Lock Collection, which has more than 370 locks, keys and tools, dating from 4000 B.C. to the early 20th-century. The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the façade of the building is a New York City landmark.

The General Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen
Annual Craftsmanship Awards Gala
Benefiting the Mechanics Institute

Celebrating 233 Years of Education and Service
to the Building and Construction Trades
and the People of the City of New York

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Since 1785, The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen has been improving the lives of New Yorkers, through its tuition-free Mechanics Institute and its wide range of educational, historical and cultural programs.

Annual Craftsmanship Awards

Each year, The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen presents awards to individuals in the design and construction industries who demonstrate leadership in their respective fields and promote exceptional professional standards. These awards recognize those who have made significant contributions to New York City.

Annual Craftsmanship
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cordially invites you to attend the

Annual Craftsmanship Awards Gala
Benefiting the Mechanics Institute

Honoring

Craftsmanship Award Recipient
Neil A. Mazzella
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Hudson Scenic Studio, Inc.

Thursday, November 15, 2018
6:00-9:00PM

Cocktail Reception

The General Society Library
20 West 44th Street
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