



THE HOUSEWATCH

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CURATOR'S CORNER

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This month's Curator's Corner is asking for your help! On the museum's first floor are two large panels displaying firefighter patches. In the past, the museum collected and displayed patches from around the world. While we appreciate all of those who put themselves in harm's way to help others, we are the museum of the FDNY and want to ensure that all of New York's Bravest are represented at the museum. We are actively seeking patches from every company, as well as sports teams and fraternal organizations the members participate in. We have our light duty firefighter reaching out to every company, but as you can imagine, this is an arduous and time-consuming process. If you have a patch you would like to donate, please contact me! As many of you are aware, patches change over time, and we would love to have both older and newer versions.

While we are redesigning the boards, please do not take it to mean that we will not still be displaying and collecting patches from around the country and around the world. We will always honor those brave men and women in firefighting and emergency medical response who protect others. We already display a large selection from the museum's collection, and our intention is to use several public areas of the museum to showcase a larger number on a rotating basis.

Our main goal of this overhaul is to have all FDNY companies displayed together in a prominent location. Companies take considerable pride in their patches, and we would love our visitors to see the wide range of designs and slogans the members have designed.

If you would like to contact me, please email me at sean@nycfiremuseum.org.

