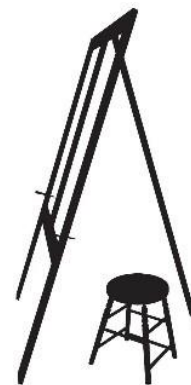




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July 19, 2025

Dear Friends,

We invite you to join us for the sixth annual Scholars' Dinner, an elegant and collegial evening bringing together American art leaders and American art lovers. The event will be held at the storied private arts club, The Century Association, in New York City, on **Monday, October 27, 2025**.

The featured scholars are **Alan Wallach**, a leading Thomas Cole scholar and Ralph H. Wark Professor of Art and Art History and Professor of American Studies Emeritus at the College of William and Mary; **Amy Meyers**, retired Director of the Yale Center for British Art and former Senior Curator of American Art at the Huntington, who served as an advisor for our 2025 exhibition on Emily Cole; **Adrienne Spinozzi**, Associate Curator of American Decorative Arts at The Metropolitan Museum of Art; and our **2026 Cole Fellows**, Maya Junkins and Peyton Masilun.

Continuing the work that Thomas Cole began as a mentor and teacher, the Thomas Cole National Historic Site serves as a catalyst in bringing American art to new audiences. All proceeds from the event will underwrite the site's annual educational programming, including the Cole Fellowship and K-12 school programs.

Cocktails will begin in the Billiards Room at 6 pm followed by a seated dinner in the Art Gallery at 7 pm and remarks by the featured scholars at 8 pm. Please respond by **Friday, August 15, 2025**, to be included on the printed invitation. We look forward to a memorable evening with you and all our colleagues.

Thank you for your critical support,

Maura O'Shea  
Executive Director

Warner Shook  
Interim Chairman, Board of Trustee

## Featured Scholars



**Alan Wallach**

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## 2026 Cole Fellows

The Cole Fellowship program is a full-year research and residency program at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site for exceptional emerging scholars. Now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, the annual program addresses an urgent need to steward talented young people into the field of American art by giving them significant responsibilities, a network of colleagues, and the satisfaction of seeing their work immediately put into practice.



**Maya Junkins**

Maya Junkins received her B.A. in Art History from Bard College. She received the 2025 Klebanoff Award for Excellence in Art History for her thesis on Thomas Cole.



**Peyton Masilun**

Peyton Masilun received her B.A. Suma Cum Laude in Design Studies and Art Studies with a minor in Business Administration from North Carolina State University.

# The Scholars' Dinner

Monday, October 27, 2025

The Century Association, 7 West 43rd Street, New York, NY

Please list me as a member of the **Benefit Committee** and register my reservation as follows  
or make a reservation online at **thomascole.org/2025scholarsdinner**.

## ***The American Art Table***

One table of up to 10 for cocktails and dinner,  
Benefactor Memberships to the Cole Site, and  
an optional full-page ad in the evening program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Table(s) at \$10,000 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The Fellowship Table***

One table of up to 10 for cocktails and dinner,  
Family Memberships to the Cole Site, and an  
optional half-page ad in the evening program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Table(s) at \$7,500 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The American Art Ticket***

Cocktails and dinner for one and a  
complimentary Benefactor Membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) at \$2,500 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The Fellowship Ticket***

Cocktails and dinner for one and a  
complimentary Family Membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) at \$1,500 = \_\_\_\_\_

## ***The Friends Ticket***

Cocktails and dinner for one.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) at \$750 = \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sponsor a Scholar**

I wish to sponsor one or more scholars to attend the dinner at \$500 each.

Donation = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **Make a Gift**

I am unable to attend but wish to support American art and education.

Donation = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Full name(s) as you wish to be listed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please respond by *Friday, August 15*, to be included in the printed invitation. Seating is limited.**

Reservations are also available by emailing Paul at [pstankus@thomascole.org](mailto:pstankus@thomascole.org). *The non-tax-deductible portion of each ticket is \$200.*