



## MUSEUM SERVICES PROGRAM

Texas is home to more than 700 local history museums. Whether housed in an historic structure or a state-of-the-art new building, each one is dedicated to telling the story of their community's unique history. Collectively, they preserve the real places and the real things that tell the whole story of Texas. And by helping us to explore where we fit in the world of today and yesterday, they enrich all of our lives through history.

### What We Do

Museums play a vital economic, educational and social role in our communities. It's a big role to fill, and most of them are small organizations doing their best to fulfill it with a small staff and limited resources. The Museum Services Program enables small history museums to better carry out their missions by helping them to increase their capacity for meeting professional standards. We do this by providing free consultations, training, and electronic communication.

### Benefits

- **Consultations** Museum specialists are available for consultations on all aspects of museum operation, ranging from collections care to exhibit development to strategic planning and more. We provide consultations via phone, email and mail, as well as in our Austin office.
- **Training** We travel the state offering affordable technical workshops aimed at improving the skills of museum staff, volunteers and trustees. In 2009, we expanded our educational activities to include online training opportunities.
- **Communication** Program staff sends email notices on timely information about current trends, available resources, technical tips, upcoming grant deadlines, training opportunities, and other types of assistance. To be added to this email list, contact program staff.



Museum staff practice preservation techniques at a collections care and management workshop.

### How to Reach Us

The Museum Services Program office is housed within the THC's History Programs Division at 105 W. 16th Street. To contact our staff for assistance or to request a grant application, please contact us at:  
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