

## TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Collections Care for Small Museums

#### Selected Resources

*Focus: Preservation and Conservation*

#### Books

*The Care of Antiques and Historical Collections*, second rev. ed. A. Bruce MacLeish. American Association for State and Local History, 1990.

*Care of Collections*. Simon Knell. Routledge, 1994.

*Caring for Your Collections*. The National Committee to Save America's Cultural Collections. Harry Abrams, Inc. Publishers, 1992.

*Managing Conservation in Museums*, 2nd edition. Suzanne Keene. Butterworth-Heinemann, 2002.

*Preservation Planning: Guidelines for Writing a Long-Range Plan*. Sherelyn Ogden. American Association of Museums, 1998.

#### Technical Leaflets

The National Park Service's *Conserve O Gram* series are short, focused leaflets about caring for museum objects, published in loose-leaf format. They are available free online.

[www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/conserv.html](http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/conserv.html)

*CCI Notes*, published by the Canadian Conservation Institute, deal with topics of interest to those who care for cultural objects. Intended for a broad audience, the *Notes* offer practical advice about issues and questions related to the care, handling and storage of cultural objects. There are currently 108 *Notes*. They are available for a small fee.

[www.cci-icc.gc.ca/publications/ccinotes/index\\_e.aspx](http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/publications/ccinotes/index_e.aspx)

*Tech Talk* is a column published periodically in the *Minnesota History Interpreter* that offers technical assistance on preserving and conserving historic objects, buildings and sites. Available for free online.

[www.mnhs.org/about/publications/techtalk.html](http://www.mnhs.org/about/publications/techtalk.html)

The Northeast Document Conservation provides leaflets for caring for paper and photograph collections. Free access online.

[www.nedcc.org/leaflets/leaf.htm](http://www.nedcc.org/leaflets/leaf.htm)

*Caring for Your Treasures* is a series of booklets published by the American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works. Free access online.

<http://aic.stanford.edu/library/online/brochures/index.html>

## Resources Available on the Internet

The National Park Service's *Museum Handbook* is a reference guide on how to manage, preserve, document, access and use museum collections. Part I focuses on standards and procedures of preventive care for museum collections and also includes appendices on techniques for the preservation of specific types of materials found in museum collections.

[www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/handbook.html](http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/handbook.html)

The Northern States Conservation Center offers technical leaflets and other helpful resources.

[www.collectioncare.org](http://www.collectioncare.org)

Conservation Online (CoOL), a project of the Preservation Department of Stanford University Libraries, is a full text library of conservation information, covering a wide spectrum of topics of interest to those involved with the conservation of library, archives and museum materials.

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/>

Heritage Preservation, the National Institute for Conservation, provides a variety of resources on collections care programs, publications and awards on its web site.

[www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/COLLECT.HTM](http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/COLLECT.HTM)

## Training Opportunities

The following entities present various collections-based workshops on a periodic basis. Visit their web sites for more information and any upcoming dates. Online workshop options are increasingly popular.

American Association for State and Local History: [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

American Association of Museums: [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org)

Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies: [www.campbellcenter.org](http://www.campbellcenter.org)

Mountain Plains Museum Association: [www.mountplainsmuseums.org](http://www.mountplainsmuseums.org)

Northern States Conservation Center's Online Museum Classes: [www.museumclasses.org](http://www.museumclasses.org)

Texas Association of Museums: [www.texasmuseums.org](http://www.texasmuseums.org)

Texas Historical Commission: [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us)

## Funding Sources

The following organizations (not a complete listing) offer grant funds for collections care related projects:

Institute of Museum and Library Services: [www.imls.gov/applicants/institution.shtm#museum](http://www.imls.gov/applicants/institution.shtm#museum)

National Endowment for the Humanities: [www.neh.gov/grants/](http://www.neh.gov/grants/)

Save America's Treasures: [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/)

Texas Historical Commission: [www.thc.state.tx.us/grantsincent/gramus.html](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/grantsincent/gramus.html)