



MUSEUM SERVICES PROGRAM

Texas is home to more than 900 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. By helping us to explore how our past influences our present, they enrich all of our lives.

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 these museums are small organizations with a small staff and limited resources. The Museum Services Program enables small history museums to better carry out their missions by providing resources that enable them to meet professional standards. We do this by providing free consultations, training, electronic communication, and online resources.

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 workshops aimed at improving the skills of museum staff, volunteers and trustees. We also offer 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.
- **Online Resources**
The museum services program maintains an online searchable database of history museums in Texas via the



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

THC's historic sites Atlas. Our website is also regularly updated with information about upcoming professional development opportunities, grant deadlines, technical assistance informational sheets, and current research and trends in the museum world.

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, please contact us at:
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