

INTRODUCTION

The Heritage Foundation for Arts and Cultural Sustainability has developed this guide to help donors, collectors and collecting organizations understand some of the ways to preserve and take care of objects of different types. Historic objects constitute a priceless heritage cultural. They are a trust for present and future generations to enjoy, and their care and preservation are entrusted to national and or cultural organizations.

These guidelines are designed to help everyone responsible for the care and handling of historic objects to preserve cultural heritage. Many objects hold historical, artistic, scientific or cultural significance and improper care can lead to deterioration or loss. Guidelines help prevent damage and extend the lifespan of object. Consistent care practices help maintain integrity of objects.

The guidelines are also a basis for collaboration and knowledge sharing. Best practices and lessons learned can benefit the broader community of collectors and appreciators. It is hoped that by sharing guidelines for proper care, we will help to increase awareness about the importance of cultural preservation and encourage responsible stewardship among collectors and the community.

In summary the development of these guidelines stems from the need to protect and preserve cultural heritage, standardize care practices and serve as essential tools for maintaining objects.

The Heritage Foundation for Arts & Cultural Sustainability was established to promote better understanding about cultural heritage. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates programs with other entities. Encourage, promote and engage in cooperative educational historic and cultural activities, projects and programs of federal, state or local governments or private, philanthropic or non-profit interest for benefit of the public.