



COLLECTION MANAGERS COMMITTEE
Texas Association of Museums

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From the Chair

The Texas Association of Museums has recently begun to investigate its relationship with the various Affinity Groups like CMC. The TAM Council has appointed Larry Francell, Director of the Museum of Big Bend, and Jack McKinney, Executive Director of the Dr. Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute of Waco, to spearhead this effort. It is expected that any changes to the way Affinity Groups operate will be announced at the next annual meeting. Until then, I will continue to represent CMC interests at the TAM Council meetings along with members of the other Affinity Groups. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Amy

New CMC Website Contest to Begin in December

Starting in December, Collections Managers Committee members can visit the CMC's website, www.cmc-tam.org and participate in a scavenger hunt. Download the contest form from the website, complete it and either turn the form in at the CMC booth at the TAM annual meeting or send the form to: Chris Godbold, Curator of Collections, Fort Bend County Museum Association PO Box 460 Richmond, TX 77406-0460. The contest will be open until the TAM annual meeting March 16-19, 2010. The winner will be chosen at random from the completed forms and be announced during the CMC business meeting. Please submit only one entry per person. You do not need to be present at the business meeting to win.

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Leaving Your Mark on History: Marking Historical Artifacts and Documents March 16, 2010, from 9:00am to 3:30pm

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
1000 George Bush Drive West, College Station, Texas 77845

Back by popular demand. CMC is hosting a hands-on workshop covering the best labeling and marking techniques and materials to mark artifacts and documents. Ever wonder which pen or barrier coat works best on what materials or how to mark on plastic? Learn about these techniques and how to identify different materials, take home some samples, learn various numbering systems as well as learn about newer inventory techniques including RFIDs and barcoding.

Additional upcoming workshops:

Summer Workshop
August 2010
Oral Histories
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Dallas, Texas

Winter Workshop
January 2011
Rights and Reproductions and Intellectual Property
Witte Museum
San Antonio, Texas

CMC Scholarships for 2010 TAM Annual Conference

For the 2010 TAM annual conference in College Station, CMC is offering two scholarships to help defray the cost of registration. You must be a member of CMC to apply. To obtain the application guidelines and form, please contact Lindsey Richardson at 214-747-6660 x5507 or lindseyr@jfk.org. Deadline for submission is January 30, 2010.

Membership Note

All members of CMC must also be members in good standing of TAM. CMC annual memberships run from January to December of the year. Please note that if your membership is not up-to-date, you may not continue to receive the CMC newsletter, Collections Communiqué. For former members who have not paid membership dues since 2006-2007, the December 2009 newsletter will be the last delivered. For former members who have not renewed their

memberships since 2008, newsletters will not be delivered after the March 2011 issue.

If you need a membership renewal form, please visit the CMC website at www.cmc-tam.org. If you have questions about the status of your CMC membership, please contact Kim Cupit at 940-349-2853 or kim.cupit@dentoncounty.com.

Denton County Museums News

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Saturday, October 24, Denton County Museums were able to plant a Shumard Red Oak on the landscape of the Denton County African American Museum thanks to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Denton – South. This was part of their commemoration of their 25th Anniversary.

Pictured are Susannah Lindsay McLaughlin, docent at the Bayless-Selby House Museum, and Angela Lucille Evans, docent at the African American Museum.

Texas Historical Commission Collections Management Workshop Series

In January, March and April 2010 the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will offer practical [workshops](#) on collections care targeting small history museums throughout the state. The aim of the workshops is to raise awareness of effective collections management policies and procedures for these facilities.

“Knowing What You Have: An Introduction to Collections Policies and Documentation” will be led by THC Museum Services Program staff Laura Casey and Carlyn Hammons and are coordinated in partnership with the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

Occurring in eight locations throughout the state, the workshops incorporate lectures, demonstrations, group discussions and hands-on exercises to help participants understand standards for collections management and duties as stewards. Attendees will gain knowledge and practical skills that can help develop effective policies and procedures to benefit the preservation and documentation of collections. The workshops are geared toward history museum staff and volunteers who are new to collections care and museums

that do not have an official collections management policy.

The cost of each workshop is \$25 and limited to two registrations per organization. The first workshop will be held in Johnson City on Jan. 14. To register for the workshops visit

www.thc.state.tx.us/museums/muswork10.shtml for details.

Workshops are scheduled for the following locations:

Jan. 14 – Coordinated by the Texas Hill Country Trail
Johnson City, TX

Jan. 21 – Coordinated by the Texas Lakes Trail
Clifton, TX

Jan. 22 – Coordinated by the Texas Forest Trail
Huntsville, TX

Jan. 26 – Coordinated by the Texas Independence Trail
Clute, TX

Mar. 2 – Coordinated by the Texas Plains Trail
Borger, TX

Mar. 8 – Coordinated by the Texas Pecos Trail
Pecos, TX

Mar. 10 – Coordinated by the Texas Brazos Trail
Belton, TX

Apr. 13 – Coordinated by the Texas Tropical Trail
Kingsville, TX

**Note: At this time, registration is open only for the January dates.
Registration for the remaining dates will open in early 2010.**
