



Collections Care Workshops and Regional Meetings

The North Carolina Connecting to Collections Project (C2C) will be hosting a series of workshops throughout the state on a variety of topics related to collections care and disaster preparedness. Staff, board members, and volunteers who are interested in improving the ways in which their collections are managed and preserved are encouraged to attend these workshops. Led by experienced professionals in the fields of conservation, disaster response, digitization, and collections management, the workshops will benefit small to mid size institutions including libraries, archives, museums, and historic sites although larger institutions will profit from networking, access to current trends, and development of regional and statewide resource sharing associations.

Many of the workshops will be interactive; participants are encouraged to share specific situations and challenges they may be facing in their own institutions. Participants will also be given helpful hand-outs, examples, and resources to take back to their individual institutions—take-away materials which may facilitate far-reaching instruction among staff and volunteers who do not have the opportunity to attend a workshop. Hands-on activities in a variety of settings will add to participants' understanding of handling and cleaning items, recovering from a disaster, and what to do in a myriad of scenarios faced by institutions on a daily basis.

The workshops will open with an information session about C2C and NC ECHO; questions, feedback, and networking are encouraged. Participants in the C2C sessions have a unique opportunity to help improve how cultural heritage institutions (museums, archives, libraries, and historic sites) care for a wide variety of artifacts, books, papers, and other objects of our state's cultural past. C2C project staff continue to seek input on what types of workshops are needed as they search for solutions to challenges facing collections statewide.

The North Carolina Connecting to Collections Project is an IMLS grant-funded initiative aimed at helping institutions better care for their collections. A variety of partner organizations have made this project possible: Federation of NC Historical Societies, NC Museums Council, NC Preservation Consortium, State Historic Records Advisory Board, and Society of NC Archivists.

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Upcoming workshops

- **Collections Care and Preservation** – training for staff and volunteers at small to mid-size museums, historic house museums, or historical societies in basic collections cleaning, handling, storage, and care. Instructor: Adrienne Berney, C2C project team member and Collections Care Trainer
 - February 28, 2011: Fayetteville – Museum of the Cape Fear
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fayettevillecollectionscare>
 - April 5, 2011: Mount Airy Museum of Regional History
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/collectionscaremountairy>
 - May 23, 2011: Asheville – Oteen Center (Western Regional Offices, NC Office of Archives and History)
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/collectionscareasheville>
- **Disaster Preparedness** – help with writing, testing, and developing your disaster plan; regional networking to develop response teams; disaster response training. Instructor: Matthew Hunt, C2C project team member and Disaster Preparedness Coordinator
 - January 24, 2011: Wilmington, Battleship NC
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/c2cdisasterpreparednesswilmington>
 - February 21, 2011: New Bern, Tryon Palace
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/disasterpreparednessnewbern>
 - April 11, 2011: Charlotte Museum of History
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/disasterpreparednesscharlotte>
 - May 16, 2011: UNC-Greensboro
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/disasterpreparednessgreensboro>
- **Preparing for a Digital Project** – developing a digital project plan; basics of digitization; creation of metadata for digital images. Instructor: Nick Graham, NC Digital Heritage Center, UNC-CH
 - Catawba County Arts and Science Center, Hickory, January 31, 2011
 - Register: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/c2cdigitizationhickory>
- **Care of paper and photographs** – basic training for staff and volunteers in the care and storage of paper based items. Instructor: Staff of NC State Archives, NC Department of Cultural Resources
 - First workshop: TBA

Is there a topic for a workshop you would like to attend that we haven't covered? Contact LeRae Umfleet, NC C2C Project Manager at 919-807-7289 or lerae.umfleet@ncdcr.gov to suggest ideas for locations and content for upcoming workshops.