

Museum Announces National Endowment for the Humanities Grant *Award to Support Collections and Archives Preservation*

Fort Worth, TX - The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has been awarded \$6,000 by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a preservation assessment of the Museum's collections and archives.

The award will support a preservation assessment of history, archival and science collections related to Texas and the Southwest. The collections comprise more than 180,000 items, with emphasis on pre-Columbian, Native American and ranch and agriculture life in Texas and the southwestern United States, as well as Fort Worth.

"For more than 75 years, we have been the people's museum, a repository of significant historical artifacts and scientific collections," said Van A. Romans, museum president. "This grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities acknowledges the commitment of our efforts to ensure the preservation of our collections for generations to come."

NEH announced the Museum's grant as a part of \$14.8 million awarded to 253 humanities projects nationwide. NEH's new grants support innovative digital projects, the preservation of collections and various humanities initiatives.

"From cutting-edge digital projects to the painstaking practice of traditional scholarly research, these new NEH grants represent the humanities at its most vital and creative," said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. "These projects will shed new light on age-old questions, safeguard our cultural heritage and expand educational opportunities in classrooms nationwide."

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the NEH supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation.

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About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

The Museum was established in 1941 and is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. Anchored by its rich collections, the Museum is dedicated to lifelong learning. It engages guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For more information, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org