GREATERHUDSON HERITAGENETWORK

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Today announces the launch of the new Connecting to New York's Collections website!

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Last fall, Greater Hudson Heritage Network was awarded $250,000 through the fall of 2014,

from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to present preservation training in connection with the collection types identified as "at risk" in New York State: books and paper; photographic collections; digital materials; and historic objects. Training will be provided via:

- webinar series (14 in all), viewable independently or in groups to encourage discussion and networking
- web-based "How-To" video tutorials providing instruction to organizational staff and to a more general audience who may have personal collections
- circuit rider mentoring program where professionals offer 'house calls' to organizations throughout the state
- C2CNYS.org - an interactive cross-disciplinary knowledge portal website website - will serve as the 'go-to' site for collections care best practices, a 'home' for disaster preparedness plans, conservation and preservation resources, the webinar series, and the "How-To" video tutorials

What drove the need for the new website?
In 2005, a nationwide study was conducted which concluded that immediate action is needed to prevent the loss of 190 million museum artifacts that are in need of conservation treatment. Media across the county reported that the findings showed our History Is Slipping Away as Collections Deteriorate. To address these concerns, IMLS awarded one organization from each of the 50 states the Connecting to Collections grant to address needs identified by the study: providing safe conditions for collections, developing emergency plans, assigning collections-care responsibility to staff, and increasing awareness of and support for collections care. Greater Hudson Heritage Network was awarded the grant for New York State to present preservation training to organizations statewide. With the collaboration of 20 heritage organizations and libraries, it is estimated that the project will reach approximately 5,000 cultural heritage institutions throughout New York State!

Project Partners
Albany Institute of History & Art, Albany
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo
Buffalo Museum of Science, Buffalo
Capital District Library Council, Albany
Central New York Library Resource Council, Syracuse
Fenton History Center, Fenton
Greater Hudson Heritage Network, Elmsford
Historic House Trust of New York City, Manhattan
Long Island Library Resource Council, Bellport
Metropolitan New York Library Resource Council, Manhattan
Museumwise: Museum Association of New York, Troy

New York Council on the Arts, Manhattan
Niagara County Historical Society, Lockport
Northern New York Library Network, Potsdam
Onondaga Historical Association, Syracuse
Oyster Bay Historical Society, Oyster Bay
Rochester Regional Library Council, Rochester
South Central Regional Library Council, Ithaca
Southeastern New York Library Resource Council, Highland
Western New York Library Resource Council, Buffalo

About Greater Hudson Heritage Network

Greater Hudson Heritage Network (GHHN) is a service organization formed to advance and to advocate for the preservation and interpretation of the state's historical, ethnic, and cultural heritages. GHHN promotes professional standards of excellence and fosters cooperation among member organizations and individuals through education, information, and assistance. GHHN administers the statewide Conservation Treatment Grant Program which awards over $100,000/year to eligible museums & cultural institutions with stewardship responsibility for collections that are accessible to the public. Grants support professional conservation treatment procedures to aid in stabilizing & preserving New York's diverse cultural collections.

About the Institute of Museum and Library Services

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