HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
Combined meeting of
Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.,
Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,
and
Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.
March 8, 2023
Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Library and Museum
4079 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538
And Via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendance

Conservancy Members Present
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Chair
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Vice-Chair
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member
Olson, Sarah, Conservancy Secretary

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy
Brown, Kristin Cole, Conservancy Member – present via Zoom
McLaughlin, Jayne, Conservancy Treasurer – present via Zoom
Murray, Dennis, Conservancy Member
Idleman, Sara, Conservancy Member – present via Zoom
Weiss, Daniela, Conservancy Member – present via Zoom
Williams, Jeanne, Conservancy Member – present via Zoom

Council Members Present
Aldrich, J. Winthrop, Council Meeting Chair
Carlquist, Jennifer, Putnam County Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member
Yaun, Johanna, Orange County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy
Altieri, Vincent, Rockland County Council Member
Anil, Hon. Beephan, Council Member
Castillo, Carla, Council Member
Downey, Margaretta, Council Chair
Head, Betty, Albany County Council Member
Henry, Angela, Dutchess County Council Member
McNamara, Mary, Ulster County Council Member – present via Zoom
Piscitelli, Anthony, New York City Council Member – present via Zoom

Joint Delegates Present
Fernandez, Joanne, Joint Delegate for NYS Secretary of State
MacMillan, Lance, Joint Delegate for Commissioner of NYS Department of Transpiration
Scaglione, Thomas, Joint Delegate for Chair of Empire State Development
Turturro, Kelly, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Wynter, Damali, Joint Delegate for Commissioner of NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Joint Delegates Present by Proxy
Cooper, Linda, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation – present via Zoom

Advisory Members Present
Bicking, Andy, Scenic Hudson

Greenway Staff Present
Arana, Cody, Event Coordinator
Campochiaro, Beth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Day, Shannon, Director of Operations
Keller, Scott, Executive Director

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Kevin Burke.

Welcome New Member and Delegate

Executive Director Scott Keller announced that Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr. is the new Assembly Minority Appointment to the Council.

Mr. Keller also announced that Thomas Scaglione is the new Joint Delegate for Empire State Development.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Burke and Meeting Chair Wint Aldrich welcomed the Board and meeting attendees. ROVA Superintendent Amy Bracewell welcomed the Board and meeting attendees to the FDR Library and Museum, noting that there will be a new exhibit

upcoming at the Library documenting the civil rights history of the Roosevelts. Much of the research for this exhibit was done by our own Chairman Kevin Burke.

Presentation: Greater Hudson Heritage Network: "ABCs of Collection Care"

Scott Keller introduced Priscilla Brendler, Executive Director of Greater Hudson Heritage Network. Priscilla presented to the Board how GHHN had developed a detailed document and online resource for small museums and organizations who needed a guide for caring for their historic resources. The tools were developed with funding from the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Mx. Brendler's presentation is appended to and a part of these minutes.

Agenda Review

Chair Kevin Burke. called for any comments on the agenda. No comments were made by Board Members.

Joint Meeting Proclamations

Wint Aldrich made remarks on the distinguished service by both Senator Stephen Saland and Sally Mazzarella as members of the Boar, before reading into the record proclamations honoring each for their service to the Greenway.

Scott Keller announced two new proclamations honoring volunteers of the annual Hudson River Valley Greenway. Jane Daniels, Conservancy Board Member, and her husband Walt Daniels have led hikes in Westchester County for nearly all of the Ramble's 22 years. Tom Lake, an estuary naturalist with the Hudson River Estuary Program, has led events for all of the Rambles. The Greenway would not be able to operate its programs without so many dedicated volunteers.

Chair Kevin Burke called for a vote from both Boards. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Linda von der Heide second), the proclamations honoring Sally Mazzarella, Stephen Saland, Jane and Walt Daniels, and Tom Lake were unanimously approved. Jane Daniels abstained from the vote for the proclamation honoring herself and Walt Daniels.

Minutes of December 14, 2022 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Chair Kevin Burke then asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Greenway Joint Meeting. On a motion from Bob Elliott, (Sarah Olson second) the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc., and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc. were unanimously approved.

Minutes of March 1, 2023 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

Chair Burke called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee. On a motion from Sarah Olson (Cindy Lanzetta second) the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee were unanimously approved.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Chair Kevin Burke called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Water Trail Designation

Scott Keller announced that Scenic Hudson has requested designation of Longview Park as part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail. On October 12 Beth Campochiaro made a presentation about HRVG to the New Baltimore Conservancy, alongside Scenic Hudson. One of the things that came out of that presentation is their request to designate Scenic Hudson's Longview Park, which is managed by the Conservancy. This Day Use site features trails, historic farm buildings with interpretive material; and a seasonal portable toilet at the parking area.

Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the applications for Greenway Conservancy Trail Grants which had been recommended for funding by the Grants Committee.

The Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, Dutchess County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $7,500 for the Kaatsbaan and Tivoli Trail. This project will move the HRVG trail off-road from Tivoli Bays north to Broadway in the village.

The NY NJ Trail Conference, Putnam County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $9,100 for Design for Anthony's Nose Appalachian Trail Relocation.

The Stuyvesant Falls Fire District, Columbia County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $10,450 for Milk Pond Trail Access for Emergencies.

The Town of Carmel, Putnam County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $3,900 for Volz Park Rehabilitation.

The Town of Montgomery, Orange County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $17,500 for Montgomery Wallkill Trail Expansion.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail (AHET) Maintenance Conservancy Grants

The Rensselaer Land Trust, Rensselaer County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $7,500 for maintenance of the Rensselaer portion of the AHET. The RLT is dong a terrific job of maintain the Schodack section of AHET.

Adoption of 2024 Budget Report for PARIS

The Public Authorities Reporting Information System or PARIS requires public benefit corporations to submit annually and prior to their fiscal year end a Budget and Financial Plan. This is composed of two reports, a budget report and a budget request. These reports are both a high-level snapshot of anticipated revenues and expenses going out four years, a look at current year's estimates, as well as last year's actuals, and an anticipated budget for next year. The Board must adopt these reports and then the Greenway will post them on our website.

Chair Kevin Burke called for a vote on the Water Trail designation, the trail grants, and the PARIS budget. On a motion from Cindy Lanzetta (Sarah Olson second), the Water Trail designation, the trail grant applications, and the PARIS Budget were unanimously approved. Jane Daniels abstained from the vote for the grant to the NYNJ Trail Conference.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Meeting Chair Wint Aldrich called the Council meeting to order.

Communities Council Grants

Mr. Keller reviewed the Communities Grant applications which had been recommended for funding by the Grants Committee.

The Town of Germantown, Columbia County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $10,000 in order to update their Land Use Law.

The Town of Stillwater, Saratoga County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends, $15,000 for a Town and Village Open Space and Passive Recreation Plan.

Meeting Chair Wint Aldrich called for a vote on the Greenway Communities grants recommended by the Grants Committee. On a motion from Bob Elliott (Jennifer Carlquist second), the grants were approved unanimously.

Budget Update

Executive Director Scott Keller updated the Board on Governor Hochul's proposed budget, in which the Greenway has a proposed increase in aid-to-localities funding for our Community and Compact grants to $250,000, an increase from $136,000. The popularity of these has meant that the Greenway has been unable to fund many worthy applications these past few years. Council operations are proposed to remain at $245,000. There is also an increase in the Conservancy operations budget from $225,000 to $250,000. The trails grant funding is proposed to remain at $500,000. Mr. Keller thanked the Division of Budget for their help and support, as well as Governor Hochul. Once the legislature formally adopts a budget, Mr. Keller will prepare a combined budget for approval at the next Board meeting.

Wint Aldrich recognized Scott Keller for his ability to work with the Division of Budget and to successfully advocate for increased funding for the Greenway.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA)

Call to Order

Chair Kevin Burke and Meeting Chair Wint Aldrich called the National Heritage Area (NHA) meeting to order.

National Heritage Area Heritage Development Grants

Executive Director Scott Keller reviewed the applications received which had been recommended by the Grants Committee.

The Albany Symphony, Albany County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends $7,500 for a Freedom Road concert series. Funding includes the provision that NHA grant funds and match may only be applied to performances held at locations within the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

The Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Dutchess County is seeking, and the Grants Committee recommends $7,500 for Young Women at the Helm 2023, a program to get disadvantaged teenagers onto the Hudson.

Chair Kevin Burke called for a motion on the Heritage Development Grants. On a motion from Johanna Yaun (Linda von der Heide second), the Heritage Development Grants were unanimously approved.

Update on Reauthorization Bill S-1942

Scott Keller reviewed the passage of S-1942. Congress passed, and President Biden signed the NHA System Act on January 5th. This legislation accomplishes three things:

1. It formalizes the NHA System within the NPS but does not make individual NHA's part of the NPS and does not affect the HRVNHA's existing administration.
2. It extends the HRVNHA's funding authorization until 2037.
3. It raises the HRVNHA's funding cap to $1 million per year through 2037, regardless of any other language limiting the budget to a total of $15 or $17 million in lifetime funding.

This clears up much uncertainty for the next 15 years and relies on Congress for annual appropriations but does not require Congress to renew funding authorization every two or three years. This passed in a strongly bipartisan fashion, in the senate by unanimous consent and in the house by a vote of 326-95.

Executive Director's Report

Scott Keller gave his Executive Director's report. Mr. Keller thanked the staff for their dedication and hard work.

New Business

Chair Kevin Burke asked if any Board member or member of the public had any new business.

Andy Bicking noted that the State budget is developing plans for the Environmental Bond Act.

Johanna Yaun noted that in July she would be taking part in a trip to France highlighting the Harlem Hellfighters, one of the few black combat regiments in World War I, most of whom hailed from the Hudson Valley. Johanna also showed the new Orange County 250th Celebrations logo with the group.

Wint Aldrich noted that in August of 2024 would be the anniversary of Lafayette's trip to the Hudson Valley where he visited many locations throughout the Valley, and that celebrations would be planned.

Sara Idleman noted that the Albany Symphony Orchestra had held two concerts at Hudson Crossing Park that were well attended, and she was pleased to see ASO receiving funding from the NHA.

Future Meetings

The 2023 Joint Board meetings are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, June 14, 2023
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Campochiaro
Meeting Secretary

Proclamation Commending

Sally Mazzarella

For Distinguished Service

to the

Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

WHEREAS, Sally Mazzarella was appointed to the Greenway Council on the twenty-third day of January 2014 and has faithfully attended the meetings and participated in the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Sally Mazzarella has provided the citizens of the Hudson River Valley with time, effort and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Sally Mazzarella's term has expired on the Greenway Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway do hereby pause in their deliberations to honor and commend Sally Mazzarella for dedicated service to the communities and citizens of the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be provided to Sally Mazzarella by the Greenway as a symbol of appreciation.

J. Winthrop Aldrich, Council Vice Chair *Kevin Burke, Conservancy Chair*

Adopted March 8, 2023

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Proclamation Commending

Stephen Saland

For Distinguished Service

to the

Board of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

WHEREAS, Steve Saland sponsored the Greenway enabling legislation in the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Steve Saland was appointed to the Greenway Council by the Senate Majority Leader and has faithfully attended the meetings and participated in the proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Steve Saland has provided the citizens of the Hudson River Valley with time, effort and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Steve Saland's term has expired on the Greenway Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Joint Boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway do hereby pause in their deliberations to honor and commend Steve Saland for more than twenty-five years of dedicated service to the communities and citizens of the Hudson River Valley Greenway; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be provided to Steve Saland by the Greenway as a symbol of appreciation.

J. Winthrop Aldrich, Council Vice Chair

Kevin Burke, Conservancy Chair

Adopted March 8, 2023

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ABCs of COLLECTION CARE

Produced by GHHN and funded by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the *ABCs of Collection Care* is a digital and print publication featuring images of items in collections held in museums in the HRVNHA footprint alongside collections care guidelines and advice from conservators

THE NEED

Historic items are found in not only at heritage sites but also in private and family collections.

When searching the internet for guidance, people often find care recommendations that can be ultimately damaging to their collections:

- using ketchup or toothpaste to clean silver
- putting books in the microwave to kill mold
- using Pledge on gilded frames
- washing antique glass in the dishwasher
- using vinegar to clean waxed furniture
- storing paintings by leaning against a basement wall

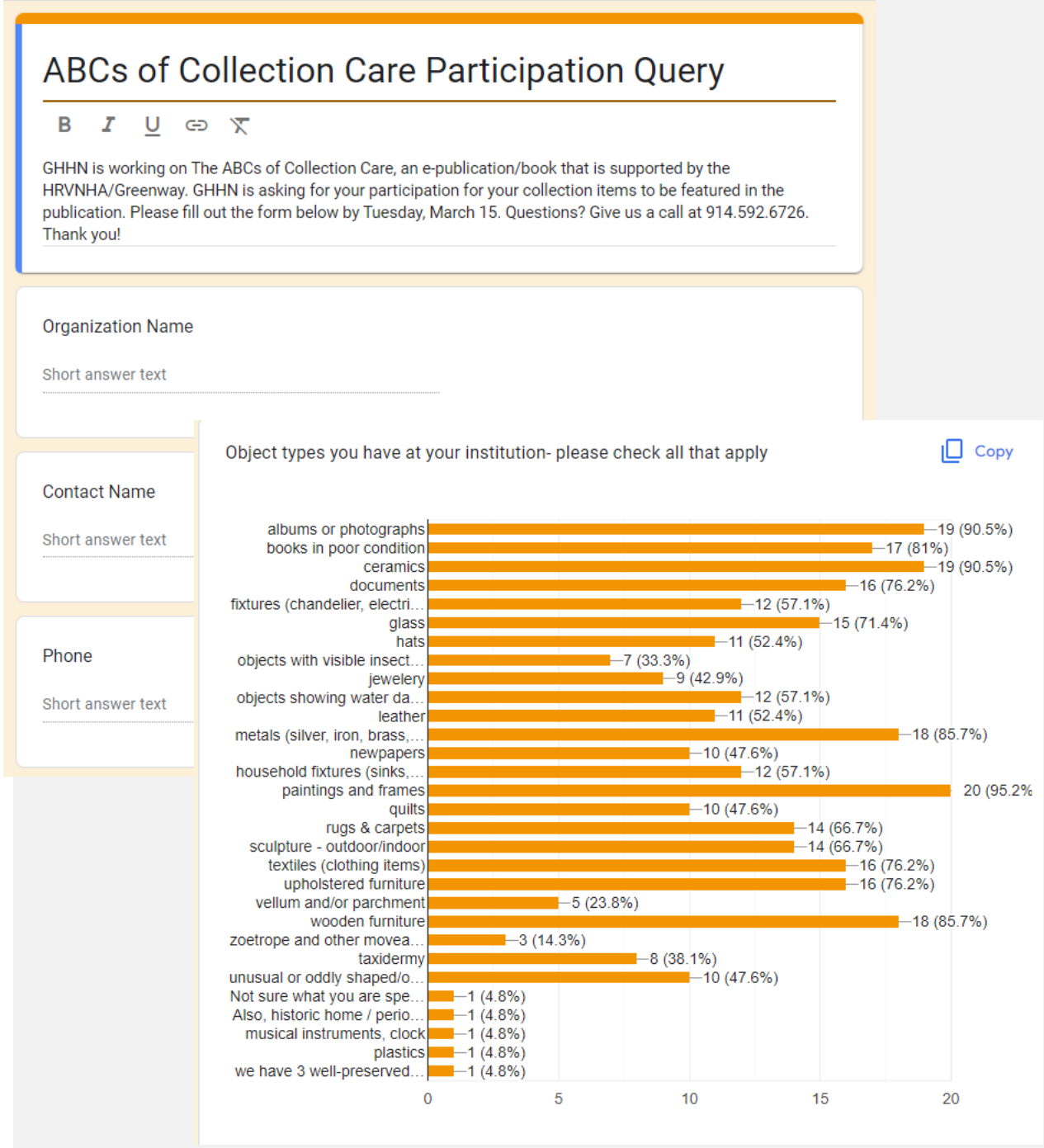
What is needed is a clear, visual, "at- your fingertips" guide on the care of treasured collections from a trusted source – which can be used by staff, volunteers, and even the general public.

FIRST STEPS

In Spring 2022 we sent a survey to all the sites in the HRVNHA footprint that hold historic collections – explaining the project and asking which object types they would allow us to come and photograph

From these responses, we narrowed down to 25 sites to include. Due to time constraints, exhibition schedules, and staff availability, we were able to imclude15 sites in the publication

Contracted with Zoe McWhirter for our photographer



PHOTOGRAPHY

- In June 2022, we visited the 15 sites to photograph collection items – driving over 900 miles in 3 weeks!

- Sites visited:
  - Putnam History Museum
  - Boscobel
  - Vanderbilt NHS/Rath Storage Bldg
  - Locust Grove
  - Historical Society of Rockland County
  - Lyndhurst
  - Montgomery Place/Bard Archives
  - Mount Gulian
  - Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art (SUNY New Paltz)
  - Historic Huguenot Street
  - Staatsburgh SHS
  - Historic Cherry Hill
  - Hudson River Museum
  - Historical Society of Newburgh Bay and the Highlands
  - Manitoga

PHOTOGRAPHY

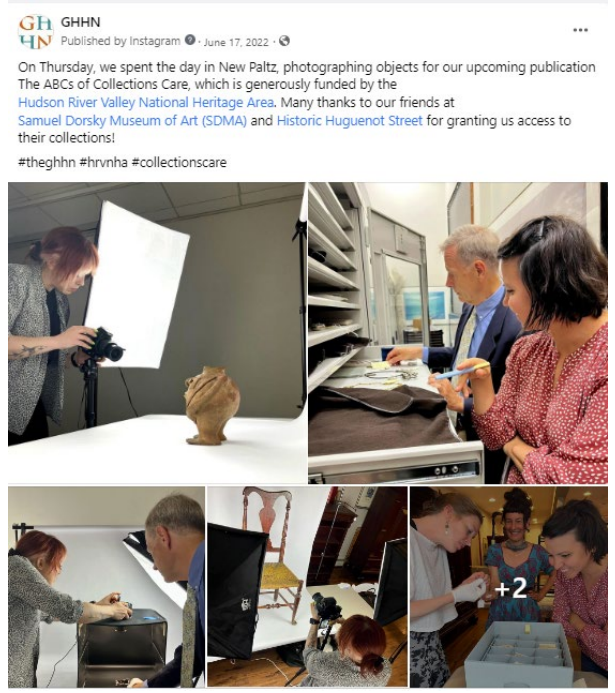
The sites we visited were very generous with their time and staff – and allowed us fantastic access to photograph anything and everything we needed

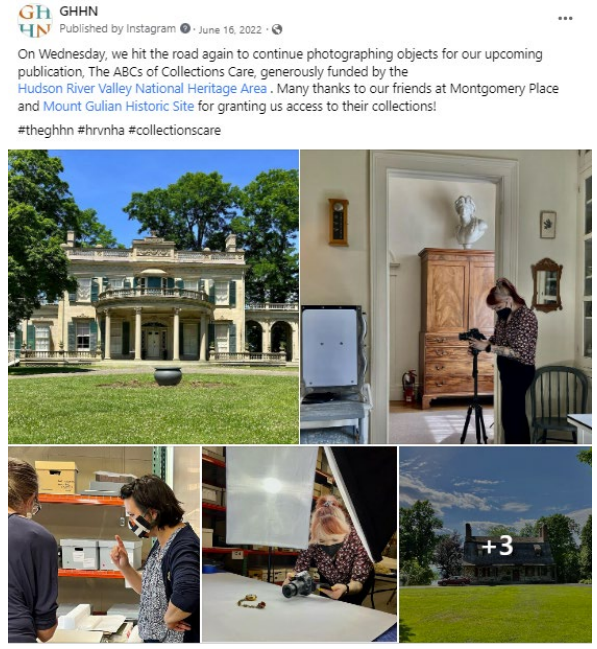
Spent 4 hours at most sites and photographed over 350 objects in all

We posted on social media after each visit, thanking and tagging the site and including images of some of the items we photographed as well as behind the scenes shots

For a behind the scenes look at our photography days:

https://vimeo.com/778517505





Once we edited the photographs, then it was time to determine which object types best went with which letter.

P is for paintings & frames, or should it be F is for frames & paintings?

What to do for Q?

What about X?

Here's what we settled on…

- A is for Archival materials
- B is for Books
- C is for Ceramics
- D is for Dolls and Games
- E is for Effective Stewardship
- F is for Focus on Photography
- G is for Glass
- H is for Handling and Moving
- I is for Integrated Pest Management
- J is for Jewelry and Personal Objects
- K is for Kasten and other Furniture
- L is for Leather
- M is for Metals
- N is for Needlework
- O is for Ornamental and Decorative Objects
- P is for Paintings & Frames
- Q is for Quiet Dangers
- R is for Rugs and Carpets
- S is for Sculpture
- T is for Textiles
- U is for Ubiquitous Scrapbooks
- V is for Vacuuming and Cleaning
- W is for Works on Paper
- X is for boXes and Storage
- Y is for Your Tool Kit
- Z is for Zoological and Taxidermy Collections

EDITING/DESIGN

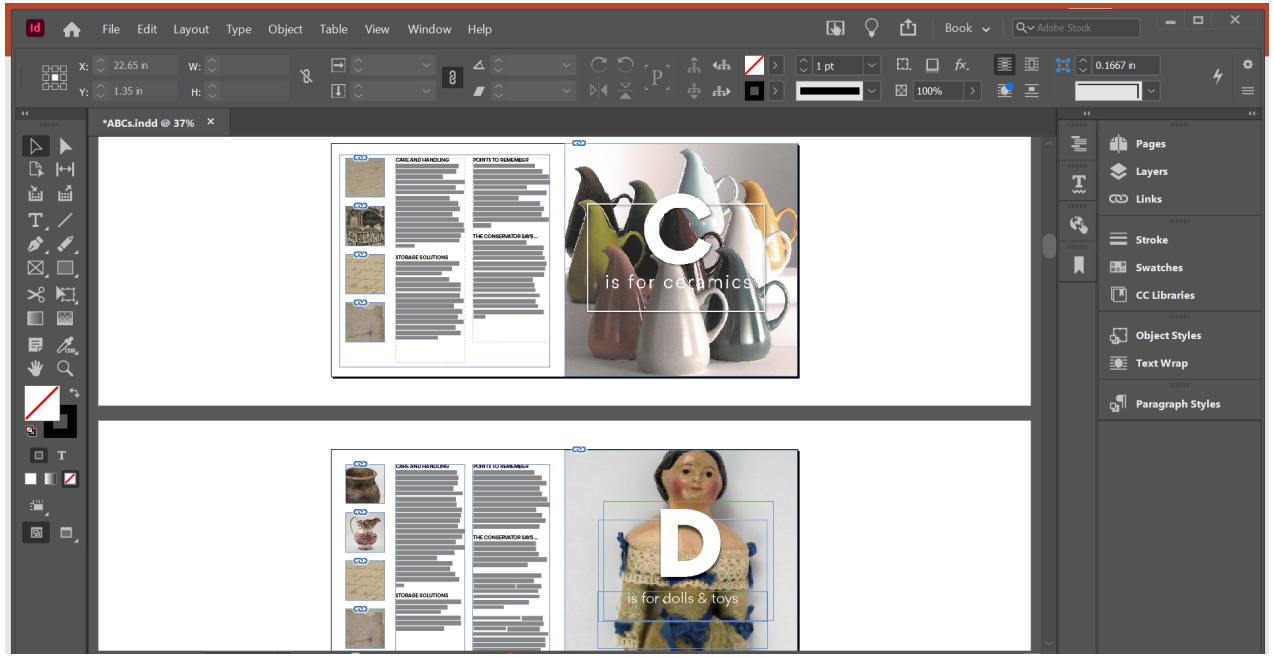
Each page covers care and handling, storage solutions, important points to remember, and input from conservators about the specific item type.

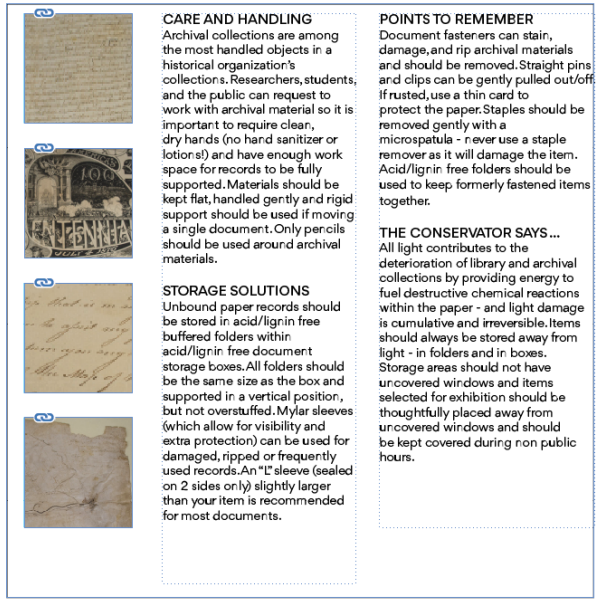
GHHN wrote the text and edited it internally, then sent off to a panel of conservators for their feedback. Conservator panel includes:

- Michele Phillips (Paper/Photographs)
- AM Art Conservation (Object/IPM)
- Kathy McKenzie (Furniture)
- Sarah Stevens (Textiles)
- West Lake Conservators (Paintings)

GHHN concurrently produced the mockups for each page in InDesign– selecting one image for the front and 4 additional images for the back of the page as well as the text layout.

Final step by March 31: limited print run through Smart Press and epublication on Issuu



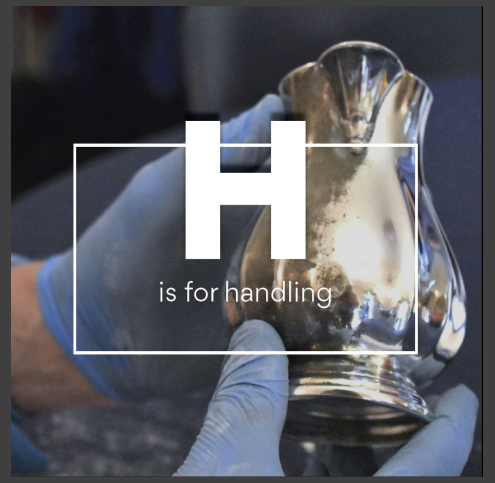


CARE AND HANDLING
Archival collections are among the most handled objects in a historical organization's collections. Researchers, students, and the public can request to work with archival material so it is important to require clean, dry hands (no hand sanitizer or lotions!) and have enough work space for records to be fully supported. Materials should be kept flat, handled gently and rigid support should be used if moving a single document. Only pencils should be used around archival materials.

STORAGE SOLUTIONS
Unbound paper records should be stored in acid/lignin free buffered folders within acid/lignin free document storage boxes. All folders should be the same size as the box and supported in a vertical position, but not overstuffed. Mylar sleeves (which allow for visibility and extra protection) can be used for damaged, ripped or frequently used records. An "L" sleeve (sealed on 2 sides only) slightly larger than your item is recommended for most documents.

POINTS TO REMEMBER
Document fasteners can stain, damage, and rip archival materials and should be removed. Straight pins and clips can be gently pulled out/off. If rusted, use a thin card to protect the paper. Staples should be removed gently with a microspatula - never use a staple remover as it will damage the item. Acid/lignin free folders should be used to keep formerly fastened items together.

THE CONSERVATOR SAYS...
All light contributes to the deterioration of library and archival collections by providing energy to fuel destructive chemical reactions within the paper - and light damage is cumulative and irreversible. Items should always be stored away from light - in folders and in boxes. Storage areas should not have uncovered windows and items selected for exhibition should be thoughtfully placed away from uncovered windows and should be kept covered during non public hours.



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