

UNH Museum Awarded Federal Grant

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Library Museum has been awarded a 2002 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant for \$3,730 that will be used to help preserve the museum's collections.

The UNH Museum joins more than 1,800 museums that have participated in CAP since the program began in 1990. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation and preservation specialists to identify the needs of their collections and recommend ways to correctly improve collections conditions.

Heritage Preservation's President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised UNH's Museum for "making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority at their institution and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations."

CAP provides funds for a general conservation survey of the museum's collections. Professional conservator(s) will spend two days surveying the site and three days writing a comprehensive report to identify conservation priorities. The on-site consultation will enable the UNH Museum to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures and environmental conditions. The assessment report will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of their collections. The UNH Museum expects to improve the storage of its textile collection by participating in CAP.

The UNH Museum is on Level One of the Dimond Library and specializes in materials related to New Hampshire and the university. The Special Collections

Department's primary mission is to acquire, preserve and make accessible research materials, particularly those related to the Granite State. It is open from Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer.

The University Museum is showing an exhibit titled, "Daisy's Paisleys: 19th Century Shawls from the Daisy Deane Williamson Collection."

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