

COLLECTION POLICY

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ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE; however, the museum assumes no responsibility to evaluate donations.

All donations are considered outright and unconditional gifts to be used at the museum's discretion.

Due to the expense involved in housing, handling, maintaining, insuring and exhibiting collections, loans will only be considered. Occasionally, loans are considered for special exhibits or programming, but only for a designated period of time. In order to preserve the collection from light, dust and insects, the museum continually rotates items. For this reason not all donations can be designated for permanent exhibit.

The museum considers its collections to be organized into the following three categories:

TYPE I: PERMANENT EXHIBIT

THESE ITEMS ARE THE FINEST AVAILABLE, RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE MUSEUM'S PURPOSES AND ARE USED ONLY FOR EXHIBITION OR RESEARCH.

TYPE II: STUDY

THESE ITEMS ARE USUALLY DUPLICATE OR WORN ITEMS THAT RETAIN VALUE FOR TEACHING. THESE ITEMS MAY BE USED FOR EXHIBITION, TEACHING AIDS OR AS LOANS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS OTHER MUSEUMS AND SCHOOLS.

TYPE III: EXPENDABLE

THESE ITEMS ARE USUALLY DONATED BY INDIVIDUALS OR INSTITUTIONS WHICH NO LONGER NEED THEM. SINCE THE ITEM CANNOT BE USED FOR EXHIBIT OR STUDY, ITS GREATEST VALUE IS FOR TRADE OR SALE TO ACQUIRE ARTIFACTS OR OTHER PERMANENT MATERIALS FOR EXHIBIT OR STUDY.

The "type" of the item donated will be designated, if possible, prior to the donation. However because interests and objectives change, no guarantee can be made that the donation will remain in the designated category.