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Dubuque Museum of Art Awarded Federal Grant From National Endowment for the Humanities

Grant Funding Will Assist with Assessing Condition of the Museum's Extensive Collections of Art and Artifacts

(DUBUQUE, IA) – The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) has been awarded \$6,000 in federal grant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to conduct a general preservation assessment of its permanent collections. DuMA was among 290 organizations, across 43 states, awarded competitive funding from the NEH during its most recent grant cycle.

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Preservation and Access has offered Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions since 2000. These grants help small and mid-sized cultural heritage institutions such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. Awards of up to \$6,000 support preservation related collection assessments, consultations, purchase of preservation supplies and equipment, training and workshops, and institutional and collaborative disaster and emergency planning.

DuMA has contracted with the Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC), based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to conduct the preservation assessment, beginning in May 2017. A highly-trained conservator will analyze the museum's collections and help determine the priority of objects for future conservation treatments. DuMA currently has more than 2,500 works telling the story of our region's unique history and culture. This includes the third-largest collection of works by Iowan Grant Wood and a rare collection of photogravures by Edward S. Curtis.



“The Dubuque Museum of Art is very grateful to the National Endowment for the Humanities for this award and to Iowa’s Congressional delegation for their continued support of the NEH,” said Executive Director David Schmitz. Schmitz added, “This project helps fulfill our charge to preserve our collections, which are held in the public trust, for future generations to enjoy.”

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA), founded in 1874 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums in 2004, is Iowa’s oldest cultural institution. Named a national affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution in 2016, DuMA’s mission is to excite, engage and serve diverse communities within the Tri-State area through our collections, exhibitions and educational programs. We engage generations of people to their cultural heritage and exceptional art. DuMA is located across from Washington Park in historic downtown Dubuque at 7th and Locust Streets.

Museum hours are Tuesday–Friday 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M., Saturday & Sunday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. Daily Admission is \$6 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors, and \$3 for College/University Students. The museum is free to everyone on Thursdays, and every day for children 18 and younger, thanks to Prudential Financial.

Additional information on museum programs and events may be accessed at www.dbqart.com.

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