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CONSERVATION CENTER FOR ART AND HISTORIC ARTIFACTS AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS “*CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS*” GRANT FROM THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Philadelphia: Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) has received a \$40,000 grant to create a preservation plan for collections in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Ingrid E. Bogel, Executive Director of CCAHA notes, “We are delighted to be able to provide oversight and leadership as we work with the task force members in developing an inclusive preservation plan for the museums, libraries, archives and historic sites located throughout Pennsylvania.”

This project will address areas of concern identified in Heritage Health Index Report, which found that the nation’s collections are at great risk. CCAHA will seek to determine specific critical needs through a comprehensive assessment process involving approximately 4,000 Pennsylvania collecting institutions.

These 19 Statewide Planning Grants are part of the IMLS initiative, *Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action*, a multi-year, multi-faceted national plan to raise public awareness and inspire action on collections care. “These 19 projects represent movement toward collaborative thinking among collection-holding institutions that have a strong commitment to collections stewardship,” said Anne-Imelda Radice, IMLS Director. “IMLS funding will assist these relationships in blossoming into powerful alliances that will serve collections and the people who use them for years to come.”

CCAHA will work closely with three organizations that will function as project advisors: the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations; and PALINET, a cooperative membership association representing hundreds of libraries and information centers throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. www.ims.gov.

Located in Philadelphia, CCAHA is a non-profit regional conservation center serving museums, libraries and historic sites, as well as corporations and private individuals. It specializes in the treatment of works of art and artifacts on paper, such as prints, maps, posters, historic wallpaper, photographs, rare books, scrapbooks, manuscripts, parchment, and papyrus. The Conservation Center also offers on site consultation services, educational programs and seminars, internships, and emergency conservation services. www.ccaha.org.

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