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**“Caring for Your Treasures”
Culture Days Event Brings Together Three Kingston Cultural
Institutions**

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – This September, learn from museum professionals how to preserve your prized possessions and store them for future generations. On Saturday, September 28th, the Museum of Health Care, in partnership with the Agnes Etherington Art Centre and the City of Kingston, will host a free Culture Days session with a focus on museum storage principles and preventive conservation methods. Pre-registration is required.

Check out the behind-the-scenes collections work in a museum and learn how to apply those principles at home with Museum of Health Care Collections Manager Kathy Karkut, City of Kingston Civic Collections Technician Sarah Forsyth and Agnes Etherington Art Centre Collections Manager and Exhibition Coordinator Jennifer Nicoll. The event will include an introductory talk on a variety of preventative conservation techniques and materials; work stations with demonstrations on actual museum objects and an informal discussion and Q&A period. Participants are encouraged to bring a photograph of treasured objects for discussion. Please do not bring actual objects.

“We are looking forward to participating in this year’s Culture Days activities in Kingston,” says Museum of Health Care Collections Manager Kathy Karkut. “Since the theme is behind-the-scenes work, we thought a workshop on preservation techniques was the perfect fit. We can’t change the natural deterioration of materials, but we can change the way we store and handle them to help expand their life span,” adds Ms. Karkut.

According to Jennifer Nicoll, Collections Manager and Exhibition Coordinator at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre attendees can expect “tips and some guidelines to help preserve treasured objects.” “Using techniques that collections managers use to clean, care for and preserve the items in their custody, members of the public can improve the ways they store their objects to help them last,” adds Sarah Forsyth, City of Kingston Civic Collections Technician.

Location: 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site. Free event parking in the Ann Baillie lot.

Dates & Times: Saturday, September 28th, 2013 10am-12pm.

Cost: Free. Pre-registration is required. To register call 613-548-2419, email info@museumofhealthcare.ca or go to www.museumofhealthcare.ca

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