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“Caring for Our History: Museum Conservation Basics”

July 12-17, 2009

AGENDA

Sunday, July 12, 2009 Location: Mohegan Sun Casino

4:00-5:00pm

Design Tour of Mohegan Sun Casino (optional; meet at casino hotel reflection pool)

6:00-7:30pm

Informal Gathering at Mohegan Sun restaurant (on your own; meet at casino hotel reflection pool)

Monday, July 13, 2009 Location: Mohegan Congregational Church

Breakfast

On your own at hotel; continental breakfast available at class location after 8am

Transportation:

Shuttle leaves Mohegan Sun at 8:30am

9:00-10:30am

Welcome, Introductions, Getting to Know Each Other, Identifying Goals and Priorities

10:30-10:45am

Break

10:45-Noon

Introduction to Preservation Principles – Agents of Deterioration

Every collections care professional needs a solid foundation in preservation principles and techniques. We will discuss the nine agents of deterioration and how they affect care strategies and choices. Risk Management resources and tools used to help make care decisions will be shown and discussed.

Noon-1:30pm

Lunch (provided)

1:30-2:45pm

Preservation Principles – Lab – Monitoring Equipment

After lunch we will look at environmental monitoring equipment and discuss how to use and maintain them and how to use the information they provide. Monitoring schedules and techniques will be discussed to help staff watch for pollutants, humidity and temperature fluctuations, pests, and light levels that might be damaging. Each student will have time to practice using the different monitoring equipment.

2:45-3:00pm

Break

Wed., July 15, 2009**Location: Mohegan Congregational Church***Breakfast**On your own at hotel; continental breakfast available at class location after 8am**Transportation:**Shuttle leaves Mohegan Sun at 8:30am*

9:00-10:30am

Preservation of Organic Materials:
Hide/Skins/Leather/Feathers

We will concentrate on animal-based collections found in Tribal repositories. These include buckskin, rawhide, commercially tanned leather, furs, other skins, hair and feathers. We will show examples of how they are damaged and how damage is reduced with good management. We will discuss where they are similar to the plant-based artifacts and how they are different.

10:30-10:45am

Break

10:45-Noon

Preservation of Organic Materials – Cleaning and Reshaping
Practice some of the principles discussed in the earlier lectures. We will discuss handling, condition reports and basic cleaning and reshaping treatments.

Noon-1:15pm

Lunch (provided)

1:30pm-3:00pm

Inorganic Materials

Inorganic materials are commonly referred to as “non-living things” – the earth and rocks. We will learn a little about the chemistry and physical structure of rocks and what affects their long-term preservation, then how these materials are turned into metals, ceramics and glass.

3:00-3:15pm

Break

3:15-5:00pm

Inorganic Materials: Ceramics

Ceramics in your repositories may come from archaeological sites, from historical contexts, or modern artisans. Each is affected by environments in different ways. We will examine damage to ceramics and discuss how it can be avoided.

*Evening**Dinner on Your Own**Traditional Sweat (optional; register by Tuesday morning)***Thurs., July 16, 2009****Location: Mohegan Congregational Church***Breakfast**On your own at hotel; continental breakfast available at class location after 8am**Transportation:**Shuttle leaves Mohegan Sun at 8:30am*

9:00-10:30am

Inorganic Materials: Glass

Glass -- primarily beads -- are used to decorate clothing. Glass vessels, some archaeological, may be in your repositories as well. We will discuss how glass is made and how that affects its stability and your treatment and care options.

