

Schedule of Events

- 9:00 Registration
9:30 Opening Remarks

Morning Workshop

Linda Carlson, Curator of Collections, Design and Merchandising Museum, Colorado State University

“Care and Preservation of Costumes and Textiles”

- Noon-1:00 Lunch

Afternoon Events

- 1:00-2:00 *Leah Davis Witherow, Archivist,
Starsmore Center for Local History,
Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum*

“If the Shoe Fits-Interpret It! Making the Most of
Material Culture Objects in Your Collection”

- 2:00-2:30 *Photographs and Material Culture,
Hands-on exercise and fun!*

- 2:30-2:45 Break

- 2:45-4:00 *Panel Discussion*

“Guns, Rosaries, and Steel: The Storage, Care, and
Use of 3-Dimensional Objects in Archives”

- 4:00-4:45 *Business Meeting*

- 4:45 *Door Prize Drawing*

A limited number of scholarships are available. For information and application, go to <http://www.srmarchivists.org/> and click on “SRMA Scholarship Program.” Deadline is May 16th. Questions? Contact D. Claudia Thompson at dcthom@uwyo.edu

SRMA is also sponsoring SAA’s workshop “Project Management for Archivists” at Denver Water on 6/12/2008. You must register for this event with SAA.

<http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id=2354>

MATERIAL CULTURE IN THE ARCHIVES

Society of Rocky
Mountain
Archivists
Spring Conference

At New Hope
Baptist Church
3701 Colorado Blvd.
Denver, CO 80205

June 13th, 2008

9:30am to 4:45pm



Registration Form

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Circle One:

Member \$40

Nonmember \$50

Student \$20

Registration Deadline: June 4, 2008

Lunch and snacks included with registration

Please mark your choice for box lunch sandwich:

Turkey Veggies

Contact us if you have dietary issues

Make checks payable to SRMA or Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists

SRMA taxpayer identification number:
98-1138500

Return your completed registration and payment to:

Denver Water
MC 250 - Holly Geist
1600 West 12th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204-3412

If you have questions, please contact Holly Geist:
Phone: 303/628-6035 or E-mail: holly.geist@denverwater.org

Material Culture in the Archives

Who Should Attend

Every archivist can relate to the excitement of a new accession coming in the door. As the archivist begins to dig through the boxes to conduct the initial survey of materials, the usual suspects appear: folders, notebooks, loose photographs, maybe a map or two. But what about material culture? The folded up quilt, turn-of-the-century dress, rusty old metal object, or WWI service flag. What is the archivist to do?

Although archivists work to preserve and provide access to documents, photographs, and maps, the occasional item of material culture pops up in our collections. How do we preserve and store these objects and textiles? How can we use them to aid researchers or enrich our outreach efforts and exhibits?

The SRMA Spring Conference promises to answer these questions and provide archivists with the basics of storage, care, and use of material culture objects. A morning workshop led by a curator of costume and textiles, a fun and interactive hands-on session using historic photographs, and archivists touching on their experiences dealing with material culture in their collections, are sure to be of value to any archivist, volunteer, intern, or student!

SRMA will provide a full refund of the registration fee to participants who cancel before the deadline.

No-shows who have not prepaid will be invoiced for the full meeting price.

DIRECTIONS FROM I-25: TAKE I-70 EAST FOR 2.5 MILES TO EXIT 276B/COLORADO BOULEVARD. MERGE ONTO COLORADO BLVD. AND FOLLOW FOR ABOUT 1 MILE. TURN RIGHT (WEST) ON 37TH AVENUE.

Google Maps includes a Street View (360°) of 37th and Colorado: <http://maps.google.com/>

Presenters

Linda Carlson is Curator of Collections for the Design & Merchandising Museum at Colorado State University. She has 20 years of experience in the care, handling, preservation, and exhibition of costumes and textiles in this specialty museum which includes over 12,000 objects. Her teaching expertise includes courses in the history of costume, the history of textiles, and a graduate course in the care and handling of museum collections.

Leah Witherow is the Archivist of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. She is an adjunct professor of history at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and teaches courses in U.S. History, Colorado History, Public History and Material Culture. She holds an M.A. in History, and has achieved archival certification through the Academy of Certified Archivists.

Cliff Hight is the Archivist/Curator at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center in Cañon City, Colorado.

Monte Kniffen, CA is the Provincial Archivist for the Redemptorists/Denver Province in Denver, Colorado.

Marcella Wiget is an Assistant Archivist at Bessemer Historical Society in Pueblo, Colorado.