



STAFF

The staff of the Ford Conservation Center represents years of varied professional training, specialized study, and intensive experience in the art and science of conservation. Ford Center conservators have trained and worked at major cultural institutions in the United States and abroad, and keep abreast of the latest research and innovations in conservation practice.

The Ford Center is a division of the Nebraska State Historical Society.



GET YOUR OBJECT CONSERVED

Please make an appointment before coming to the Ford Center to meet with us. Your conservator will examine your artifact and give you a verbal indication of what can be done and how much it might cost.

If you decide to leave your object at the Ford Center, your conservator will prepare a written condition report, treatment proposal, and estimate of costs. Conservation treatments are not carried out until we have your written approval.

All conservation work carried out at the Ford Center meets the highest professional standards and follows the Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Practice of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. As part of the treatment process, your conservator will give you before and after treatment documentary images along with a written treatment report for your permanent records.

For more information, contact the Ford Center at:

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GERALD R. FORD CONSERVATION CENTER



The Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center is a regional conservation facility that is part of the Nebraska State Historical Society. The Ford Center offers services to private individuals, public museums and libraries, corporations, and state and federal agencies across the country.

SERVICES

The Ford Center's staff offers a wide variety of professional conservation and preservation services to historical, cultural, educational, private, and corporate clients in Nebraska and the surrounding region. Services include the examination and treatment of objects, assessments and surveys of collections, consulting on many collection related topics, educational activities, and public outreach programming.

EXAMINATION

Objects requiring varying levels of technical study and evaluation can be brought to the Ford Conservation Center for examination. Examination may be requested as a prelude to conservation treatment or as an effort to better understand the object. The staff conservators can recommend and facilitate scientific testing and can interpret technical data generated during analysis.

TREATMENT

Treatment services are available for a wide range of object types including paintings, works of art on paper, documents, books, photographs, ceramics, glass, metals, leather, organic materials, and composite objects. Treatment services vary from simple preventive stabilization to complete treatment and cosmetic reintegration.

ASSESSMENTS

Conservation assessments are available for institutional and private collections. Conservators will provide a written overview of the institution or collection, and its efforts at preservation, including evaluation of storage areas, exhibition techniques, pest control methods, housekeeping, and any other factors that affect the long-term survival of artifacts.

SURVEYS

Surveys to document the condition and treatment needs of individual artifacts in a collection can be conducted by Ford Center staff. A specific report detailing the condition, treatment priority, and conservation needs for each object can be prepared, with an overall review that can be used as a tool for long-range preservation planning.

CONSULTATION

Conservators at the Ford Center are available to consult on a wide variety of issues related to collection care and conservation. Advice is available on topics such as storage techniques, exhibition materials, new museum construction, and object housings. Assistance is available for those faced with making decisions about collection management, including crate construction, mount design, material selection, storage techniques, housing materials, framing, matting, and many other issues relating to collection use and care. The Ford Center conservators can provide up-to-date technical information for collectors and museum professionals.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Ford Center staff members can assist with the preparation of emergency preparedness plans, training, and drills. The staff is available in the event of an emergency, and can provide on-site response, as well as long-term collection treatment.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Ford Center staff periodically provide lectures and workshops on a variety of topics for many audiences. Lectures and clinics are available to the public, and workshops and programs are offered for the museum and collecting community. We also welcome prearranged visits by groups.