

Curator's Report September 2019



Statistics

June 273 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

July 221 Total Items Condition
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August 369 Total Items Condition
Reported and Reviewed

3,482 Items
Reviewed

Featured Item: Chinese Lacquered Box

This round cinnabar lacquered wooden box was used to present gifts in elaborate containers. Today we wrap presents in paper, but during the 19th century these boxes were both the wrapping and the gift. Cinnabar is the coloring agent that gives it the bright red hue. Multiple layers would have been applied to achieve the rich color that we see. YO1-167-01.



Welcome!

Summer has come and gone and Fall is here! In September, school tours and the next phase of the collections review process, which will focus on the larger items on the property such as furniture and agricultural equipment, will begin. A lot has happened over the course of the Summer and I am excited to share all that has been happening at the Gibson House Museum and Property.

Collections Committee

The YCHC Collections Committee had their first meeting on June 16th and our committee has begun reviewing items for suggested deaccession (the removal of items from the collection). The committee is comprised of six community members who have knowledge and experience in local history, agricultural history, education, art and museums. We are excited to have such an engaged group!

Grants

The YCHC received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant for \$5,000! The Preservation Assistance for Smaller Institutions Grant will help with the long term preservation of 30 quilts and 100 paintings and will facilitate the move and proper storage of the last of the items from the Gibson House attic into our environmentally stable collections storage facility. The grant will also help us purchase UV film for all of the windows in the Gibson House so that collections items can be protected when they are on display.



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Lecture Series

We are excited to announce the Knowledge @ Noon speaker series in partnership with YoloArts. These events feature professionals in the areas of History, Agriculture and Art every 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon in the Barn Gallery. Bring your lunch join us by reserving your seat click here: <https://yoloarts.org/public-programs/>

Upcoming

HISTORY - Lynne Gough (September 11)
AGRICULTURE - Doneice Trotter (October 9)
ART - Linda S. Fitz Gibbon (November 13)
HISTORY - Mel Russell (December 11)



Volunteer!

If you are interested in learning about collections management, museum interpretive practices and community engagement through history, consider applying to be a volunteer or intern. Click here to apply: <https://yolocountylibrary.org/research/yolo-county-historical-collection/>