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New Museum Series offer Tips and Tricks for Preserving Heirlooms at Home

Have you ever wondered how to preserve documents and objects so they last for generations? The Brockville Museum is excited to be able to offer some insight into preservation techniques that can be used at home with their new hands-on workshop series, Preserving Your Family Treasures, taking place this Spring.

Each workshop will focus on a different material: documents and books on April 27th, photographs on May 25th, and textiles (like quilts and garments) on June 29th. The museum's collection manager will lead participants through proper storage and handling techniques, cover some important dos and don'ts, and provide a take-home reference guide. Participants will also have the opportunity to make their own storage solution for a different item at each workshop, and will be taken on a behind the scenes tour of the museum's collection storage areas to see the techniques in action.

"I'm looking forward to sharing some practical tips and tricks with members of our community" says Museum Administrative Assistant/Registrar, Veronica Vareiro, who manages the museum's collection of over 7,000 objects and over 30,000 photographs and documents. "It often just comes down to materials used for storing an object that can make the difference between an item lasting for decades or deteriorating in just a few years" she adds.

Each workshop will be 2 hours in length and will take place in-person at the Brockville Museum at 1pm on the last Wednesday of each month in April, May, and June. Attendees must register in advance and can choose to participate in all three workshops for \$50, or any individual workshop for \$20. Contact the museum at 613-342-4397 or museum@brockville.com for more information or to register.

The Brockville Museum is located at 5 Henry St. Brockville and is currently open Wednesday-Friday 10am-4pm. Admission is by donation. Visit www.brockvillemuseum.com for more information.

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