



## **Conservation/Preservation Program**

### **2003-2004 Discretionary Grant Awards**

November 2003

New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Janet M. Welch has announced 24 grants to libraries, historical societies and other organizations to preserve deteriorating library research materials. The grants, totaling \$500,000 are part of a \$2.24 million comprehensive, statewide program to preserve endangered materials important to the State.

The 2003 awards include projects that will preserve a number of collections of unique photographs, water-damaged journals, fashion illustrations and identification and documentation records. Examples of grants awarded this year are:

**CHEMUNG COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** -- Preservation and Reformatting of Charles Van Aken Glass Plate Negatives -- \$3,383 -- 90 glass plate negatives of Van Aken's photographs documenting the history of Chemung County in the early 20th century. The Society plans to create duplicate negatives, interpositives and prints in order to preserve these historical images.

**FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** -- Conservation and Reformatting of 106 Illustrations from FIT's Frances Neady Collection -- \$22,823 - 106 original high-quality fashion illustrations from the Frances Neady Collection. Illustrations will be documented, repaired, and remounted in order to preserve this collection.

**HUNTER COLLEGE/CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS PUERTORRIQUENOS** -- Puerto Ricans in New York: Preserving Identity -- \$28,830 -- Collection of 30,000 application forms with supporting documents, known as Identification and Documentation Records, tracing the history of migrant Puerto Ricans to New York between 1930 - 1945. Records will be archived and preserved on microfilm.

#### **APPLICATIONS FOR 2004**

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials provides \$500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. There is strong competition for the \$500,000. The maximum grant award is \$30,000.

Applications for the 2004 cycle were due on December 5, 2003. Questions about the program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Program Officer, New York State Library, 10C47 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. Telephone: (518) 486-4864, E-mail: [blilley@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:blilley@mail.nysed.gov) or visit the [Conservation/Preservation web site](#).

### **2003-2004 New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Discretionary Grant Award Winners**

**INSTITUTION** American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation Microfilming of Archival Collection  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** American Museum of Natural History Library  
**PROJECT TITLE** Ernest Seton Thompson Journal Project  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** Central New York Library Resources Council  
**PROJECT TITLE** CLRC Regional Environmental Monitoring Project  
**CITY** Syracuse  
**COUNTY** Onondaga  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$18,056

**INSTITUTION** Chemung **COUNTY** Historical Society, Inc. (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation and Reformatting of Charles Van Aken Glass Plate Negatives  
**CITY** Elmira  
**COUNTY** Chemung  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$3,383

**INSTITUTION** Fashion Institute of Technology  
**PROJECT TITLE** Conservation and Reformatting of 106 Illustrations from FIT's Frances Neady Collection

**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$22,823

**INSTITUTION** George Eastman House  
**PROJECT TITLE** Rare Photographic Books & Silent Film Journals  
**CITY** Rochester  
**COUNTY** Monroe  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$28,591

**INSTITUTION** Hunter College/Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos  
**PROJECT TITLE** Puerto Ricans in New York: Preserving Identity  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$28,830

**INSTITUTION** Leo Baeck Institute, Inc.  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation Microfilming of the Joseph Braunstein Collection  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$16,567

**INSTITUTION** Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Conservation Treatment of the Williamson Family Papers  
**CITY** Stony Brook  
**COUNTY** Suffolk  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$1,715

**INSTITUTION** Metropolitan Museum of Art (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Conservation of Italian Illustrated Books  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** Museum of Modern Art (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Rehousing Photography Research Resources  
**CITY** New York

**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, Inc., Library  
**PROJECT TITLE** Collection Survey  
**CITY** Cooperstown  
**COUNTY** Otsego  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$2,000

**INSTITUTION** New York Botanical Garden (The)  
**PROJECT TITLE** Oranges & Pines: Conservation of 19th Century Illustrated Botanical Folios  
**CITY** Bronx  
**COUNTY** Bronx  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$27,325

**INSTITUTION** New York City Department of Records and Information Services/Municipal Archives Division  
**PROJECT TITLE** New York City "Old Town" Records Preservation Project  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** New York Public Library (The), Branch Libraries/Mid-Manhattan Library  
**PROJECT TITLE** Creating a Secure, Climate-Controlled Environment for the Picture Collection's Reference File  
**CITY** New York  
**COUNTY** New York  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$30,000

**INSTITUTION** Onondaga Historical Association  
**PROJECT TITLE** Critical Need Project for the Photographic Materials Collection  
**CITY** Syracuse  
**COUNTY** Onondaga  
**AWARD AMOUNT** \$25,520

**INSTITUTION** Rockland County Archives  
**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation of Rockland County Deeds and Court Orders (1852-1929)  
**CITY** Pomona  
**COUNTY** Rockland

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$29,033

**INSTITUTION** Schenectady Museum Association

**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation and Reformatting of Steinmetz Glass Negatives

**CITY** Schenectady

**COUNTY** Schenectady

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$19,704

**INSTITUTION** South Central Regional Library Council

**PROJECT TITLE** Environmental Issues in Preservation Phase IV of a Preservation Awareness Project

**CITY** Ithaca

**COUNTY** Tompkins

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$11,195

**INSTITUTION** Upstate History Alliance

**PROJECT TITLE** Taking Care: The Basics for Preserving History

**CITY** Oneonta

**COUNTY** Otsego

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$5,589

**INSTITUTION** Western New York Library Resources Council

**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation Training Program in Western New York

**CITY** Buffalo

**COUNTY** Erie

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$14,813

**INSTITUTION** Whaling Museum Society, Inc. (The)

**PROJECT TITLE** General Preservation Survey of Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum Library and Archives

**CITY** Cold Spring Harbor

**COUNTY** Suffolk

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$2,960

**INSTITUTION** Wilderstein Preservation

**PROJECT TITLE** Map and Indenture Re-Housing Project

**CITY** Rhinebeck

**COUNTY** Dutchess

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$5,197

**INSTITUTION** WNYC Radio

**PROJECT TITLE** Archives Preservation Project - WNYC Radio

**CITY** New York

**COUNTY** New York

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$29,983

**INSTITUTION** Yeshiva University

**PROJECT TITLE** Preservation Microfilming of Manuscripts and Archival Collections

**CITY** New York

**COUNTY** New York

**AWARD AMOUNT** \$26,986

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