



CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS / MINNESOTA!

Prepare To Get Involved!

The Minnesota Historical Society in collaboration with the Midwest Art Conservation Center (MACC) recently received a *Connecting to Collections* statewide preservation planning grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Learn more about the national *Connecting to Collections* initiative at <http://www.ims.gov/collections/index.htm>. The Society and MACC will undertake a project that flows directly from the current work of the two organizations and the state's commitment to the preservation of its cultural heritage. The goals of the project are to identify collections care needs in cultural institutions across Minnesota and to develop a plan to meet these needs. To accomplish this the Society and MACC will conduct an electronic survey of needs in Minnesota's cultural institutions and convene four meetings of focus groups around the state. **We need your help with this important project** and urge you to get involved! The information you provide will communicate the scope and nature of preservation needs statewide and will guide the efforts of decision-makers and funders to address these needs. Watch for information about how to participate in the survey in the coming weeks. If you are able to join a focus group, contact sherelyn.ogden@mnhs.org. We hope to apply for an implementation grant to assist Minnesota's institutions in preserving their collections. The best way to guarantee that your needs are represented is to participate. To learn more about the project visit the *Connecting to Collections / Minnesota!* website at www.mnhs.org/connectingmn and join us in preserving our cultural heritage.