

Wyandotte Museums

Donation Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you so very much for considering a donation to the Wyandotte Museums! The Wyandotte Museums relies on generous donations from people like you to enhance our collections and raise money for exhibit, restorations, and acquisitions. We rarely have funds to purchase items for the collection, so we rely mostly on donated material. **THANK YOU!**

HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHAT ITEMS ARE ACCESSIONED INTO THE COLLECTIONS OF THE WYANDOTTE MUSEUMS?

Items must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted for the collection:

- Objects must have a solid connection to the City of Wyandotte. It is preferred that objects have an interesting story to tell about Wyandotte residents, places and events.
- In general we collect from 1850 to 1980, but will consider older or newer items if it contributes to telling the story of human occupation in the developing City of Wyandotte.
- Items must be in good condition. The Museums do not have the resources to repair or conserve new items coming in to the collection.
- Books may be accepted if they meet our mission, enhance our ability to research existing collections, relate to the history of Wyandotte or the Downriver area.
- Duplicate items will only be accepted if the new item provides a more interesting story or if existing items are in poor condition.
- Objects must be approved by the Director of Museums and Cultural Affairs in order to be accepted as a donation to the collection.
- Items that do not meet our mission may be accepted for our education collection. These are items that can be handled and are expected to be used to teach future generations, yet may be impacted by use.
- Additionally, items that do not meet our mission or education collections needs may be auctioned or sold to raise funds for the Wyandotte Museums purposes *other than* general fund expenses. These could consist of exhibit installations, materials acquisitions, special programs, buildings and grounds projects, etc.

HOW MUCH IS MY OBJECT WORTH?

Museum staff cannot provide appraisal information to you for ethical and legal reasons. To find an appraiser near you, try contacting one of the following organizations:

- Doug Dalton: auctioneer and certified estate appraiser.

Doug Dalton Auctioneer
38 Henry St.
Belleville, MI, 48111

Ph: 1-800-801-6452
Email: DougDalton@comcast.net

- DuMouchelles: fine arts appraisers and certified estate appraisers.

DuMouchelles Art Gallery
409 East Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, MI, 48226

Ph: 313-963-6255
FAX: 313-963-8199

CAN YOU FIX MY OBJECT FOR ME?

The Museum staff can give you advice about the proper care and storage of your item, but we are NOT qualified to repair or treat your item. Conservators are trained specialists who are hired by museums and the public to properly repair items while retaining their historic integrity.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT DONATING AN ITEM?

All items donated to the Museum must be accompanied with a **DEED OF GIFT**. This document signs over all legal rights to the objects you are donating.

Deed of gifts can be found on our web site: www.wyandottemuseums.org, or at our office: 2624 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI, 48192. We can be reached via phone as well at 734.324.7284 or email: museum@wyandottemi.gov.

DO THE MUSEUMS PURCHASE OBJECTS?

We rarely have funds to purchase items for the collection, so we rely mostly on donated material. You are welcome to submit an inquiry to the Museums about purchasing your object. The inquiry should be sent in letter format, and must include an image of the object, the asking price, a detailed description including condition, and provenance information.

WILL THE MUSEUMS TAKE MY OBJECT ON LOAN IF I DON'T WANT TO DONATE IT?

Many institutions and individuals have generously loaned their items to the Museums. However, with rare exceptions, the Museum does not accept loaned items for reasons other than immediate exhibition purposes.

For more information, please contact us via the following:

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email: museum@wyandottemi.gov • www.wyandotte.net



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Deed of Gift

Date: _____

Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

I own the personal property described below and desire to give said personal property to the Wyandotte Museums. I do hereby irrevocably and unconditionally give and transfer to the Museums all right, title, and interest, including all copyright, trademark, and related interests, in and to the following described properties.

Description of gift: _____

This gift is given in the memory of: _____

By my signature below I accept and acknowledge reading the above conditions.

Date: _____ Donor/Agent: _____

Date received: _____ Received by: _____