

Artifact/Artwork Donation FAQ

Is the Peoria Riverfront Museum still accepting artifacts and artwork?

Yes. The Museum is consistently trying to grow its current collection of 15,000 objects. The Museum is particularly interested in items of merit relating to art, science, history and achievement.

Will my donation be displayed?

What visitors don't see on display is just as important as what they do see. The Museum depends on a large collection, of which only a small percentage can ever be displayed. Once an object, is donated, it immediately becomes available to curators working on a variety of projects. We cannot predict what specific uses your items will have, but your generosity will instantly expand the amount of art, history, science, and achievement available to the public.

Will I be notified if my donation goes on exhibit?

Yes. You will be notified by letter in the U.S. mail in the event your donation is displayed.

How will my donation be credited if it is ever displayed?

The Museum allows, within reason, the individual donors to include what they would like the credit to read. For example, "Gift of Mr. Charles Smith" or "Donated in Memory of Mary Smith."

What is done with artifacts and artwork donated to the Museum?

The Peoria Riverfront Museum uses artifacts and artwork for exhibits organized and displayed in the Museum, traveling exhibitions, and short-term loan to other museums in the United States.

What the Peoria Riverfront Museum *does not* do with its collections.

The Peoria Riverfront Museum does not place its artifacts and artwork on "permanent display." Nor does the Museum return or sell objects back to the donor for any reason.

Where are the artifacts and artwork if they are not on exhibit?

Artifacts and artwork are housed in a state-of-the-art facility with an independent heating and cooling system and an independent alarm system. Artifacts and artwork are housed in storage containers specifically designed and selected for Museum artifacts and artwork.

Will the Museum staff appraise artifacts and artwork for donors?

No. The Internal Revenue Service considers such activity by a 501c(3) a conflict of interest. The following agency is available to assist donors with appraisals.

Appraisers Association of America, Inc.

386 Park Avenue South, Suite 2000, New York, NY 10016

212-889-5404 x 10

aaa@appraisersassoc.org

www.appraisersassoc.org

Or contact the following organization for a list of professional appraisers.

American Society of Appraisers

PO Box 17265

Washington, DC 20041

703-478-2228

If you plan to get an appraisal for artifacts and artwork, please get them photographed, photocopied and/or appraised before sending them. The Peoria Riverfront Museum does not offer these services.