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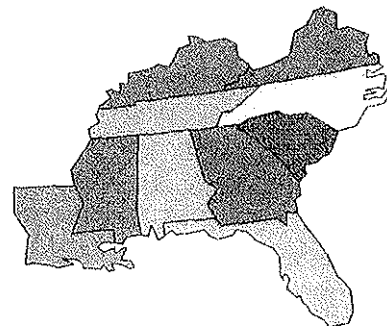
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NEDCC ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLICATION

Assessing Preservation Needs: A Self-Survey Guide is a new practical resource designed to aid institutions in conducting preservation needs assessments. The intended audience is small and mid-sized organizations with limited expertise in preservation and small budgets. Yet these institutions often house important historical records and desire information to help them take the necessary steps to ensure the longevity of their collections. The 96-page guide includes worksheets and step-by-step instructions to aid in surveying varying formats such as bound volumes, documents, manuscripts, photographic materials and audiovisual collections.

NEDCC, working in partnership with Amigos Library Services, Inc. of Dallas Texas, and OCLC of Dublin, Ohio, also produced a 30-minute video highlighting themes of this new publication, which will be available soon through Amigos.

To order a copy of *Assessing Preservation Needs: A Survey Guide*, send a check made out to NEDCC for \$15.00 to the Northeast Document Conservation Center, attn: Juanita Singh, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810; The cost includes UPS Ground shipping and handling within the continental U.S. All payments must be made in U.S. dollars. Include your name, mailing address, and email address or use an order form that is now available at www.nedcc.org.

CCAHA CALLS FOR APPLICANTS

CCAHA's Preservation Overview Survey Program for paper-based collections is continuing through the generous funding of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). A Preservation Overview Survey can assist in setting institutional priorities for preservation, and in developing a preservation program. The survey can also help an institution acquire grant funding for preservation projects.

The cost for this overview survey is only \$350, which will include travel expenses for the surveyor. After the visit, you will receive an extensive report that will provide you with a resource to begin long-term preservation planning.

Institutions owning a paper-based humanities collection that is available to the public and has historical and educational significance are eligible to apply for participation. Institutions funded by the federal government are not eligible because the program is funded by the NEH.

A limited number of subsidized surveys are available through this grant. The deadline for application is October 31, 2003. To request an application form or to receive additional information, please contact: Preservation Services Office

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA), (215) 545-0613.

SOLINET'S VENDOR LIST IS SEARCHABLE

For years SOLINET has maintained, updated, and published extensive lists of a variety of vendors that provide services, supplies, and equipment that relate to preservation. Some of these firms sell alkaline boxes, folders, and supplies. Others offer disaster assistance, and some sell specialized equipment such as tools for environmental testing and monitoring. The vendor lists are available on the SOLINET website

grouped into categories like general supplies, environmental supplies, and reformatting vendors. Recently, the vendors were compiled into a database that can be searched online, which allows you to search by product or service. See http://www.solinet.net/preservation/search_vendor.cfm?KeyWord=

NEW ELECTRONIC LIST: INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

A new online discussion list has started to continue discussions about with integrated pest management begun at the 2003 Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections conference. Topics discussed on the list may include: database models for storing and mapping pest monitoring data, collaboration to build an image database to aid in identification of pests captured on sticky traps, pros and cons of trapping versus direct daily monitoring, practical tips on freezing and CO2 treatments for pest eradication, surveying the types or needs of museum pest monitoring projects, databases.

Leon Zak of ZAK Software, who is part of the Image Permanence Institute team that developed the environmental monitoring program Climate Notebook is the generous host of the List. To subscribe to this list, send an email to listserv@zaks.com and include the following information in the body of your message: "subscribe pmd your_full_name".

