



# Museum Board Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM BOARD**

**DATE: JULY 10, 2019**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: COLLECTIONS ACTIVITY FOR FY2018-2019**

**ISSUE:**

Receive and file Collections Activity report for FY2018-2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

Pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Metropolitan Museum Board (MMB), the MMB approves recommendations to accession or deaccession objects to or from the permanent collection. The permanent collection is the category of collection for which the Museum assumes long-term responsibility, including fiduciary responsibility. Annually, staff prepares a summary report on activity associated with the permanent collection as well as other collections in order to keep the MMB apprised of the full scope of the core Museum responsibility to steward and interpret the collections.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Museum of Riverside's Mission Inn Avenue site remained closed for renovation during FY2018-2019. The museum continued its moratorium on all but a select few additions to the permanent collection (see Accessions). A few objects were also added to the community collection, a category of collection from which loans are permitted to sites other than museums. All acquisitions in FY2018-2019 were by donation.

As well, and in accordance with prudent collections stewardship practices, selected objects were examined for continuing fit to mission, condition, and other considerations, which resulted in several recommendations to remove objects formally from the permanent collection (See Deaccessions). Professional exchange in the form of object loans also occurred.

Thus, collection activity continued in the following categories: accessions into the permanent collections, additions to the community collection, deaccessions from the permanent collection,

outgoing loans, and incoming loans. The following list reports all objects for which transactions were active and/or finalized in FY2018-2019. All actions were reviewed and approved by the Collections Committee of the Museum of Riverside. When required by Municipal Code or Museum policy, actions were approved by the Board and by City Council.

**Accessions**

<i>Accession number</i>	<i>Description</i>
P132	Nukat painting
A1921	10 early twentieth-century yearbooks and one abstract of title
A500	Two (2) water goblets for display at the Heritage House

**Community Collection**

<i>Identification number</i>	<i>Description</i>
C2019-1	Scanned images of Sugarloaf Mountain and Pigeon Pass, 1970s
C2019-2	Wooden plant stand for display at the Heritage House

**Deaccessions**

A1123-1	Opal
A1307-1 through A1307-6	Six (6) small star sapphires
A1674-1	Jeep
P58-372, A125-114, A280-2, A733-17, & O660	Cant hook, mortar, pestle, metate, mano
A1709-1	Water wagon
A1010-1A, 1B, 1C	Amazonian canoe, oar, and tiller
A3-73	NAGPRA deaccession, Pueblo
A847	NAGPRA deaccession, Kumeyaay
A1524-44	NAGPRA deaccession, Rincon
A1257-10	NAGPRA deaccession, San Juan Pueblo
A597-31(1), and A597-31(2)	NAGPRA deaccession, Southern Yokuts
A1108-490	NAGPRA deaccession, Toltec
A3-74	NAGPRA deaccession, Unknown
A1496	Billiard table and furnishings (pending City Council approval)

**Outgoing Loans**

<i>Borrower</i>	<i>Objects</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Loan Duration</i>
Ameal Moore Nature Center; Parks, Recreation and	10 taxidermied specimens	Exhibition in visitor center	Loan agreement with a term from May 20, 2018 – May 20, 2019;

Community Services; City of Riverside			possible extension pending site visit
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center	Nine (9) medical objects	Community history exhibit, Building 2	May 4, 2016 – May 4, 2019; objects returned to MoR May 2019
L.A. Plaza de Cultura y Artes	12 tools, vessels, and workers' equipment	Included in exhibition about Mexican- American citrus workers	November 4, 2015 – September 4, 2019
Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Three (3) Rincon baskets	Temporary exhibition in the Rincon tribal gallery	March 08, 2019- September 2019
Riverside Art Museum (RAM)	34 Tlatilco artifacts	Included in RMM's temporary exhibition <i>Uncovering Ancient Mexico: The Mystery of Tlatilco</i> , hosted at RAM	January 17 2018 – January 3, 2019; objects returned to MoR
Riverside Art Museum (RAM)	Six (6) Harada family artifacts	For two exhibitions: <i>Wendy Maruyama: E.O. 9066</i> and <i>The Tag Project</i>	January 26 – June 6, 2018; objects returned to MoR
RCC, Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties	One (1) lot of Harada family artifacts	<i>Riverside Stories</i> exhibition	June 11, 2012 – May 04, 2019; possible extension pending site visit
Riverside Library, Arlington branch	Nine (9) citrus history- related objects	Lobby exhibit	Loan initiated 2008, objects returned to MoR
Riverside Parks and Recreation, Isaak Walton Clubhouse, Fairmount Park	Taxidermied specimens	On exhibit in main meeting room	Loan initiated October 11, 2007
Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center	Allosaurus cast replica	On exhibit	August 15, 2015- March 1, 2020
Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center	Fiberglass cast of giant ammonite	On exhibit	January 7, 2015- March 1, 2020
Riverside Public Library, Main Branch	Select archival collections	Relocated to facilitate researcher access to key archives collections during museum closure	December 2017- December 2019
Riverside Superior Court	TBD	Objects on exhibit in the courthouse lobby. Unclear which objects belong to MoR and which belong to Riverside County.	Start date unknown. In contact with courthouse staff to view objects to determine ownership.

**Incoming Loans**

<i>Lender</i>	<i>Objects</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Loan Duration</i>
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)	11 Tlatilco artifacts	Included in RMM's temporary exhibition <i>Uncovering Ancient Mexico: The Mystery of Tlatilco</i> , hosted at RAM	February 2 – December 30, 2018
National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI), Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC	Nine (9) Tlatilco artifacts	Included in RMM's temporary exhibition <i>Uncovering Ancient Mexico: The Mystery of Tlatilco</i> , hosted at RAM	January 15, 2018 - January 15, 2019
A private individual	Two (2) candlesticks	For exhibit in the Heritage House dining room	Loan initiated November 2016
A private individual	<i>50 Songs by Franz Schubert for Low Voice</i> music folio	For exhibit in the music cabinet at Heritage House	Loan initiated December 23, 2016
A private individual	Nineteenth-century doll	For exhibit at Heritage House	June 7, 2008 – June 30, 2019
Evergreen Cemetery Society	Cardboard casket	For exhibit at the Heritage House during <i>Beyond the Black Veil</i>	September 28- November 1, 2018; loan returned June 7, 2019
A private individual	Picking sack, clippers, gloves	For exhibit in the <i>Celebrating Citrus Families</i> exhibition at the Arlington Library.	January 20, 2019- December 2019
A private individual	Ceramic citrus reamer with cups, metal citrus reamer	For exhibit in the <i>Celebrating Citrus Families</i> exhibition at the Arlington Library.	January 20, 2019- December 2019

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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 Availability of funds: