



CITY OF BOWIE MUSEUMS

General Guidelines for Finding a Conservator

How to Find a Conservator:

- Approach Museums, Dealers, and Auction Houses for recommendations.
- Consult professional Conservation-based associations:
 - o American Institute for Conservation and Artistic Works (AIC): www.aic.stanford.edu
 - See “*Find a Conservator*” tool.
 - o International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (IIC): www.iiconservation.org
 - o Canadian Association for Conservation (CAC): www.cac.acrr.ca
 - o American Alliance of Museums (AAM): www.aam-us.org

How to Prepare for a Conservation Consult:

- Educate yourself about conservation education.
 - o Winterthur Program in Art Conservation: <http://www.artcons.udel.edu/masters>
 - o Buffalo State College-SUNY, Master of Art program in Art Conservation: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/gradprog.xml?bpid=133>
 - o New York University, Institute of Fine Arts: www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/fineart/
- Educate yourself about recommended treatments.
 - o Conservation Online (CoOL): www.cool.conservation-us.org/
 - o Conservation DistList: subscribe_consdist-request@lindy.stanford.edu
 - o The Conservation Link: www.museion.net/kl1/kons/cl.htm
 - o Art and Art Technical Abstracts (AATA) Online: www.aata.getty.edu/Home

What to Expect:

Procedures: A Conservator will examine the object and write an Examination Report wherein treatment recommendations are outlined, expected results are noted, and estimated timeline and costs are listed for your review and approval. *Note:* Examination Reports may be free, have an associated fee, or are sometimes deductible from the contract cost.

Cost: The cost of treatment includes the purchase and use of tools, materials, expertise, and time needed to complete the project. Always ask about insurance coverage. Further inquire about payment options, schedules, shipping, and potential fees not iterated on the contract.

Document: A Conservator may provide a treatment report including before and after treatment photographs and descriptions, and an outline of time, tool, and material investment. The report may also contain recommended care. Keep the report for your records.