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## **Free Preservation Basics Workshop Hosted in Oberlin**

Local museum experts are teaming up to present a free public introductory workshop designed to help care for your treasures from the past. **Collections Care & Preservation Basics** will take place **Wednesday, February 3 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). The program is designed for students, local history museum staff and volunteers as well as members of the general public. While the event is free, advance registration is required.

Presenter **Jennifer Souers Chevraux**, Education Outreach Officer and Interim Executive Director of ICA-Art Conservation in Cleveland, will introduce participants to museum standards, agents of deterioration, and the solid science behind preservation practices. The program includes an opportunity to ask questions and develop a better understanding of the key do's and don'ts of basic collections care.

ICA – Art Conservation was the nation's first non-profit regional art conservation center, founded in northeast Ohio in 1952. Jennifer Souers Chevraux has been with the ICA since 2011. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan and the Women in Leadership Certificate from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. Chevraux has 20 years of experience in the museum field, serving as curator, exhibits director, educator, board member, and recently as President of the Ohio Museums Association. At the ICA-Art Conservation, her primary objective is to ensure the preservation of artistic and historic works in Cleveland and across the state through educational programming, public outreach, and advocacy.

In addition to the ICA, the event is co-sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, a widely recognized model small museum, historical society and historic preservation organization, and the Ohio History Service Corps, a program funded by ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism. To register, or to receive more information, contact Mary Manning, AmeriCorps/Ohio History Service Corps member hosted at the Oberlin Heritage Center, at (440) 774-1700 or [mary.manning@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:mary.manning@oberlinheritage.org).

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