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DATE: November 4, 2019
TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Nan Buckardt
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and Accept New Donations to the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County’s Collections.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Communication, Education, and Outreach

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no additional financial impact associated with accepting these donations.

BACKGROUND: The Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County (“Dunn Museum”) “collects material culture representing the people, places, and events of Lake County, Illinois” (Collection Policies, Scope of Collections, p. 4). The majority of the Dunn Museum’s historic collection were acquired by the County of Lake from the privately run Lake County Museum of History in 1965 for the purpose of “preserv(ing) and maintain(ing) for future generations the cultural history of Lake County” (Resolution No. 24, dated October 12, 1965). These collections were officially transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 1989.

The Dunn Museum is frequently offered donations by members of the general public. Each donation is considered against criteria established in the Dunn Museum’s approved Collection Policies. Donations that do not meet these criteria are declined. Since January 2019 the museum has received 37 donation inquiries of which 20 were declined.

The 17 donations listed on the attached Exhibit A, meet the criteria established in the Dunn Museum’s approved Collection Policy and have been reviewed, and are being recommended by, the Museum’s Collections Committee and the Superintendent of Educational Facilities for acceptance into the Dunn Museum’s historic collections. There is adequate space to properly store and care for these items. Under the Museum’s Collection Policies, the Operations Committee is authorized to accept the donations, because they do not require a purchase of more than \$25,000.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Superintendent of Educational Facilities.

Motion to approve and accept New Acquisitions by the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County’s Collections as provided in Exhibit A.

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes:____ Nays:____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays:____

Exhibit A
New Acquisitions Inventory
November 2019

- **Dynahoe Watch Fob**, circa 1960
Advertising piece for the Hy-Dynamic Company of Lake Bluff, IL whose Dynamic Dynahoe loader-backhoe was considered the largest and most popular excavation machine on the market for over a decade. The Dynahoe loader-backhoe was manufactured in Lake Bluff from 1959 until the plant closed in 1973.
Donor: Peter Bullock
- **Thiede Family Purse and Beaded Folk Art**, circa 1890
Anna and Henry Thiede emigrated from Germany to Highland Park in 1887 with their 6 children. A 7th child, Hattie, was born in Highland Park and used this purse to carry her bus fare while living in the area. The beaded folk art piece was made by Anna as a reminder of her homeland, Germany, and was later passed on to Hattie.
Donor: Louis Sutton
- **Bonner Family County Fair 4-H Ribbons**, 1961-1964
13 County Fair ribbons won by John Bonner at the Lake County Fair between 1961-1964. Several of the ribbons were won by John Bonner's prized Holstein, Bonner Arjo, whose leather halter is currently in the collection
Donor: John Bonner
- **George H. W. Bush Signed Campaign Poster**, 1988
Campaign poster for George H. W. Bush, signed by the Vice President Bush, Governor James R. Thompson, and State's Attorney Fred Foreman during a campaign visit to the Citizens for Lake County office in Libertyville on March 12, 1988.
Donor: Judith Gill
- **Photos of Edward Amet's Home and Motion Picture Studio**, various
Waukegan inventor Edward Amet's most famous invention was the Magniscope, the first practical 35 mm motion picture machine. The four photos, including one of a film strip he produced, are of his home and motion picture studio at 421 N. Avenue in Waukegan, and are all new views to the collection.
Donor: Sue Morris
- **Charles Agnew Memorabilia**, 1930-1960
Charles Agnew (1901-1978) was a popular musician and big band leader from Waukegan who performed throughout the Chicago area from the 1930s – 1960s. The collection of memorabilia includes cd's of his music, competition trophies, music almanacs, and photographs.
Donor: Steven Agnew
- **Hawthorn-Mellody Dairy Farm Pennant**, circa 1950
Souvenir pennant from Hawthorn-Mellody Dairy Farm, Libertyville, IL, featuring the milking parlor. Purchased by the donor when she visited the Farm as a teenager.
Donor: Barbara Carl

- **Zion Hotel Souvenir Booklet, 1979**
 Souvenir booklet documenting the history of the Zion Hotel from 1902-1979. The booklet was compiled prior to the hotel's demolition in 1979 and includes photos, anecdotes, and a history of the hotel.
 Donor: Paul Hettich, Sr.
- **Janice Christensen WWII Collection, 1943-1945**
 Waukegan resident Janice Christensen served in WWII with the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), an experimental unit that tested military aircraft during the War. The collection includes an air transport command pin worn during her service, digital photos of Christensen at home in Waukegan and during her service in Sweetwater, TX as part of the WASP program, official US recognition certificate signed by President, newspaper clippings and reference material.
 Donor: Eileen Powell
- **Klingberg School for Developmentally Disabled Children and Adults Collection, 1966-1980**
 The Klingberg School for Developmentally Children and Adults operated for 14 years in Fremont Township. Collection includes both archival materials, including newsletters, brochures, handbooks, flyers, schedules, personnel lists, event programs, etc..., and a few objects from the silk screening, ceramic, and candle making shops.
 Donor: Garth Brokaw
- **Shumway Family Collection, 1860-1870**
 A variety of objects from the Shumway family including a quilt, thimbles, wallet, photographs, and china. Each item has a unique story and enhances our ability to interpret several important early Lake County families including the Shumway, Ingalls and Botsford families.
 Donor: Emily Savage
- **Forksville/Volo Collection, 1910-1920**
 Archival material relating to the early history of Forksville/Volo including a scrapbook and photographs from the Bacon Family.
 Donor: Linda Russell
- **Prehistoric Artifacts, Antioch, IL, 5,000 – 1,000 B.P.**
 Collection of prehistoric artifacts collected in the early 1960s by the donor. All artifacts have been examined by Rochelle Lurie of RRL Consulting, Inc. and a cultural resource management report identifying the artifacts and verifying their authenticity has been produced.
 Donor: James McDowall
- **“Goal Tending” Sculpture by Seppo Aarnos, circa 1980**
 Seppo Aarnos (1937-2016) was born in Finland and immigrated to Chicago in 1953. He attended Waukegan High School and Lake Forest College before earning his Master's Degree at Roosevelt University. He was a long time resident of Libertyville and an art educator in Waukegan. He is an internationally known artist with public installations around the country and in private collections.
 Donor: Sandy Morton

- **Stephens Family Photographs, 1853-1942**
Digital files of photographs from the Stephens Family that lived at what is today Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve. Sometime around 1900 George B. Stephens (1848 – 1922) purchased over 100 acres on the north side of Kelly Road in what is today Ethel's Woods. Stephens was a farmer and raised brown Swiss dairy cattle. The woods were used as summer pasture for the dairy herd.
Donor: Joan Schroeder
- **Shell Casings, Ft. Sheridan, various**
Practice round shell casings found at Ft. Sheridan Forest Preserve during construction.
Donor: LCFPD Staff
- **Village of Mettawa Historic Marker/Plaque at Stevenson House, 1984**
Historic plaque erected in honor of Adlai E. Stevenson II at the Adlai E Stevenson Historic Home in 1984.
Donor: LCFPD Staff