

DATE: April 5, 2021

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 financial impact at this time associated with accepting these donations.

BACKGROUND: The Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County ("Dunn Museum") collects material 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 was acquired by the County of Lake from the privately-run Lake County Museum of History in 1965. These collections were officially transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District in 1989.

In April 2020, Dunn Museum staff launched the novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") documentation project. The goal of the project is to collect stories, photographs, and objects from the Lake County community that demonstrate how COVID-19 is affecting the lives of Lake County residents, businesses, and caregivers. An online submission form was created, and a survey was sent to District staff and volunteers.

The donations for the COVID-19 documentation project listed on the attached Exhibit A meet the criteria established in the Dunn Museum's approved Collections Policy and, in accordance with the Museum's Collection Policies, 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 \$25,000.00.

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

April 2021

- **Public Submissions**
15 submissions from the public are being recommended for acceptance into the collections. The selections have been curated by museum staff to capture a variety of perspectives from Lake County residents.
- **Staff Submissions**
Six submissions from District staff about their experiences early on during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Staff Photographs**
Over 60 photographs taken by District staff early in the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Local Business Interview**
Interview with the owner of a local small business.
- **Science Explorers in Nature VIRTUAL T-Shirt**
- **Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center Magazine**
- **North Shore Distillery Hand Sanitizer Bottle**
- **Pizzeria Deville Toilet Paper Roll**