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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANTS FOR COLLECTIONS CARE

New London – The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is honored to announce that it has been awarded grant funding for collections care from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The Museum has been awarded \$151,631 by IMLS for further work in the preservation and digital documentation of its prized collection. The three-year grant supports enhanced collections stewardship, allowing the Museum to improve intellectual and physical control of the collection and increase accessibility through comprehensive inventory and assessment of collections and digitization of collections records. The project will result in better preservation and online access to the collection for researchers and the public.

The Lyman Allyn also received \$9,981 from NEH in preservation assistance for the purchase of storage cabinetry and preservation supplies to rehouse approximately 300 works of art on paper ranging from sixteenth century to present. This continues and extends the work of previous grant projects to rehouse objects stored in damaging and inefficient storage situations.

“We are extremely honored to receive the support and have the confidence of both of these important federal agencies as the Museum prepares to further its mission and make the collection widely accessible,” said Sam Quigley, Director of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum. “We are excited to further the steps to improve our collections management.”

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson by email at dawson@lymanallyn.org.

About the National Endowment for the Humanities

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. More information about NEH and its grant programs is available at neh.gov. CT Humanities is an independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

About The Institute of Museum and Library Services

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About Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 19,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.