Donate an Object

Process
Call a staff person to discuss your possible donations. Please understand that staff members’ work often takes them outside the museum building, they may be on vacation, assisting other visitors, or be occupied with a project. As a result, walk-ins for donation drop-offs may be disappointed.

Our mission and storage limitations dictate stringent criteria for determining whether to accept new objects. In order to assist us with our review, please provide the following information:

- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address
- Object description, including materials, date of manufacture, provenance of the object and/or collection, and dimensions
- Photographs of objects
- History of ownership

The Museum’s Collection Committee will consider the suitability of a potential acquisition based on the information provided. After the Director receives the Committee’s recommendation and has reached a final decision, you will be notified.

We may not be able to accept your donation for a variety of reasons. Some objects may be more appropriate to or may be used by another museum. We will do our best to help you find a proper home for your donation.

All acquisitions are to be outright and unconditional.

Tax deduction
Gifts are deductible from taxable income, in accordance with the provision of Federal income tax law.

Appraisals
Federal law prevents the Museum from providing identification services or appraisal values for donated items.

Donors are responsible for appraisals of value.