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Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust Offers Family Treasures Road Show April 28 ***Event Free and Open to the Public***

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – The Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust presents the Preserving Family Treasures Road Show event Sunday, April 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust will provide Oklahomans the opportunity to learn about properly caring for treasured objects including proper storage, display, repair and cleaning. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.

Collections care professionals from around the nation will be on-hand to evaluate and discuss items brought by participants from 1 to 3 p.m. Staff from the Oklahoma History Center will be available to answer questions about the possible historical significance of items.

Participants are encouraged to bring one item each to be evaluated. Eight categories of items will be evaluated including paper such as letters, comic books, certificates and maps, photographs; recordings such as home movies, cassette or VHS tapes; all types of artwork, ceramics and glass, metals; textiles such as quilts, flags and clothing; and organics such as leather, baskets and feathers. Furniture, taxidermy or weapons such as swords, guns or knives are not allowed. Appraisal services will not be provided.

Participants will have the opportunity to view an informative video entitled "Saving Nebraska Treasures" from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The video is from the Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust's sister project and offers insight into caring for treasured objects and heirloom pieces.

From 3 to 5 p.m. collections care professionals will provide an "Ask the Experts" forum to highlight several items brought by participants and evaluate specific methods for preservation and care. The audience also will have the opportunity to ask questions.

"The Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust is devoted to informing and engaging the public, as well as collecting institutions, about the importance of preserving our culture, heritage and history," said Susan Feller, co-project director of the Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust. "We are excited to see the heirlooms which connect all of us to Oklahoma's living heritage. It is imperative we all understand that conserving our past enables these special items to be passed down to generations of Oklahomans to come."

Tickets may be reserved online at www.culturalheritagetrust.org. Only 350 tickets are available for this event and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust is an alliance between the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma Historical Records Advisory Board, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma Museums Association and many additional supporting partners. The Oklahoma Cultural Heritage Trust is dedicated to working together with Oklahoma's collections-based archives, libraries and museums to improve support for collections care through training and public awareness. Activities are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. For more information visit www.culturalheritagetrust.org or call 405-522-3515.