

MOSES LAKE MUSEUM & ART CENTER

ARTIFACT DONATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I donate artifacts or documents to the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center?

Please contact our Museum Curator, Ann Schempp and set up an appointment to have your donation reviewed.

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Due to limited storage space, donations must fit our collecting scope.

The Museum's collecting scope currently emphasizes the following areas:

- Chief Moses and the Sinkiuse
- Neppel and Early Moses Lake
- Moses Lake
- Moses Lake Army Air Base and Larson Air Force Base
- Columbia Basin Irrigation Project and Agriculture

Can I mail or drop off a donation?

The Museum cannot accept unsolicited donations through the mail or in person without communication from the Museum staff.

Will the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center appraise my donation for its monetary value?

No, it is against Museum policy to appraise donations.

Will the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center exhibit the artifacts or documents in my donation?

The Museum cannot guarantee that any objects or documents donated to its collection will be exhibited unless expressly collected for that purpose. Only a small fraction of the collection is on view at any given time. Documents are typically made accessible for research purposes by appointment.

However, the Museum does allocate a significant portion of its annual budget to maintaining optimal conditions in its storage areas and galleries to insure the long-term preservation of all collection materials. Objects from the collection are occasionally loaned to other institutions for temporary exhibitions, and many artifacts and documents in the collection are made available for research purposes.

If I donate artifacts or documents to the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center, will they be returned to me at my request?

The Museum cannot return accessioned collection materials to the donor. Once the Museum accepts your donation for the collection, you will be asked to sign a Deed of Gift, which legally transfers ownership of the materials to the City of Moses Lake.

Does the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center accept long-term loans?

The Museum does not accept long-term loans. While it does accept loan materials on a short-term basis in conjunction with exhibitions and other programs, the Museum prefers to commit its resources to the storage and preservation of materials in the collection.

**For questions and more information, please contact our
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