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FAIC Names Coordinator for "Connecting to Collections Care" Community

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) is pleased to announce that M. Susan Barger has agreed to serve as the Coordinator for "Connecting to Collections Care" (C2C Care), an online community providing information and webinars on a broad range of topics to help institutions and individuals care for their collections.

Connecting to Collections is an initiative of the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The American Association for State and Local History and Heritage Preservation developed the website, discussion forums, webinars, and courses. FAIC received a two year grant from IMLS to develop C2C Care.

Dr. Barger has worked for many years with small museums in New Mexico and the Southwest as a scientist, a museum mentor, trainer, and consultant. While director of the museum field service organization, Museum Development Associates, she initiated, Small Museum Pro!, an on-line certification program for small museum workers. As a professor at the University of New Mexico and The Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Barger worked and taught in the area of conservation science and materials science. Barger is a Fellow of the American Institute for Conservation and former chair of the AIC Conservators in Private Practice group and holds a Ph.D. from Penn State, a M.S.T. from Rochester Institute of Technology, and a B.A. from Immaculate Heart College. Dr. Barger states, "I am a passionate supporter of small museums and of providing opportunities for continuing professional education for those working in smaller cultural institutions. I look forward to working with C2C Care to strengthen and grow this already robust community."

An Advisory Group is being formed by the AIC Collections Care Network and will provide advice and organize volunteers to assist with the forum and the webinar series. AIC and FAIC look forward to developing the resources on C2C Care in the coming years. The site can be found at: www.connectingtocollections.org

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