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FAIC Announces May 1 Deadline for Tru Vue® Optium® Conservation Grant

Tru Vue® Inc. has partnered with the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) to offer grants to support projects in glazing applications for preservation of museum and library collections. Funds are to help defray direct project costs, including supplies and publicity. Projects must be supported by a conservator and demonstrate conservation goals.

Up to four awards will be made each year. Each award includes a cash amount of up to \$4,000 and donated Tru Vue® Optium® acrylic glazing materials.

Past recipients of the grant include the Flint Institute of Arts, the Rockingham Free Public Library, the Newark Museum Association, Friends of Old Ship Meeting House, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Norman Rockwell Museum, New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation, Bureau of Historic Sites, the Harry Ransom Center of The University of Texas at Austin, The Fairbanks House, the Phillips Collection, The Walters Art Museum, Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Mariners' Museum of Newport News, Virginia, the Newark Museum of New Jersey, the New York Historical Society, and the Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design.

To be eligible,

- The applicant must be a not-for-profit collecting institution (museum or library) with active exhibition programs and located in one of the 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, or U.S. territories.
- The institution must have at least one full-time conservator on staff, or a conservator who will be on contract for the project.
- Projects should be completed within 12 months of the award date.

The deadline for receipt of all materials is May 1 and November 1 of each year. Electronic submissions are encouraged but not required.

Guidelines and forms are available on both the AIC/FAIC website, <u>www.conservation-us.org/grants</u> and Tru Vue, <u>www.tru-vue.com/museums/grants</u>, or by calling the FAIC office at 202-452-9545.

About FAIC

FAIC, the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works, supports conservation education, research, and outreach activities that increase understanding of our global cultural heritage.

About Tru Vue

Tru Vue is a manufacturer of high performance glazing products for the custom picture frame and museum markets. Tru Vue is a leader in both UV protection, as well as anti-reflective and specialty glazing products for these markets. The company is located in McCook, Illinois and Faribault, Minnesota and is a subsidiary of Apogee Enterprises, which is traded under "apog" on the NASDAQ. For more information on Tru Vue, visit the company website at <u>www.tru-vue.com</u>.

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