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**Tru Vue Optium® Conservation Grant
Awarded by the Foundation of the
American Institute for Conservation**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) announces two new grants made under the Tru Vue Optium® Conservation Grant program.

Monetary awards and donations of Tru Vue Optium Museum Acrylic® were made to the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls, Vermont and to the Flint Institute of Arts in Flint, Michigan for projects that will help conserve their collections.

The Rockingham Free Public Library will be retrofitting one of the Library's historic display cases to meet current preservation standards and to help share their historical collections with the public in the newly renovated library. The Library has consulted with paper conservator, Carolyn Frisa, and local museum display case manufacturer, Small Corporation, to develop a plan to bring a 1920s Globe Wernicke display case up to current standards. The proposal is to replace the existing glass glazing with Optium® provided by Tru Vue, seal the exposed oak to limit off-gassing, fit the doors with gaskets and install locks on each door.

The Flint Institute of Arts will be applying the protective Tru Vue Optium Museum Acrylic® glazing to works on paper in their permanent collection. The curatorial department has identified six works by African-American artists that are scheduled to be exhibited in an installation during Black History Month in February 2013 and are in need of glazing or re-glazing. “As stewards of important, historic, and irreplaceable works of art, we are obligated to seek every protective measure available to preserve our collection,” said John Henry, III, Director of the Flint Institute of Arts. “We are very grateful for the funding assistance and material donation provided by the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works. This generous grant will enable us to protect many of our most important works on paper, some of which have never been on display before.”

“We are excited to be partnering with institutions and conservators to make a difference in the protection and conservation of these great works of art for future generations while enhancing their visual experience,” said Patti Dumbaugh, Vice President for Tru Vue, Inc. “We are looking forward to supporting future conservation initiatives with our Tru Vue Optium Conservation Grant program.”

Tru Vue, Inc. has partnered with FAIC to offer grants and donated Optium® Acrylic Glazing to support projects with glazing applications for preservation of museum and library collections. Fourteen Tru Vue Optium Conservation Grant awards have been awarded since November 2008. The goals of this grant program include increasing knowledge of glazing applications, promoting Optium Acrylic Glazing, and encouraging the involvement of conservators in museum and library collection projects.

Not-for-profit collecting institutions (museums or libraries) with active exhibition programs and located in the U.S. are eligible to apply. Projects must involve a staff or contract conservator. The deadlines for applications are May 1 and November 1 of each year. Guidelines and forms are available on both the AIC/FAIC website, www.conservation-us.org and Tru Vue, www.tru-vue.com, or by calling the AIC office at 202-452-9545.

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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

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