



"All of us at AAM offer our thoughts and best wishes to the museum professionals in the affected areas. We salute your efforts to protect your museum's collections, but more importantly your neighbors salute you for preserving their historical, natural, cultural and artistic heritages." *Ford W. Bell, AAM president*

AAM is distributing this information to museums in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. We understand that your museum may not be directly affected by the flooding, but we want to share recovery resources broadly to help where we can. AAM will continue to follow the situation, communicate with federal agencies as appropriate and bring additional information to the field as it becomes available.

### **DAMAGE REPORTS**

- AAM is a member of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force. The Task Force has developed a website that centralizes damage reports and response efforts.  
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/TFDamageReports.html>

### **PHONE ASSISTANCE**

- The American Institute for Conservation of Historic & Artistic Works (AIC) has a Cultural Emergency Response Team (CERT) to respond to the needs of cultural institutions during emergencies through coordinated efforts with first responders, state agencies, vendors and the public. Team members are trained to assess damage and initiate salvage efforts, and are available to provide telephone assistance and to visit the affected site as soon as it is accessible. Contact **202-661-8068** for 24-hour assistance. (The number also connects to a monitored e-mail address.)
- The Midwest Art Conservation Center offers emergency assistance 24 hours a day to institutions and individuals with all types of collection materials. Contact **612-870-3120**.
- The Minnesota Historical Society's Outreach Conservator Bob Herskovitz is available to respond to specific questions. Contact [bob.herskovitz@mnhs.org](mailto:bob.herskovitz@mnhs.org) or **651-259-3465** or **800-657-3773**.
- The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) offers emergency telephone assistance 24 hours a day for institutions and individuals with damaged paper-based collections. Contact **978-470-1010**.

### **ONLINE GUIDES**

- The Library of Congress Preservation Directorate features a webpage titled "Emergency Drying Procedures for Water Damaged Collections." It features concise information on air-drying paper, books and photographs and recovery from mold. <http://lcweb.loc.gov/preserv/emerg/dry.html>
- The Minnesota Historical Society website shares salvage procedures for a wide variety of materials, including textiles, photographs, wooden objects, leather, paintings and paper. <http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/conservation/emergency.html>
- The National Park Service website features a webpage titled "After the Flood: Emergency Stabilization and Conservation Measures." It suggests planning methods to prevent additional

damage to historic structures and to maintain historical integrity.  
<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/nps/npsafter.html>

- The National Trust for Historic Preservation website features a document titled "Treatment of Flood-Damaged Older & Historic Buildings." It addresses cleaning out mud, foundation problems, caring for wet plaster, treatment for saturated wood-framed walls and floors and treatment for historic wallpapers and interior finishes. [http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/gulf-coast-recovery/additional-resources/flood\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/gulf-coast-recovery/additional-resources/flood_booklet.pdf)

## **FUNDING**

- FEMA 2009 Federal Disaster Declarations. This website has information about which counties are included in designated disaster areas and are therefore eligible for federal disaster assistance. <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>
- Guide to Navigating FEMA and SBA Disaster Aid for Cultural Institutions. This concise website leads cultural institutions through the process of applying to the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance after major disasters. It includes links to necessary forms. <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/federal/Index.html>
- Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums. This free online publication, produced jointly by the Library of Congress and the Foundation Center, lists 1,725 grants of \$5,000 or more awarded by 474 foundations from 2003–2007. It covers grants for activities related to conservation and preservation. <http://www.loc.gov/preserv/foundtn-grants.html>