

Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library EXHIBITION POLICY

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Responsibility: Board of Directors

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1. INTENT

This policy defines the goals and standards of exhibition development and maintenance of The Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library (MCML). MCML shall provide exhibitions that explore the history of craft and contemporary practices of craft in Manitoba. Through its exhibitions the museum shall engage with the community and inspire an appreciation of craft.

2. EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1** The Manitoba Crafts Museum and Library shall present exhibitions that reflect the museum's guiding values and mission.
- 2.2** Exhibits shall conform to MCML's Collections Management Policy.
- 2.3** Exhibits shall be presented in an ethical and professional manner to ensure that the exhibits are relevant and accurate.
- 2.4** Exhibit themes shall be researched to ensure that they reflect MCML's guiding values and mission and are relevant to the needs of the community and in alignment with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.
- 2.5** MCML shall develop exhibits considering its audience, which includes of seniors, adults, school groups, tourists, and crafts people and artists.
- 2.6** MCML shall ensure that all staff and volunteers involved in the planning, preparation, and installation of exhibits have the necessary training and skills to complete exhibits that meet the expectations of visitors and needs of the collection.

- 2.7** MCML shall establish an exhibition schedule of a minimum of three temporary on-site exhibits each year.
- 2.8** MCML shall allocate a portion of funds for exhibitions.
- 2.9** MCML may develop or loan exhibits and individual pieces to other institutions for off-site exhibits.
- 2.10** MCML may accept and showcase travelling exhibits from other institutions, including those outside of Manitoba.
- 2.11** MCML may accept items as incoming loans from individuals and other arts/heritage organizations to include in exhibits.
- 2.12** MCML may produce exhibition catalogues, educational material, and other publications.
- 2.13** MCML shall strive to reflect all cultures and communities in Manitoba, including those which have been traditionally underrepresented or misrepresented, in alignment with organizational values and the Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

3. CONSERVATION

- 3.1** Any necessary conservation treatments required for exhibit purposes shall take place within the Code of Ethics as outlined by the Association of Manitoba Museums.
- 3.2** Staff and volunteers shall be provided with the relevant training to prevent damage and to preserve the integrity of the pieces to be exhibited as per the MCML Conservation Policy.
- 3.3** Pieces in the MCML collection must not be displayed on a permanent basis, to avoid deterioration and exhibit fatigue.
- 3.4** Environmental conditions, including visible light, ultraviolet radiation, relative humidity, temperature, and pollutants, in the exhibition area and storage area shall be controlled and monitored frequently.

4. SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

- 4.1** MCML shall ensure exhibits are maintained to ensure the safety of visitors, staff, and volunteers.
- 4.2** MCML shall avoid placing hazardous materials near exhibition pieces or in the exhibit space.
- 4.3** MCML shall ensure the exhibit space and displays are secure to prevent injury.
- 4.4** MCML shall adhere to municipal, provincial and federal legislative requirements that have an impact on the development of exhibits and exhibit products (e.g. safety codes, copyright and disability legislation)
- 4.5** MCML shall make the museum barrier free when possible.

5. POLICY REVIEW

MCML shall review this policy at least once every three years.

President

Date