



Smithsonian Women's Committee

Proceeds from the annual Smithsonian Craft Show, distributed through the Smithsonian Women's Committee grants process, benefit education, outreach and research programs within the Smithsonian Institution. All Smithsonian organizations, museums, scientific facilities and the National Zoo are invited to apply to the Women's Committee for grants to fund specific initiatives. Proposals undergo thorough research and evaluation, and the final grantees are selected by a vote of the entire active membership of the Committee.

The 21 grants listed below, totaling \$391,979, were awarded early in 2009 to 13 different museums or affiliates of the Smithsonian Institution. The Women's Committee received 77 requests for projects totaling \$1,908,451 million. We regret that we were unable to support all of these worthwhile proposals.

2009 Grants Awarded

Museum Conservation Institute: \$20,284 to acquire a state of the art portable infrared imaging system.

National Museum of American History: \$30,200 to expand the Smithsonian Jazz/JAM educational and programmatic outreach on the worldwide web.

National Museum of American History: \$15,470 to provide a state of the art display case to preserve the Faith Bradford Doll House.

National Museum of the American Indian: \$20,650 for self-guided multimedia tours to provide visitors an orientation to the seasonal landscape and architecture of the museum.

National Museum of Natural History: \$8,000 to fund a brochure describing the Museum's Evolution Trail and its year-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin.

National Portrait Gallery: \$10,000 to design and construct a wooden stereoscope, a viewing device that transforms a stereograph photograph into a 3-D image.

National Portrait Gallery: \$10,850 to evaluate and conserve portrait miniatures from the Gallery's collections.

National Portrait Gallery: \$8,765 to produce discovery kits with educational activities to lead children and families, especially out-of-town visitors, to study selected portraits.

National Science Research Center, Professional Development Center: \$18,640 to provide start-up funding for "Earth History," a week-long summer academy for teachers of earth science.

National Zoological Park: \$4,000 to complete a behavioral assessment of clouded leopards.

National Zoological Park: \$22,500 to train fifteen student interns for three months about conservation to meet global ecological challenges.

National Zoological Park: \$7,000 to purchase an endoscope to develop a non-surgical trans-cervical artificial insemination method for Maned Wolves.

National Zoological Park: \$25,000 to create a family guide highlighting selected exhibits within the Zoo.

Office of Exhibits Central: \$50,000 to purchase a recently developed digital 3-D printer that produces objects up to 14"x10"x8" quickly and inexpensively and replicates the interior and exterior of artifacts and specimens in precise detail.

Office of Exhibits Central: \$3,895 to acquire a 3-D sculpting application that can create extremely accurate 3-D curved organic models of objects.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: \$4,125 to support educational hands-on activities for families with children ages 3 to 6.

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center: \$25,500 to support five summer internships at their Chesapeake Bay headquarters.

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center: \$42,700 to fund the "Smithsonian Women's Committee Eco-Shuttle" to transport students, teachers, and public visitors among facilities at SERC's Rhode River site.

Smithsonian Institution Libraries: \$10,000 to process 500 books from a major in-kind gift to make them available to the Smithsonian community and the world.

Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service: \$30,750 to develop, design, produce, and distribute for free 5,000 portfolio sets of historic portraits of Abraham Lincoln to schools, libraries, and museums across the country to commemorate the Lincoln Bicentennial.

Smithsonian Tropical Research Center: \$23,650 to digitize important scientific and historic resources in STRI's collection of photographs, maps, audio and video recordings to make them widely available to scholars and the general public.

ENDOWMENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

1991 Twenty-fifth Anniversary Gift: Endowment for the Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies, the "Fellowship in Museum Practices," \$350,000

1999 Endowment for the Renwick Gallery to support a biennial lecture, "Facets of American Craft: The Smithsonian Women's Committee Biennial Lecture at the Renwick Gallery," \$100,000

2002 Thirty-fifth Anniversary Gift: Endowment for Research Training of Interns at the National Museum of Natural History, \$125,000

2007 Fortieth Anniversary Gift: Endowment for the Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies, Education Achievement and Innovation Awards, \$250,000

SMITHSONIAN EDUCATION AWARDS FUNDED BY THE SMITHSONIAN WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

2004 \$15,000

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