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**Tru Vue Optium® Conservation Grant
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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 Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood in Scotch Plains, New Jersey and to the Oswego School District Public Library in Oswego, New York for projects that will help conserve their collections.

The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood will be conserving and framing two portraits by Micah Williams of individuals who came from one of the earliest eighteenth century European families to settle the area, the Osborns. The Historical Society consulted with Dr. Joyce Hill Stoner, Professor and Paintings Conservator at the Winterthur/ University of Delaware Program and the Conservation Center for Arts and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) in Philadelphia, PA to develop a plan to treat and house these historic works. After treatment by Dr. Stoner, CCAHA will glaze the portraits with Optium® provided by Tru Vue, seal the works in microclimate packages, and return them to the Historical Society's Osborn Cannonball Museum to hang safely on the walls.

The Oswego School District Public Library will be applying the protective Tru Vue Optium Museum Acrylic® glazing to an 1851 canvas map of Oswego, NY found rolled and stored in the local history collection in 2009. The main entrance to the library, which has served the city since before the Civil War, features a permanent display of artifacts, where this map will be displayed after conservation by Laura Schell of West Lake Conservators. "Bringing the hand colored 1851 Oswego Map back to public view as we celebrate the 157th anniversary of our building opening to the public will be my highlight of 2014," said Librarian Edward Elsner.



Map of Oswego, NY dating to 1851.

“We are excited to be partnering with institutions and conservators to make a difference in the protection and conservation of such significant works for future generations, while providing an intimate viewing experience that is not possible with regular glass or acrylic,” 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. Eighteen 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 Tru Vue

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