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**Hang Onto Your Heritage: Learn to Preserve Documents,
Family Heirlooms at May 2nd Preservation Fair**

Waco, Texas (April 22, 2015) – The Waco-McLennan County Library, Baylor University Libraries and the Central Texas Genealogical Society are teaming up to present a Preservation Fair to help provide information to the public on how to best preserve family documents, photos, heirlooms and more. The event will take place on May 2 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the West Waco Library & Genealogy Center, located at 5301 Bosque Blvd.

The free event is part of Waco’s Cultural Heritage Preservation Week, an outreach to promote/ educate our community on the importance of protecting and preserving our local culture. There will also be a Genealogy Beginner’s class from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location.

The items we inherit and collect come in all formats – photos, paper documents of all types, metal, glass, wood, stone, leather, audio and video tape and even oral histories. The Preservation Fair has brought together a variety of preservation resources and specialists to help answer questions on how to take care of your family items. (No appraisals will be done.)

James Jasek, former owner of Library Bindery in Waco will field questions about binding, dating, framing and preserving photographs. Rob Curnock, owner/ founder of Dub-L Tape, Inc. (a full service audio/video production/duplication company in Waco), will answer questions about converting audio, video, slides, photos and even computer files. Beth Farwell, Associate Director for Baylor Libraries and Allie McCormack, Rare Book Cataloger will answer questions about books, paper of all kinds and more.

Gaylord Archival is providing a free copy of their catalog of archival supplies, like acid-free, lignin-free, pH-neutral boxes, folders and more. Paige Davis, Curator of the Historic Waco Foundation, will handle questions regarding textiles of all types – wedding dresses, flags, needle point, etc. Norma Thronburg of the McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group will teach how to clean/ maintain family tombstones. Dr. Stephen Sloan, Director of The Institute for Oral History at Baylor University, will teach how to conduct a history preservation project through oral history, and will talk about the new “Waco History” app and website. Paul Fisher, Processing Archivist at Baylor’s Texas Collection will be available to answer preservation questions about items made of wood, stone, metal, and glass. Proper handling, storage, environment, and other factors help ensure that items will be preserved for a long time to come.

For more information, please contact Bill Buckner at 750-5945 or Beth Farwell at 710-3679, or visit www.wacolibrary.org; www.baylor.edu/lib/preservationweek.

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