

MUSEUM CODE OF ETHICS

Museum Board members, museum staff members and museum volunteers who collect artifacts, fine art, literary and archival material in the same general categories collected by the Museum must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Board members, staff and volunteers must observe the highest ethical standards relating to their personal collections on loan, on exhibit or used in a museum publication.
2. Board members, staff and volunteers must never attempt knowingly to acquire an object in competition with the Museum or use his/her position with the Museum for personal gain.
3. Board members, staff and volunteers who collect should be aware of the Museum's collection objectives and should, when possible, consider informing the Museum of the availability on an object that might be appropriate for the permanent collection when such an object will be available. However, if the museum elects not to acquire the object, it may be acquired by a board member, staff member or volunteer.
4. Board members, staff, and volunteers may not purchase objects deaccessioned by the Museum unless these objects are offered at public sale or auction. Board members, staff and volunteers may not trade an object from his/her personal collection for an object in the museum's permanent collection.
5. The museum will not purchase objects from board members, staff or volunteers unless the purchase has been approved in advance, in writing, by the museum board and county commissioners.
6. Board members, staff, and volunteers may not store objects from their personal collection in the museum's collections storage area or library.
7. Board members, staff and volunteers who plan to sell all or part of a personal collection (similar to that collected by the Museum) should first consider offering the items to the Museum as a gift or purchase. All such offers shall be well documented and will be considered if they are within the guidelines and policies of the museum.
8. Relatives of Board Members, staff, and volunteers must not engage in any transaction on behalf of the Board, staff member or volunteer which is prohibited by these guidelines.
9. The Museum will adopt the AAMR Code of Ethics in addition to Uintah County Code of Personal Conduct as written in the Uintah County Policies and Procedures Manual, Section 500, pg. 1-7. (See AAMR Code of Ethics in Appendix
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