



2016 Preservation Emporium

Heirlooms, Artifacts, and Family Treasures

A presentation of the **University of Illinois Preservation Working Group & The University Library**

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 1 – 4 pm

Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green St., Champaign

Have you ever wondered how to preserve that old film of family memories or take care of a baptism outfit or wedding dress? This free informational event welcomes everyone to meet and talk with preservation specialists whose expertise ranges from antiquities to quilts and textiles to modern digital media.

Bring your small, hand-held items to the library or come with images of larger items and have your preservation questions answered by the experts.



2 pm Keynote Speaker

“Family Portraits A Long History of Awkwardness”

Ann Schmitt

Vice President of Programs, Peoria Riverfront Museum

People love awkward family photos, both those of others and their own. Our speaker is no exception—in the course of preparing programs for the exhibition, she enjoyed investigating the history of awkward portraits from the annals of art history to the present.

In this talk, Schmitt will share strange and amusing glimpses into the history of how and why we keep a visual record of ourselves and our loved ones, and why that record is worth preserving.

Peoria Riverfront Museum hosted the exhibition *Awkward Family Photos* in 2015. The gallery exhibition is based on the Internet sensation of the same name.

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