

DONATION FAQs:

Will the museum display my donation?

While each object in our collections is significant, we cannot guarantee when your donation will be displayed. Less than 1% of our collections are on display at any given time. Every object is available for research and study, and contributes to the strength of our collection regardless of display.

Can I deduct the donation on my taxes?

Yes, in many cases non-cash contributions are tax deductible. Please consult IRS guidelines on deductions for more information. Please be advised that museum employees cannot provide specific advice on the potential tax benefits of a donation.

Can I place a restriction on the donation?

As a general rule we do not accept donations that are made with restrictions.

Will the museum purchase my objects?

Although you are welcome to make an offer to sell, please note that we are rarely able to purchase objects.

Can I send objects to the museum?

Please do not send objects to the museum unless you have already spoken with museum staff about your donation.

**For more information, please visit
www.brickstoremuseum.org/collections**



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Consider donating cultural artifacts
and artwork to your museum.

Here's how.

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WHY SHOULD I DONATE?

Every object tells a story, whether it be a ledger, a chair, a photograph, a painting, or a thimble (and everything in between). The Brick Store Museum was founded in 1936 to celebrate the local art and history of the Kennebunks and its surrounding communities. The continued growth of The Brick Store Museum's collections depend, to a great degree, on generous donations from individuals.



While the Museum's collection currently numbers over 70,000 objects, there are still stories we have yet to discover - and it could be in your home!

When you donate objects to the Museum, you ensure that important additions to local history and art will be shared with future generations and treasured for years to come.

When historically significant items go to auction or are sold online, we risk losing them and the important stories they tell.

Preserving these artifacts at the Brick Store Museum means sharing important cultural experiences with our towns, our state, the nation, and even the world.

Please note: The Museum reserves the right to accept or reject any gift proposed for donation.

HOW CAN I DONATE?

Every donation offer is considered carefully by the Museum's Collections Committee to determine whether the objects are appropriate for our collections, and if it can be properly cared for in perpetuity. Please provide as much information as you can about each object. The more information available about an object, the better we will be able to determine if and how it fits into our collections.



Below are the main points we look for:

- What is the object and what is its purpose?
- Is it significant to the Kennebunks or the surrounding communities?
- When, where, and by whom was it created?
- When and under what circumstances did you come to own it (gift, purchase, inheritance, etc.)?
- Any other information that might be relevant to the object's fabrication, use, or ownership history.

You may send any information and photographs to the Museum's Collections Manager, Leanne Hayden, at lhayden@brickstoremuseum.org. Please be sure to provide your own contact information (name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address). You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of the offer and may be contacted for more information.

[Please note that we are unable to provide appraisals or to identify or authenticate objects offered for donation.]

Donations to the Museum's collection are considered quarterly by the Collections Committee. Donors are welcome to contact the Museum at any time regarding their donation, but it could be up to three months before we decide to accession your object into the collection. At that point, you will receive a Deed of Gift form, which you return to the Museum so the transaction is finalized.

The object(s) will then be stored in the Museum's collections storage until it is displayed in a current exhibition; it is requested for loan by another museum; or it is employed in scholarly research by visiting researchers or students. Credit will always be given to you, the donor.

ESTATE PLANNING: Many families often wonder where their important heirlooms will go in the future. Planning your estate with the Museum in mind is the perfect fit. That way, you are able to enjoy your collections during your lifetime, but you also ensure a future for these items to be cared for and preserved at the Museum for years to come. If you have questions about considering the Museum in your estate planning, please contact Cynthia Walker at cwalker@brickstoremuseum.org.