

# Inside Textile Conservation



# Conservator

A conservator is a person whose primary occupation is the practice of conservation and who, through specialized education, knowledge, training and experience, formulates and implements all the activities of conservation in accordance with an ethical code.

## Paths into Conservation

Science

History

Art History

Theater

Restoration

Studio Art

Design

Artisanry



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Collections Manager

Conservator

Registrar

Preparator

Visitor Services

Museum Security

Facilities Management

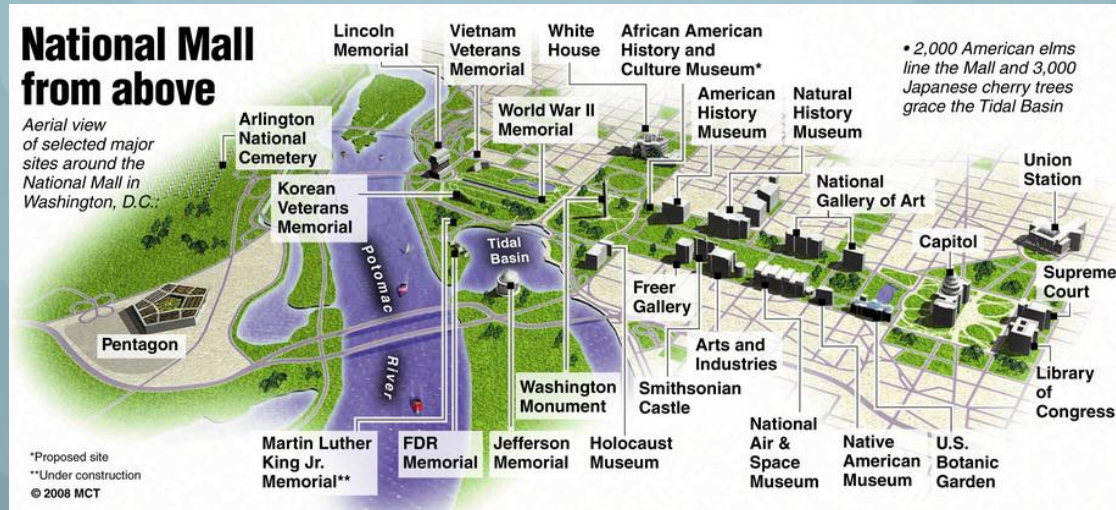


Exhibit Designer

Database Manager

Grant Writer

Development / Fund Raising

PR and Marketing

Museum consultant

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# Textile Conservation

- Repair of damaged textiles
- Preservation of structurally sound textiles
- Mitigating process that cause damage to textiles



## Stages of a Project

- Assessment & testing
- Photography
- Research
- Deinstallation / reversing prior treatment
- Treatment
  - Cleaning
    - Surface cleaning
    - Spot cleaning
    - Wetcleaning / dry cleaning
  - Stabilization
    - Stitching / adhesives
    - Support fabrics
  - Restoration
- Exhibition
  - Mounting
  - Framing
  - Lining & hanging system
- Rehousing
- Documentation



# Treatment

The deliberate alteration of chemical and physical aspects of cultural property, aimed primarily at prolonging its existence.

Treatment may consist of stabilization and/or restoration.



# Stabilization

Treatment procedures intended to maintain the integrity of cultural property to minimize deterioration.





# Restoration

Treatment procedures intended to return cultural property to a known or assumed state. Often through the addition of non-original material.



- Why would a textile receive treatment?
- What determines the type of treatment?
- Is every textile a candidate for treatment?



# Choosing Appropriate Textiles

- Strong enough to withstand handling
- Good candidate for display/study
- Properly mounted for display
- Suitable for temporary display only



History

Intimacy

Innovation

Responsibility

Personal Stories





# History





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# Intimacy





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# Innovation



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# Responsibility



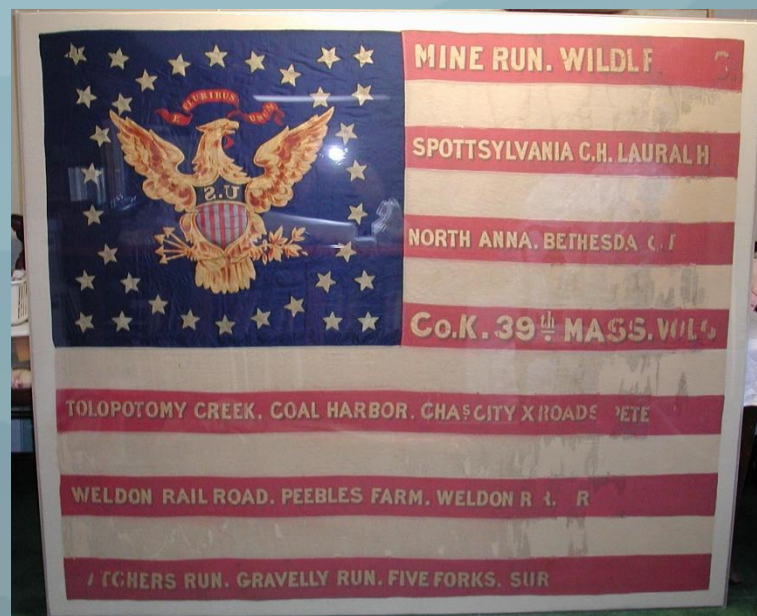
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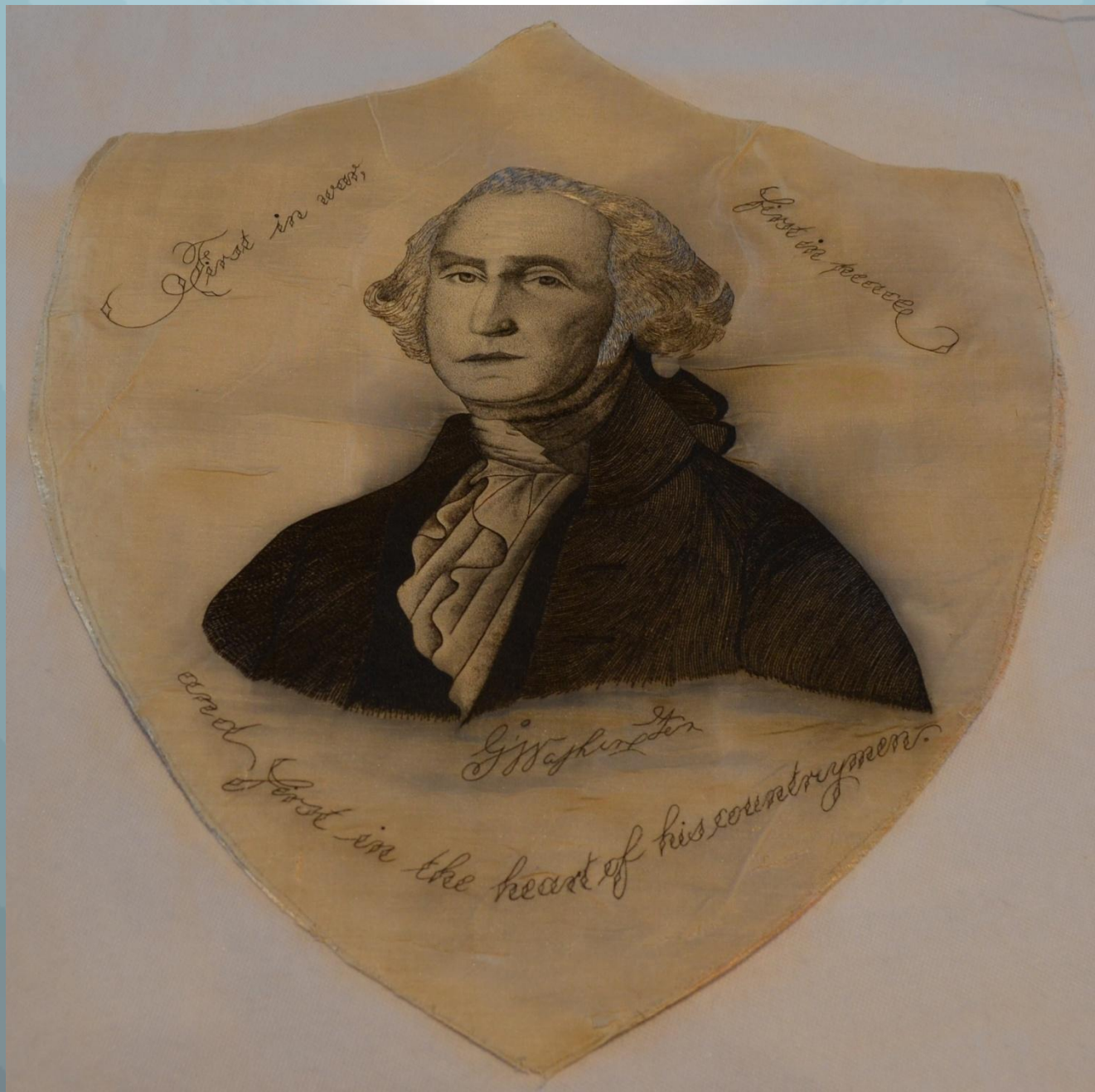
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# Personal Stories





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