

# HMFM

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

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### **New Exhibit Opens May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula! “Collecting Missoula: A Look Inside the HMFM Collection”**

Opening this spring, “*Collecting Missoula: A Look Inside the HMFM Collection*”, explores how museums collect, receive donations, organize their collections, and catalog items as they are taken in. The exhibit will also tackle the origins of collecting through Cabinets of Curiosity. As you work your way through the exhibit, you’ll get an insiders glimpse into the daily operations of the HMFM collections department and the many peculiar objects HMFM preserves.

In order to give our visitors this inside glimpse into the world of museums, over 400 objects will be on display to tell the story. These artifacts have been chosen to represent the variety that can be found within our collection.

While it’s impossible to list all of the of objects that you’ll get to see as part of this exhibit, a short list includes:

- A washing machine,
- Cameras,
- Medicine bottles,
- Opera sets made of paper,
- An ultraviolet ray machine,
- A belt made out of cellophane cigarette wrappers,
- Curiosities from Missoula’s past,
- And, oh so much more!
- Many of the objects on display have never been seen before.

Come out and join us on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-4:00pm** as we dedicate *Collecting Missoula*, the exciting new exhibit in the HMFM Heath Gallery.

- A ribbon cutting will take place at Noon
- Treats and beverages will be available
- Special “behind-the-scenes” tours will be offered all afternoon.
  - These tours will be available every half hour. Guests are welcome to sign up when they arrive for the opening.

Don’t miss this fascinating opportunity to see what really goes on behind the scenes in HMFM’s curious collection.

**We hope to see you on May 14<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 4pm!**

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