

Wiki Loves Small Museums

A Workshop for the Small Museum Association (SMA) Conference, February 2015

What is the SMA Conference?

The annual SMA conference attracts more than 250 museum professionals, board members, and volunteers from a wide variety of small museums.

This year's theme is **Museums in Harmony**: exploring the ways in which museum staff, boards, volunteers, and communities can work together to meet the challenges of economic, educational, and social conditions.

Conference : February 15 - 17, 2015

Where: Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel,
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD

More Information:

<https://sma25.wildapricot.org/>



Winchester Museum, Chris Talbot

SMA 2015:

Museums in Harmony

<http://www.smallmuseum.org/>
Conference

**Contributing to a Digital Presence:
Wiki Loves Small Museums
Sunday, February 15, 2015,
12.00-4.00 p.m.**

Wikipedia events often focus on uploading photos. I have approached the SMA about organizing a Wikipedia event at the conference, to encourage people from the Small Museums Association to provide pictures of their institutions and artifacts, under a free license which will allow them to be re-used not only in Wikipedia but everywhere by everyone.



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Meetup/Ocean_City,_MD/Wiki_Loves_Small_Museums

The Details:

My intention in working with the Small Museum Association is to overcome barriers to involvement in Wikipedia by bringing together a group of Wikipedians with scanners, computers, and knowledge to help people from small museums upload photos of their institutions and artifacts, and correct out-of-date information in existing articles.

I envision :

- 1) An attendee at the SMA conference will walk up to a table and present a print photograph, document or digital image.
- 2) Wikipedia volunteers will review the copyright status of the work with the attendee.
- 3) The attendee will sign a permission form identifying the source and copyright status of the image and authorizing its use.
- 4) Wikipedia volunteers will scan the photo (if not already digitized) and the permission form.
- 5) Wikipedia volunteers will upload the digital image to Wikimedia Commons, and email the scanned permissions form to OTRS.
- 6) Wikipedia editors could then display the image on existing pages.
- 7) Wikipedia editors could also do other work on relevant pages as interest and time permit, and explain what they are doing to attendees.

We will need:

- 1) Experienced Wikipedians to bring scanners and computers to SMA
- 2) Space at the conference, with plug-ins, tables, and minimal security
- 3) Network connectivity at the conference
- 4) Advance access to the SMA mailing list to inform SMA members in advance about the proposed activity and the copyright issues involved
- 5) SMA members who are enthusiastic about submitting materials
- 6) If you can commit to coming to Ocean City, MD, let me know. I can submit a grant proposal to Wikimedia Foundation (D.C.) to apply for funding for expenses such as registration, hotel rooms, etc. for editors. (No guarantees, but please let me know what expenses you might have.)

I will list possible attendees at the SMA Conference on the Wikipedia project page (see URL below) once I have more information.

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