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THE STEWART MUSEUM PAYS HOMAGE TO COLLECTORS

A tribute to those who share a passion for objects

Montreal, December 21, 2016 – This winter, as a nod to its current exhibition, *Curiosities – The Stewart Museum Collection Visited by Jérôme Fortin*, the Museum will honour a group of passionate collectors, often the source of museum collections. Until January 20, 2017, the Museum is putting a **call out** to the greater Montreal region and its surroundings to find the **best collectors from 8 to 99 years of age**, who have unusual collections or a fascinating story to tell about one.

Throughout our lives, many of us have shown a fondness for gathering objects of the same nature, through fascination or simple curiosity. Seashells, coins, rare books or vinyl records – the world of collections is limitless! It is a **guilty pleasure for people of all ages**, from children whose daily discoveries become little treasures, to adults who put a great deal of thought into their collections and the objects they accumulate. Sometimes, these collections become so important and valuable that they can be found in museums. This is the case of David Stewart's collection which is showcased in the exhibition.

If you are a fervent collector or know a child, relative or friend who is a collector, the Museum warmly invites you to **fill out an application form on its website**: <http://bit.ly/2hab4dP>. The most original or distinctive collectors will receive a **photo portrait or video about their passion** and the art of collecting as well as an exclusive tour of the Museum's reserves, customized to their field of interest. This initiative will appear on the **Museum's social media sites** ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)) in February and will allow the public to elect their favourite collector. During Spring Break, collectors featured over the winter will be invited on the final weekend (March 11-12) to present their collections and share their passion with Museum visitors.

Celebrate the pleasure of collecting! After all, we have all at one time or another been collectors!

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