

## Collections Board Report: October 2025

The Besser Museum Collections Committee recommends the museum's Board of Trustees accept the following items into the permanent collection:

1. White, woolen winter snowsuit that belonged to Wilma Mainville, 1941 Alpena Snow Queen. Donor also provided photographs and newspaper articles about Wilma. Donated by Janet Dault of Bay City, Michigan.
2. Collection of political ephemera related to Maxine Coombs of Ossineke who was invited to the 1985 Inaugural Ball in Washington D.C. Item found in collection, donor unknown.

Major Activities September – October	Number
New Accessions	8
Artifacts Cataloged	441
Artifacts Inventoried	996
Inquiries Handled	9
Searches on Public Database	342

### Other Major Activities:

1. Finished processing Tim Kent's collection with Isabel and Nicole (measuring, labeling, photographing, and prep for storage)
2. Inventoried the historic photograph collection with Isabel and volunteers. Many photographs discovered without proper archival sleeves, more will be ordered, and volunteers will go through and replace them.
3. Attended 2 webinars: Exhibit Label Writing and Fundraising Alternatives for Preservation Care
4. Worked Fall Festival
5. Hosted an open house on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> for the Michigan History Conference
6. Attended activities at the Michigan History Conference on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>
7. Started pulling photos and information for the Fred Trelfa exhibit opening in January 2026
8. Wrote an article for the newsletter announcing the Fred Trelfa exhibit
9. Published 5 social media posts featuring the collections