



# Smithsonian

*Anacostia Community Museum*

## Down Through the Years: Stories from the Anacostia Museum's Collections

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Down Through the Years: Stories from the Anacostia Museum's Collections
<b>Date:</b>	1996
<b>Identifier:</b>	ACMA.03-042
<b>Creator:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Linear foot (1 box)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Restrictions

Use of the materials requires an appointment. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment:  
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## Scope and Contents

An exhibition exploring the stories and the histories of objects and artifacts in the museum's collection. Organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there April 28, 1996 through August 12, 1996. The show featured photographs, documents, paintings, and historical and cultural objects from the museum's collection.

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## Scope and Contents

These records document the planning, organizing, execution, and promotion of the exhibition. Materials include correspondence, exhibit script, docent materials, research files, administrative records, clippings, and docent training resources.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Art
- Museum exhibits

### Types of Materials:

- Artifacts

Clippings  
Correspondence  
Exhibition records -- 1990-2004  
Photographic prints  
Slides (photographs)

Names:

Anacostia Community Museum  
Anacostia Museum

Places:

Washington (D.C.)

## Container Listing

ACMA AV001103\_A: Down Through the Years: Docent Training, circa 1996  
2 Sound recordings (audio cassette)  
004718 004718 004202

Creator: Anacostia Museum  
Technical: 004718 004718 004202  
Language: English.  
Notes: ACMA AV001103\_B

ACMA AV001097

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During docent training for the exhibition 'Down Through the Years: Stories from the Anacostia Museum's Collection,' docents learned about the major sections of the exhibition as well as specific objects in the museum's collection and context for those objects. Material culture, why people and society needs things, the meaning of treasure seen in everyday objects, and the importance and value of the museum's collection were discussed. Portia James led part of the training session.

Training. Audio only. Related to exhibition 'Down Through the Years: Stories from the Anacostia Museum's Collection.' AV001103: dated 19980427. AV001097: dated 19960427.

Down Through the Years: Docent Training, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

'Down Through the Years: Stories from the Anacostia Museum's Collection' explored the stories and the histories of objects and artifacts from the museum's collection. The exhibition was held from April 28, 1996 - December 8, 1996 at the Anacostia Museum.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum  
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum  
Topic: African Americans  
Material culture  
Collectors and collecting  
Museum exhibits  
Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)  
Washington (D.C.)  
United States  
Genre/Form: Sound recordings