

Seattle Asian Art Museum

Digital Preservation:

John Grimes Travel Slides of Japan Collection

Sponsor Overview:

- Sponsor: Yueh-Lin Chen, Librarian
- McCaw Foundation Library, SAAM
- Founded in 1933
- Non-profit museum archive for public researchers & curators



Information Challenge:

How can SAAM preserve unique collection materials stored on outdated media formats, and also enhance their accessibility?



Travel Slides Case Study:

- John Grimes toured Japan, 1987-88
- 1000+ unprocessed film slides
- Image keywords:
Museum, Architecture, Religion,
Folk Art, Traditional Costume



Solution & Process:

- Environmental Scan
- Organize Metadata
- Arrange Physical Holdings
- Digitize Slides
- Create SAM digital exhibit with Dublin Core on Omeka

Results & Impact:

- 200+ slides completed
- 20 geographical locations pictured
- 1000+ slides arranged & described
- Enhanced access to SAAM images
- Established digital preservation plan to complete this collection
- Set precedent for future projects

