

Cumulating Culls: The Dusty Side of Abandoned Works

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ABANDONED WORKS

Culled objects that are deemed to have no archival value which may include:

CONTAINERS

- Film canisters, wooden boxes, packaging etc.

FRAMES AND ARTWORK

- Prints and other decorative items.

MEMORABILIA

- Commemorative glassware, souvenirs, etc.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

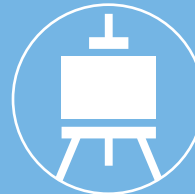
- Excess lapel pins, stickers, magnets and pens.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Tools, ashtrays, typeset, stationary etc.



Keep them in the back



Reading Room display



Office decor



Bring them home*

CURRENT PRACTICE

TAKING ACTION

KEEP

- Clutter
- Confusion
- Collection Mandate

DESTROY

- Physical barriers
- Mental barriers
- Social barriers

ADOPT*

- Ethical concerns
- Bias
- Ownership

SELL

- Ethical standards
- Legal repercussions
- Social repercussions

LOOKING FORWARD

- Policy and Procedures
- Safe disposal
- Donation



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

I would love to hear from you!
Please get in touch if you are interested in hearing more about this ongoing project or feel comfortable sharing your experience and perspective!

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