director’s notes

We welcome you back to the Fleming Museum this fall after our brief closing, which saw renovations to the Museum’s auditorium, side-entrance, roof, and lobby area – improvements that will enhance our visitors’ experience of the Museum, as well as better protect our collections. The new Auditorium features improved lighting and acoustics, a new stage and seating area, and a new entrance. The side entrance is ADA compliant, and the roof and lobby have been fully restored. We are delighted to announce the opening of our new coffee lounge and shop, featuring elegant tables and chairs, comfortable reading spaces, and meeting areas for small groups set against the building’s decorative brickwork and light-filled space.

We invite you to browse the updated Fleming Shop, which will continue to carry art books, cards, and posters, as well as select Fleming merchandise. As part of your next Museum visit, plan to meet a friend for a cup of coffee after checking out our exhibitions. Or bring your laptop and catch up on email – we’re wireless!

We offer a trio of engaging exhibitions this fall. The Material Pursuits show features cutting-edge contemporary work in low-tech, craft mediums such as pipe-cleaners, Sculpey™, embroidery, and paper. Fourteen artists from across the country create complex, large-scale works that spectacularly defy their humble materials. In the Wolcott Gallery we feature late-19th and early 20th-century travel photographs from the Fleming’s collection and UVM’s Special Collections. And in the Wilbur Room cases, we present shoes from around the world drawn from the Fleming’s collection and lent by local footwear purveyors.

As always, an exciting menu of programs and events accompanies these exhibitions through the semester. Mark your calendars for October 25 when Material Pursuits artist Devorah Sperber – fresh from a one-person show at the Brooklyn Museum – speaks about her work in our stylishly refurbished auditorium. Check out all that’s new at the Fleming this fall!
NEW EXHIBITIONS

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SEPTEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 8

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MR. CONSERVATOR

A selection of lacquer and metal fittings
from the Fleming Museum’s Collections. Bill McDowell, 12:15 PM


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A display of the art created.

SUNDAY GALLERY TALK
SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

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