

2026

COLLECTIONS & COCKTAILS

CURATOR WISHLIST



Collections & Cocktails is the Grand Rapids Public Museum's signature spring fundraiser. This year's theme, "Currents that Connect," explores and celebrates our relationship with Michigan's waterways, highlighting the beauty and diversity of our shared natural history.

The Curator Wishlist, thoughtfully assembled with desired donation items, is designed to enhance the GRPM Collection.

What is on this year's Curator Wishlist?

Historical Artifacts:

- ▶ Logging History
 - Log Marking Hammers
 - Logging Tools
 - Logging Photographs
 - Shell Button Punch Tool
- ▶ Historic Images of the Grand River
 - Photographs
 - Postcards
 - Paintings
 - Lithographs
 - Advertisements
- ▶ Beer and Brewing History
 - Pre-prohibition Grand Rapids Breweriana

Scientific Specimens:

- ▶ Any aquatic related animal specimen
 - Non-wet/fluid specimens
- ▶ Lake Sturgeon Scutes
- ▶ Mounted fish skeletons or other aquatic vertebrates
- ▶ Vernal Pool Monitors Equipment

Anishinaabe Lifeways:

- ▶ Mino Niibii - Water is Life
 - T-shirt
 - Water Protectors / Ceremony images
 - Copper mug
- ▶ Indigenous Plants
 - Manoomin, berries, root plants
 - Medicinal/Ceremonial plants: cedar, sweetgrass, wild mint, pine pitch, etc
 - Structures/Lodging: birch, cedar, cattail
- ▶ Transportation
 - Birch, cedar logs: Canoes
 - Cedar, sinew: Snow shoes
 - Animal pelts, copper, lithics: trade



- ▶ View the GRPM's Collection online at grpmcollections.org
- ▶ To learn more about Collections & Cocktails, visit grpm.org/cc.

If you have one of these items and would like to make a donation, please contact Collections Curator Andrea Melvin amelvin@grpm.org | (616) 929-1808