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The Charleston Museum

Charleston Museum Receives Highest National Professional Recognition

Awarded Re-Accreditation from the American Association of Museums

Charleston, SC - October 3, 2011 - The Charleston Museum, America's first museum, is pleased to announce its reaccreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM). The museum was initially accredited in 1973 and we are pleased to remain in the ranks of the only 4.5% of American museums to be accredited. "We are delighted to receive reaccreditation which recognizes the Museum's comprehensive quality performance and ongoing efforts to accomplish its mission in accordance with ever-more-challenging professional standards," says Charleston Museum director, John Brumgardt.



A few words on reaccreditation by the Charleston Museum Director and Board President, the AAM President and area museum colleagues.

About AAM Reaccreditation

From application to final decision by the AAM Accreditation Commission, the process takes approximately three (3) years, involving a rigorous and time-consuming process of self-evaluation, on-site examination by peer reviewers, and final scrutiny by the AAM Accreditation Commission. "Fewer than 800 of the approximately 17,500 museums in the United States are accredited, so we are pleased to receive this designation and want to share the news with those who helped make it possible," states Brumgardt.



"Accreditation assures the people of Charleston, South Carolina that their museum is among the finest in the nation," explains president of AAM, Ford W. Bell. "As a result, the citizens can take considerable pride in their homegrown institution, for its commitment to excellence and for the

value it brings to the community."

About The Charleston Museum

The Charleston Museum, founded in 1773, is America's first museum. It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located along [Charleston's Museum Mile](#) . Holding the most extensive collection of South Carolina cultural and scientific collections in the nation, it also owns two National Historic Landmark houses, the [Heyward-Washington House](#) (1772) and the [Joseph Manigault House](#) (1803), as well as the Dill Sanctuary, a 580-acre wildlife preserve. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Museum admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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About the American Association of Museum

The American Association of Museums has been bringing museums together since 1906, helping to develop standards and best practices, gathering and sharing knowledge, and providing advocacy on issues of concern to the entire museum community. With more than 15,000 individual, 3,000 institutional, and 300 corporate members, AAM is dedicated to ensuring that museums remain a vital part of the American landscape, connecting people with the greatest achievements of the human experience, past, present and future. For more information, visit www.aam-us.org.



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