

Our speaker this month was Rebecca Kichta Miller and her presentation was titled "Don't Lose All Those Pictures and Documents. You focus on what to keep and what not to keep, and then how best to save, preserve, and share what you do keep."

We're fortunate that Rebecca agreed to share the handout she used for today's presentation. It gives lots of good information for those unable to attend, and clickable links to web sites she talked about. It's attached to this email.

A few notes:

When handling old and delicate material, current guidance is to use fresh washed, dry hands, not white cotton gloves. Gloves reduce dexterity and you can damage the paper more than using uncovered hands.

When storing images Rebecca prefers 600 DPI (dots per inch) and TIF format. TIF format preserves the quality of an image better than JPEG if it is manipulated more than a few times. This link in the handout gives a nice summary of some of the key points Rebecca made today:

<https://legacybox.com/blogs/analog/how-to-organize-30-years-of-photos>

Legacybox and Scanmyphotos (also in the handout) are two companies Rebecca recommends if you have any old 8MM film you want to convert to electronic media.

Because Pittsburgh has multiple world class museums we are fortunate to have lots of highly qualified conservators if you are in need of that service for some of your treasures. Just Google "paper conservators Pittsburgh" and you'll find many.