

Renewal of Craft Revival Grant

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Hunter Library's current digitization endeavor, "The Craft Revival: Shaping Western North Carolina Past and Present," received last summer its grant renewal of \$126,000 for the second year. At that time the project had comprised 182 digital entries, representing 220 image scans; near the end of Fall 2006, these numbers stood at 296 and 678 (and counting), respectively. These entries include photographs, handmade items, oral histories and other documents from the Craft Revival Period—from the 1890s to the 1940s.

The Craft Revival Grant is a three-year project, eligible for a possible total of a quarter of a million dollars. Collaborating on this project are five heritage partners: the John C. Campbell Folk School; the Penland School of Crafts; the Southern Highland Craft Guild; Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center; and Hunter Library's Special Collections unit.

