

## **MUSEUM OFFERS TALK ON PERSONAL COLLECTION CONSERVATION**

**BIG CYPRESS, FLA. (March 4, 2011)** – Corey Smith, conservator at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, will provide tips for preserving and storing personal collection items in “A Conversation about Conservation” March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Edison State College. The talk, free and open to the public, will be at the college’s Hendry/Glades Center at 1092 Cowboy Way in LaBelle.

“People treasure all sorts of things, like playbills, souvenirs from their travels, a child’s artwork and precious family heirlooms. Knowing how to preserve them properly, especially in the humid south Florida environment, will help ensure their lasting enjoyment,” says Smith. “I field a lot of questions about how to restore items, so I’ll also be discussing the importance of conservation versus restoration.”

Partners in the event include Edison State College Hendry/Glades Center, the Clewiston Museum, LaBelle Heritage Museum and Riverside Real Estate Inc., which will provide refreshments. For more information, call 954-364-5205.

### **About the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum**

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is the tribally-owned and operated museum of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Situated in the Everglades on a 66-acre cypress dome on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, the museum offers more than 5,000 square feet of gallery space. Exhibits feature rare artifacts and lifelike dioramas that depict Seminole life at the turn of the century. In 2009, the museum became the first tribally governed museum to be accredited by the American Association of Museums. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m., the museum is located north of Interstate 75 at Exit 49. For more information, visit [www.ahtahthiki.com](http://www.ahtahthiki.com) or call 877-902-1113.