



## Cheryl McKenna - 55

“ Museums are often thought of as a place to relax and learn new things, but from a work perspective, it may surprise people to know just how fast-paced my job is! Not only do I get an up-close view of local history and art, but I also help present that culture to our community.

Each project is different! Along with the responsibility of keeping permanent exhibits fresh and topical, we have temporary exhibits that give our team the chance to learn about new artists, cultures, styles, and history. There are so many things that go into creating the best space to display our exhibits. I've had to string wire from a ceiling, change out flooring, update lighting, print out display signs, and more! It's a team effort, but when you see someone connect with a piece of art or history you really understand the value of what you do. That will always be my favorite part of the job. ”

### Occupation:

Museum  
Technician

### Salary:

\$43,622

### Education:

Bachelor's Degree

### Job Description:

**Museum Technicians and Conservators** restore, maintain, or prepare objects in museum collections for storage, research, or exhibit. May work with specimens such as fossils, skeletal parts, or botanicals; or artifacts, textiles, or art. May identify and record objects or install and arrange them in exhibits. Includes book or document conservators.\*



## Job Description:

SOC Code: 25-4013

## Top Job Skills:

- Customer service
- Risk management
- Research topics in area of expertise
- Problem solving
- Maintain records

## General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
  - Develop policies or procedures for archives, museums or libraries
  - Plan community programs or activities for the general public
- Interacting With Others
  - Classify materials according to standard systems
  - Direct department activities
  - Advise educators on curricula, instructional methods, or policies
  - Direct activities of subordinates
  - Discuss problems or issues with supervisors
- Work Output
  - Construct exhibits or parts of exhibits
  - Prepare materials for preservation, storage, or display
  - Maintain operational records
  - Enter information into databases or software programs
  - Record research or operational data

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

## LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O\\*NET.org](https://www.onet.org).

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## JOB STATISTICS:



### Typical Wage Range

\$31,810 - \$41,960



### Projected Growth

33/yr Job Openings



### Employed In-State

110



### Required Education

Bachelor's Degree



### Work Experience

Typically  
Requires None



### On-the-Job Training

Typically  
Requires None

\*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Lower Savannah
- Trident
- Greenville
- Catawba
- Worklink
- Upstate

## EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

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- Servpro
- Paul Davis Restoration, Inc.
- The College of Charleston
- Adecco US, Inc.
- State Museum Commission

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS\*:

- Archivists
- Curators
- Historians
- Librarians and Media Collections Specialists
- Set and Exhibit Designers

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2024.