Dear Museum Friends:

The Tweed Museum of Art will be temporarily closed from January through April 2016 to upgrade its heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. It is just the first phase of an exciting renovation project to usher the museum into 21st century accommodations.

This upgrade is crucial to maintain a stable environment for the collection. Most of this project is being covered by the Minnesota state legislature Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) fund.

For the safety of the Museum collection, artworks will have to be temporarily relocated from the Tweed building, a painstaking and expensive task. During this period, the Tweed Store will be open for limited hours Tuesday through Friday, depending on construction requirements. Updates on store hours will be available on our website or contact Kathy at 218-726-8753.

The museum staff will be working on storing art pieces and planning events for the reopening in May 2016. We will be expanding our virtual museum offerings online as we continue to digitize the collection and offer a weekly in-depth piece by docent Bill Shipley at our website. As the Tweed Museum is the only site in Minnesota selected to host the Shakespeare First Folio, scheduled for October 2016, we are preparing for a huge program in October that will include exhibits, plays, lectures, and music.

While we are working behind the scenes, we will provide you with updates on the renovation process. Please check our website (www.d.umn.edu/tma) and social media platforms (Facebook (www.facebook.com/Tweed.Museum.of.Art), Twitter (https://twitter.com/tweedmuseum), Google Plus (plus.google.com/118086295255828728294), and Instagram (www.instagram.com/tweedmuseum) frequently for these postings.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, and we will miss hosting Museum visitors for the duration of the upgrade process, but we are very excited about having a state-of-the-art air control system. Please stop by to visit the store and frequent our website for announcements and progress updates. We look forward to welcoming you back in May with fresh exhibitions and a grand re-opening celebration.

Stay tuned!

The Tweed Museum of Art Staff