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To: MARAC Steering Committee
From: Heather Clewell, Delaware Caucus Rep
Date: February 7, 2014

There is no report from the Delaware Caucus as an entity since we did not meet. I hesitated to ask because of the weather.

Winterthur Archives

The Winterthur Archives has contributed several objects and many images to the upcoming “Costumes of Downton Abbey” exhibit, opening in March in the Galleries at Winterthur. These include a large steamer trunk with a built in turntable, a ladies alligator clad dressing case with many glass bottles with silver plated tops engraved with the du Pont crest and Mrs. du Pont’s initials, Mr. du Pont’s tuxedo jacket and several silver brushes. The images include instructions for and photos of servants, menus, photos of Mr. and Mrs. du Pont and much more. The exhibit runs through the beginning of January 2015.

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DC Caucus Report
Steering Committee Meeting
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DC Caucus Happy Hour: On January 22, 9 members of the DC Caucus met at Vapiano for happy hour and dinner. Another happy hour is scheduled for later this spring.

Resumption of Archives Month Preparations: Throughout the month of January I resumed organizing and arranging DC Caucus activities for a rescheduled Archives Fair in celebration of American Archives Month. This included re-contacting panelists, re-finalizing the venue, beginning advertising for the rescheduled event, and re-confirming initial logistics and volunteer participation. The Archives Fair is rescheduled for April 3, 2014.

DC Lone Arrangers Working Group: On January 28, I organized the resumption of the DC Lone Arrangers Working Group with participants from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The agenda included the nomination of co-chairs, the goals and mission of the group, and future meetings. The next meeting will be determined by the new co-chairs.

New Member Welcome: Sent emails to new MARAC/DC Caucus members welcoming them to MARAC and the DC Caucus. Each email also briefly described past activities of the DC Caucus and upcoming events.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrew Cassidy-Amstutz, DC Caucus Representative

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**Maryland Caucus Report
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1. Began searching for someone to assist in writing a MARAC blog post on the search for the new State Archivist.
2. Ideas for planning an annual “un-conference” for the Maryland Caucus (and potentially the Maryland History and Culture Collaborative group) have been suggested. There is potential that a small committee may form in the next few months to brainstorm.

No other news to report from the MD Caucus.

Report Submitted by: Elizabeth A. Novara, Maryland Caucus Representative

New Jersey Caucus News

Winter Steering Committee Meeting

[Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service Report submitted separately]

As Caucus Representative, I'm pleased to announce that Frederic C. Pachman has been reappointed for a second term as Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service (CAPES) Coordinator. CAPES, which is made possible by grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission, provides small non-profit organizations with evaluations of their archives. The New Jersey Caucus has benefited from Fred's enthusiastic promotion, pursuit of funding, and work with applicants and consultants for the CAPES program. Please join me in thanking Fred for all his efforts (and continue reading for more about Fred's other achievements)!

Monmouth County Archives

Monmouth County Archives, Red Bank Register Negative Collection

In 2008, the Monmouth County Archives acquired from the Shrewsbury Historical Society about 15,000 envelopes of negatives and color positives shot by Red Bank Register photographers, most from the period 1979 to 1987. These negatives were about half of those that survived a fire at the newspaper in 1970. The remaining half, mostly from 1970-1979, was recently donated to the Archives by the Middletown Historical Society. Each envelope is for a shooting assignment and contains an average of eleven 35mm frames. The Archives is taking steps to preserve the collection and make it accessible.

Library Director Honored for Preservation Work

Frederic C. Pachman AHIP, Director of the Altschul Medical Library at Monmouth Medical Center, received the 2013 Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award from the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) during its annual conference.

The Swartzburg Award "recognizes a New Jersey Library Association member who, over a substantial number of years, has made exceptional contributions to the awareness, understanding, and/or preservation of archival and library materials in New Jersey. The Award honors the memory of the Rutgers Preservation Librarian whose leadership in New Jersey inspired and influenced many others in our profession, particularly in the areas of preservation and book arts."

In remarks by Elsalyne Palmisano, the inaugural recipient of the Swartzburg Award in 2003, she chronicled Mr. Pachman's involvement in statewide and local preservation activities; serving as an officer in the NJLA History and Preservation Section, as a member of the New Jersey State Library – Preservation

Study Advisory Committee, and active in the Medical Library Association. The comments also reviewed his contributions to commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Monmouth Medical Center, work with the Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service sponsored by the New Jersey Caucus of MARAC, membership in local historical associations, and his role as founder of the New Jersey Scout Museum.

Mr. Pachman addressed the audience, celebrating the role of Librarians who “promote services that showcase history,” urged attendees to recognize preservation of history and archives as a “core function and service that we provide our patrons.” and reminded us all that “it is vital for libraries to ‘do history.’”



Lto r. Frederic C. Pachman, 2013 recipient of the New Jersey Library Association -Susan G. Swartzburg Preservation Award receiving certificate from Elsalyne Palmisano, 2003 recipient.

Caryn Radick



NEW JERSEY CAUCUS

Caucus Archival Projects Evaluation Service

Coordinator's Report

October - December 2013

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New Jersey Historical Commission Grant

The Coordinator worked with Sara Cureton at the NJHC regarding supplemental grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 that will be utilized during FY2014. A \$5000.00 check was received and deposited.

Publicity

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- Working with Karl Niederer on a CAPES Program for the 2014 History and Historic Preservation Conference next June 2014 at Brookdale Community College.
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- CAPES 25 Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the CAPES program, and the coordinator is working with New Jersey Caucus members to develop commemorative and promotional activities.

Consultations

The following surveys were completed during this quarter:

Dowdell Library of South Amboy
Farmingdale Historical Society
Watchung Historical Committee
Historical Society of Berkeley Heights

Janette Pardo
Laura Poll
Christine Lutz
Deborah DelCollo

The following surveys are pending:

Fairfield Public Library
Camden Shipyard and Maritime Museum
Mahwah Museum Society

Unassigned
Lisa Mangiafico
Unassigned

Finances

Our checking account is with the TD Bank, and two signatures are required on all checks. The expense categories listed below, coincide with the categories in the NJHC grant.

October 1, 2013				
Balance				\$3998.69
Income		5000.00		
Income Total			5000.00	
Expenses				
	Transportation (Mileage)	147.46		
	Photocopying, photography	0		
	Salaries (Coordinator)	1000.00		
	Professional services	1600.00		
	Postage	22.40		
	Materials & supplies	0		
	Conferences	0		
Expenses Total			(2769.86)	
December 31, 2013				\$6228.83
Balance				

Individual expenses:

Stipend and expenses	Frederic C. Pachman	\$1,083.78
Dowdell Library of South Amboy	Janette Pardo	\$ 437.20
Farmingdale Historical Society	Laura Poll	\$ 406.82
Watchung Historical Committee	Christine Lutz	\$ 408.68
Historical Society of Berkeley Heights	Deborah Del Collo	\$ 433.38

Comments

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To: MARAC Steering Committee
From: Susan Woodland, New York state caucus rep
Re: News from New York state

Winter meeting, Baltimore, February 7, 2014

1. The New York Archives Conference will take place at Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, June 4-6
2. New York State's Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) Grants, funded through the state Education Department, has managed to hold on to \$92,000 for 2014-2015. DHP grants support projects "that relate to groups and topics traditionally under-represented in New York's historical record."

TO: MARAC Steering Committee

FROM: Dyani Feige, Pennsylvania State Caucus Chair

RE: Pennsylvania State Caucus News

Submitted to the Steering Committee on Friday, February 7, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland.

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

37 MARAC members joined the Pennsylvania Caucus between October-December, 2013.

STATEWIDE NEWS

The 2014 PA Museums annual meeting will be held April 6, 7, and 8 at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center in Pittsburgh.

The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) is continuing planning for the Pennsylvania Cultural Resilience Network (PCRN), an IMLS-funded statewide initiative which will strengthen Alliance for Response networks throughout Pennsylvania, offer high level training in emergency planning, salvage, and recovery, and coordinate a response network of trained representatives from cultural institutions throughout the state. PCRN's Steering Committee held its first meeting on December 4, 2013 in Harrisburg. CCAHA is currently in the process of scheduling educational programs throughout 2014 and identifying individuals to lead regional Alliance for Response groups.

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To: MARAC Steering Committee

From: Laura Stoner, Virginia Caucus Representative

Date: February 1, 2014

The Greater Richmond Archivists Bunch has met several times for happy hours since the last report.

The Archives Month Committee for Virginia met in January to review how Archives Month was celebrated in our state in 2013. The group identified some areas for improvement. The committee decided to create a handbook that will clearly define the responsibilities of and provide a framework for future participating committee members. The committee is also refining and adding to its poster mailing list, beginning the process of planning for archives month sooner, and creating a group of regional archives month leaders who will coordinate events around the state and encourage repositories in their area to participate in archives month (to prevent the celebrations from mainly being centered in Richmond, Va.)

Link to handbook: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1px6ZtSwH1txxC3VVfMGE4OVu5ssix7B_Qr0uHEBWPSM/edit?usp=sharing

I am in the planning stages of working on the spring caucus meeting for Virginia. It will be hosted by James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

MARAC Winter Steering Committee Meeting
February 7, 2014
WV State Caucus Input

1. Nat DeBruin was elected Chair of the Preservation Roundtable for the West Virginia Library Association. He is coordinating a workshop on photo preservation for small libraries to be presented at the SpringFling (WVLA Spring Conference in April). The workshop will be presented by one of the graduate students working on photo preservation in the Marshall University Archives and Special Collections Department.
2. Continued budget cuts in WV state government spending, especially in higher education, will have an impact on the archival efforts in the state. One area that is greatly affected is discretionary travel out-of-state for training and conference attendance. It is hoped that the Preservation Roundtable in WVLA can serve as an opportunity for small institutions and archives to get quality training within the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Nat DeBruin
MARAC WV Caucus Representative