



ARLIS/NY

ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY/NEW YORK

"BULLETIN BOARD"

MARCH 1984

1. The ARLIS/New York News

Librarians being the alert people they are, members can't fail to have noticed that they haven't received an issue of our Chapter newsletter since last Spring. While the News isn't quite "dead" yet, it has fallen into a deep coma for the time being. The Executive Board is seeking a new editor, so if you think you might be interested in the job, contact Francis Bondurant, current Chapter Chairperson, immediately! In the meantime, I will be sending out these "bulletin board" sheets of announcements and hot news from time to time, so you can still contact me at my new FIT phone number: (212) 760-7590. News and announcements can also be sent to the Art Doc editors, George Boeck and Erika Esau, at their new address: P.O. Box 70571, New Orleans LA 70172. While there are definite deadlines for the quarterly journal, Erika says that items for the "Update" can be sent at any time.

2. 1986 Conference

Now that we've all had a chance to recover from Cleveland, it's time to start getting ourselves organized for the 1986 ARLIS/NA Conference, which our chapter will be hosting. The Dec. 6, 1983 meeting got a rather underwhelming response, so Arno and I are holding another organizational meeting at the Fashion Institute of Technology Library (Room E-509) on Thursday, March 29 at 6:15 p.m. We especially need members who are willing to chair the various committees. The agenda for the March 29 meeting will include a "post-mortem" on Cleveland, the setting up of committees, and the mapping out of a 2-year planning calendar. Arno and I need everyone's brain power on this massive project, so please plan to come! If you can't make this meeting, but still want to help or have ideas for the conference committee, see one of us at the Chapter meeting, or give us a call:

ARNO KASTNER is at Bobst Library (NYU) - (212) 598-3749

LORRAINE WEBERG is at the FIT Library - (212) 760-7590

(Call Lorraine after 3 p.m., or else leave message.)

3. Professional Concerns Questionnaires

In response to suggestions by many Chapter members, the Professional Concerns Committee of ARLIS/New York proposes to publish a directory of the New York Chapter membership.

As an outgrowth of the Membership Directory, the Committee plans to compile a resource file based on the information about members' experience, expertise and skills gained from questionnaire responses. Such a file would be invaluable to fellow members in need of professional advice and assistance.

The Committee recognizes the need for and the importance of a Membership Directory and a Professional Resource File. As valuable reference tools for members and as prototypes for other chapters, this project deserves the support of our group.

In the last six months, the Committee members -- Paula Baxter (Chair), Christiane Collins, Arno Kastner, Joanne Polster, Evelyn Samuel, Donya Schimansky, Suzanna Simor and Martita Schwarz -- have refined and shaped the questionnaire to collect data for this project. Ten Chapter members agreed to

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fill out "trial run" questionnaires after an ARLIS/New York meeting at Pratt. Their efforts were a tremendous help in the Committee's final revision of the project questionnaire.

To this end, the Committee prepared and mailed to all members the questionnaire, which we urge you to complete.

-- Joanne Polster
American Crafts Council Library

The questionnaires were mailed to the membership on January 26. Please note that they are due by March 9. Return them to: Paula Baxter, Library, Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, New York, NY, 10019.

4. Chapter Birthday

1984 marks the tenth anniversary of the New York Chapter of ARLIS/NA. To celebrate the event, the Executive Board would like to compile a "chapter history," to be published as a special newsletter issue. This documentation of Chapter activities over the years would not only be a valuable addition to the somewhat disorganized Chapter archives, but it would also be of great interest to newer members.

Russell Ferguson, who has volunteered to coordinate this history project, asks members to cast their minds back and send him brief articles about the founding of the Chapter, activities and projects that the New York Chapter has undertaken, interesting anecdotes, and so forth. Russell asks that members contact him at home if there are any questions. Send mail there, too!

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5. Election Results

Better late than never! For the record, the 1984 Officers are:

CHAIRPERSON.....FRANCIS BONDURANT
VICE-CHAIR.....ROBERTA BLITZ
PAST CHAIR.....DANIEL STARR
SECRETARY.....DOROTHY FRANCO
TREASURER.....CELINE PALATSKY
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.....PAULA BAXTER
.....DIANE GUZMAN

6. News of Members

RONA ROOB's article, "1936: The Museum Selects an Architect: Excerpts from the Barr Papers of the Museum of Modern Art," appears in Archives of American Art Journal, vol. 23, no. 1, 1983.

Welcome back to DIERDRE LAWRENCE, who has returned to New York as Principal Librarian at the Brooklyn Museum Art Reference Library.