The 1998 Chair Announces New Chair

The year's end often brings with it a sense for reflection as well as celebration. From a personal viewpoint, I can look back on 1998 as an exceptional year. I was fortunate to be a member of the team you, the members, chose to lead this organization. I had numerous opportunities to meet and work with fellow professionals, assist in the development of ideas for the Chapter, plan programs and manage events.

It was a welcome challenge! On behalf of the officers on the Executive Board, I extend a very large "Thank You, Members," for your participation in activities planned for the Chapter. With your help, ARLIS/NY continues to be one of the strongest affiliates of ARLIS/NA.

Membership has grown, programming has expanded, and your feedback has been welcome. Thank you for your support.

I wish to take this opportunity to extend a warm and special thanks to the entire Board for their dedication and diligence—Ted Goodman, Liz O'Keefe, Shane Steidinger, Claudia Hill, Rebecca Wilkins, Judy Conantors and Patscica Siska. Farewell to retiring Board members: Liz, Shawn, and Rebecca. (I hear they will be spending evenings listening to music and relaxing on long weekends in the countryside). In January, 1999, Ted Goodman will step easily into his position as Chair. I have no doubt that the New York Chapter will continue to flourish under his leadership.

As endings and beginnings often overlap, a plan for the first program of 1999 is underway. The Committee for Art Recovery will sponsor a lecture in early January at Christie's. Later in the year, ARLIS/NI will travel to Newark, New Jersey, for a joint meeting with ARLIS/NJ.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to attend a Holiday Party at the Frick Art Reference Library on the evening of December 10. Join your colleagues as they observe the passing of another year. On this occasion, we will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of ARLIS/NI. Please come with a memory from those early events. --Carol Back
ca Join ARLIS/NY for the Annual Holiday Meeting and Party on Thurs., Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30, at the Frick Art Reference Library, located at 10 E. 71st Street, between Madison and Fifth Avenues.

You will have an opportunity to view Victorian Fairy Paintings, the current exhibition at The Frick Collection, if you come before the galleries close at 4:45 p.m. For complimentary admission to The Collection on that day, mention that you are an ARLIS/NY member attending the party.

Another reason to celebrate the end of 1998 is that it is the 25th anniversary of ARLIS/NY. Wear something shiny! Come with a memory of the New York Chapter in its early years. The Frick Library and the Chapter will provide liquid refreshments. Members are asked to bring a favorite hors d’oeuvres or a holiday treat.

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ARLIS Calendar

1998
Dec. 10 Holiday Meeting at the Frick Art Reference Library, 10 E. 71st Street, 5:30-7:30.
1999
Jan. TBA Committee for Art Recovery. Lecture, Christie’s
Jan. 6 CDG Meeting, Bard Graduate Center
Mar. 25-31 ARLIS/NY* 27th Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada **
TBA
Joint meeting with ARLIS/NJ in New Jersey
2000
Spring
ARLIS/NY 28th Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Election Results
Welcome to the three new 1999 Executive Board Members:
Clayton Kinking (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect)
Jeffrey Stephens (Secretary)
Naomi Niles (Member-At-Large)

I would like to thank all the candidates who participated in the election by running for office. I extend special thanks to Sherman Clarke, who organized the election by serving as Nominating Committee Chair.—CR


**City's Art Organizations Honor Memory of Richard M. Hunt**

Editor's note: The first article in a five-part series, "Art in the Boroughs," which appeared in the last issue of ARLIS/NY News, mentioned a centennial ceremony planned for the end of October for the city's well-known Hunt Memorial. As a follow-up, the News invited Karen Lemmey, Monuments Coordinator, City of New York/Parks & Recreation, to write about the historic event for the monument which took place on October 30. She kindly agreed, and her report follows. 

**Below Left: Hunt Memorial. Photo: Malcolm Pinckney, Courtesy, Parks & Recreation. Right: Arthur Brooks Memorial, Church of the Incarnation. Photo: Dorothy Deremeny**

On the bright, windy morning of Friday, October 30, Parks & Recreation, the Municipal Art Society, and the Central Park Conservancy rededicated the Richard Morris Hunt Memorial at 71st Street and Fifth Avenue. The monument, which is a collaborative work between the renowned sculptor Daniel Chester French and the architect Bruce Price, was unveiled one hundred years ago on October 31. The names of eleven institutions which Hunt helped found are inscribed on the monument's granite exedra. Perhaps the greatest honor that can be offered to Hunt is the continuing existence of most of these organizations today. Only two—the Society of American Artists and The Artisans of New York—have been absorbed by other organizations or ceased to exist.

During the ceremony, a representative from each of the nine extant institutions sat on the exedra in front of a corresponding inscribed name. Those present included: Lansing Lamb, Vice-President, Century Association Archives Foundation; Kent Barwick, former President, Municipal Art Society; Morrison Heckscher, Curator of American Decorative Arts, Metropolitan Museum of Art; Rosalie Genevieve, Executive Director, Architectural League; Gwen Pie, Executive Director of the National Sculpture Society; Annette Blauprandt, Director, National Academy of Design, Dale Meyers, President, American Watercolor Society; Rolf Olhausen, President of the American Institute of Architects; and, Michael Manfredi, Chairperson, Van Alen Institute (formerly known at the Beaux Arts Society). Parks & Recreation Commissioner Henry J. Stern presided over the event and remarks were heard from Henry Hope Reed, Kent Barwick, and William Hunt, a descendant of the family. Paul R. Baker, author of the monograph, Richard Morris Hunt, which was published by MIT Press in 1989, was also among those present.

Another one hundred year old French/Price collaboration is the Arthur Brooks Memorial, located in the Church of the Incarnation. Fittingly, the Reverend J. Douglas Ousley of the Church of the Incarnation delivered an invocation at the Hunt Memorial's outdoor rededication. After the ceremony, Edgar Munhall hosted a reception across Fifth Avenue, at The Frick Collection, where he is Curator.

The event also marked the completion of the Hunt monument's conservation which began several years ago after Michael Tramis, a filmmaker, and the late Patrick Dougherty, a photographer first drew attention to the monument and helped launch the campaign to restore it. The conservation was funded in part by the Adopt-A-Monument Program, a joint venture of the Municipal Art Society, Parks & Recreation, and the Art Commission of the City of the City of New York, with a grant from the Paul and Kasia Porzelt Foundation and additional funding and conservation services from the Central Park Conservancy. Peter Champe of Central Park's Conservancy oversaw the conservation, and Miotto Mosaics was responsible for the restoration of the monument's tesselae floor. Many thanks to all those who helped in remembering Richard Morris Hunt, "a pillar among American architects." —Karen Lemmey
Members Gallery

1. Ted Goodman surrounded by New Year refreshments provided by The Jewish Museum. 2. ARLIS/ NY members at the business portion of the Fall Meeting. 3. Janis Ekdahl and Walt Soehner holding Miles Sametz Litzmann (son of Gertrude Sametz), in a gallery of the After Rubin exhibition. 4. Sherman Clarke chatting with another ARLIS member, who stands in front of a portrait by George Segal. 5. Two members (left and center) with Heidi Zuckerma Jacobson (right), with Segal figures in the background. 6. Heidi Zuckerma Jacobson lecturing, with works by Segal in the background. Photos: Tzilat Eren-News.
Tours and Honey Cakes Enjoyed at The Jewish Museum

On September 28, over forty ARLIS/NY members met at the Jewish Museum for the Fall Business Meeting, a tour of current exhibitions, and a selection of New Year refreshments. Included in our group was Magaret Webster, Regional Representative for ARLIS/NA, visiting from Cornell.

Susan Goodman, Chief Curator of the Museum led a tour of After Rabin, an exhibition of contemporary Israeli art. In this case, it was very contemporary—only art from the last three years was exhibited. Seventy-two works of art by thirty-four artists were included in the three sections of the show: personal, environmental, and current events.

Both emerging and established artists were represented. Ms. Goodman noted that much of the artwork reflected the changes in Israel since the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in 1995. The result, she said, is art that is “edgy,” “tense,” and “anxious.” After Rabin included works in traditional media such as pastel and photography as well as modern and unusual media including a video game, a postcard rack—yes, viewers were welcome to take a postcard—and a flashing spotlight.

Heidi Zuckerman Jacobson then led us on a tour of the George Segal retrospective. Segal was born in New York City in 1924 to Eastern European immigrant parents. Ms. Zuckerman noted that Segal had a chickens farm, and when he decided to concentrate on his art full-time, he sold the chickens and used the coop as studios. One room of the exhibition was filled with

Little-known charcoal and pastel works on paper by George Segal viewed

charcoal and pastel works on paper dating from the 1950s to the 1990s. These works represented a little-known aspect of Segal’s oeuvre. Some works were vividly colorful and incorporated abstraction. The most recent works were a series of larger-than-life black and white portraits.

Several other galleries featured the more typical Segal sculptural figures. These life-size figures cast from the bodies of Segal’s friends and family incorporated elements from real life: a fence, a section of a bar, a bed. Included in the exhibition was the maquette for Depression Bread Line, which was created for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C.

After the tours a reception with wine, apples and honey, and honey cake was enjoyed. Members who felt so inclined then accompanied Talitit Ben-Nevat—who is the Librarian of the Jewish Museum Library—to the Library.

Our appreciation and thanks go to Talitit for organizing the meeting, and to Susan and Heidi for their insightful tours.

--Rebecca Wilkins

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The October cemetery tour sponsored by ARLIS/NY is fast becoming a Chapter tradition. Previous tours featured graveyards in lower Manhattan and the Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. This year, about twenty-five intrepid souls gathered at Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx for a ramble through the necropolis under the guidance of Roberta Halpom, Founder and Director of the Center for Thanatology Research and Education.

Woodlawn Cemetery was founded in 1863 as a “rural cemetery” accessible only by a special train on the Harlem Railroad. Although the area around it has long since been built up, Woodlawn remains a rural oasis which serves as a natural bird sanctuary and a haven for several of the “great trees of New York.”

Woodlawn postdates Brooklyn’s Green-Wood Cemetery by about twenty years. This may explain why its tombs lack its precincts. Reading the names on the tombstones is like browsing “Who Was Who”: Herman Melville, J.C. Penney, Irving Berlin, Jay Gould, Fiorella LaGuardia, Thomas Nast, Alexander and Angelica Archipenko, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The list goes on and on, until a visitor begins to assume that everybody buried there must be famous: “Julliard as in School? Gracie as in Mansion? Woolworth’s as in 5 and Dime?” The answer is usually, “Yes,” or “Same family.”

But a walk through the cemetery can also trigger some reflections on the transitory nature of fame. Who now remembers John Reid, “the father of American golf,” John W. “bet a million” Gates, who organized Texaco and introduced barbed wire to Texas, or Lt. Commander George Washington De
Woodlawn Reveals "Who Was Who"

Long, arctic explorer. Other names live on in popular memory thanks to a sixties television Western (Bat Masterson), a brand of ice-cream (Louis Sherry), and a drama award (Antoinette (Tony) Perry Frueauf).

Perhaps the oddest example of the capacious nature of fame is the upsurge of interest in the Straus Mausoleum. Viewers of the film "Titanic" will remember Isidor and Ida Straus (as in Abraham & Straus) as the devoted elderly couple who chose to die together rather than be parted. Fans of the film who visit the cemetery often take the Egyptian boat of death which graces the tombs as a representation of the Titanic. What role the cars would have played on an ocean liner however, is anyone's guess.

---Liz O'Keefe

Members and guests who participated in the Haunted tour of Woodlawn Cemetery on Oct 24, in photographs at left, listed in alphabetical order: Sonja Bay, Sharon Bonk, Sherman Clarke, Malabahs Das, Andy Geuser, Roberta Halffman, Claudia Hill, Alena Kapilow, Ilene Margaris, Gladys Markoff-Sotomayor, Liz O'Keefe, Elizabeth Parry, Richard Powers, Barry Redlich, Carol Rusk, Suzanna Siotto, Patricia Siska, Jeffrey Stepheno, and Rebecca Wilkins. Photo: Kelly Nasstedt.

Selected Guides to Cemeteries in New York City

---At Home in Green-Wood (30 p., 1995).

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The following list includes new or returning members as of November 1998, whose names do not appear in the 1998 Membership Directory, compiled by Shawn Seidinger.

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Position Changes

Joan Hines, formerly at the N.Y. School of Interior Design, is now Coordinator of Information Services, at Pratt Manhattan Center, 295 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10012, (212) 925-8481, jhines@soho.pratt.edu.
Carol Rust, ARLIS/NY Chair for 1998 has also changed positions recently. Formerly at the Brooklyn Museum of Art Library she has assumed the position of Associate Librarian/Cataloger, at the Whitney Museum of American Art Library, 945 Madison Avenue at 75th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021-2790, (212) 570-3682, fax: (212) 570-7272., carolr@whitney.org.

Gesta Earnest is now Chief Librarian at the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts, 18 West 86th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024, (212) 501-3035, gearnest@bgc.bard.edu. She was formerly at the Pratt Institute Library.

Kay Teel's new title is Serials Cataloger/Authority Control Librarian, at the Serials Cataloging Dept., Meyer Library, 4th Floor, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. 94305-6004, ktoel@stanford.edu. Kay says that, "I'm finding time to enjoy the lovely Californian weather and scenery, as well as San Francisco's quixote, although most of my time is spent unrambling serials mysteries and establishing serial headings for NACO. I hope to catch up with my ARLIS/New York friends in Vancouver in March."

Members are encouraged to forward items of interest for inclusion in this column to the Editor.
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