Annual Report 2013  
ARLIS/NA - Western New York- ARLIS/NA - Upstate New York

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Meetings

National:
• Seven chapter members were able to attend the 2013 national meeting in Pasadena.
• Tina Chan, Sherman Clarke and Leslie Vega were program participants.
• An informal chapter meeting, led by President Barbara Opar centered on fund raising and plans for a fall “retreat”.
• Barbara Opar participated in the Leadership meetings on behalf of the chapter.
• ARLIS/WNY sponsored a “basket” at the Silent Auction.

Spring:
• The spring meeting was held on Friday, May 17th in Rochester, New York. Hosted by Lu Harper of the Memorial Art Gallery and Rachel Stuhlman of the George Eastman House, the day included a tour of the MAG special exhibit entitled “From the Vault”. After lunch, the group went on to view the George Eastman house and collection. The program is listed here: http://arlisupstateny.org/2013/04/10/arliswny-spring-2013-meeting-may-17-at-the-memorial-art-gallery-george-eastman-house/

Fall:
• On October 3-4, 2013, the chapter held a day and a half meeting at the Watson Homestead, Painted Post, New York. The meeting began with lunch at noon on Thursday. Following the business meeting, four members participated in the Lightning Round Session. Acquisition issues were addressed in Martha Walker’s presentation on the difficulties of acquiring a new format- a 3D map. Sherman Clarke explained RDA to the group. Kim Koptaz described the University of Rochester’s ongoing slide digitization work. Leslie Vega outlined her use of social media. The afternoon ended with a group discussion on the changing nature of reference, reference collections and reference desks. This session was led by Stephanie Frontz. In the evening Paul Bartow, an artist, discussed his work and research on the Erie Canal. Friday morning sessions included presentations by Carole Ann Fabian, Vice President of ARLIS/NA and Nancy Turner from Syracuse University Libraries. Carole Ann described changes at the Avery Library and spoke to the need for arts libraries in general to re-evaluate and take on new challenges.
in order to move forward. Nancy Turner spoke to the ways in which assessment tools are being used and how they can inform library directions. Christopher McEvoy, an artist and professor at SUNY Oswego, ended the conference with his presentation on the creative process. The meeting did enable the nineteen participants to engage in both formal and informal discussions. The program can be viewed here:

http://arlisupstateny.org/2013/10/01/arliswny-fall-2013-meeting-october-3-4-the-watson-homestead-conference-and-retreat-center/

• The event included a first-ever and highly successful silent auction. Chaired by Martha Walker with the assistance of Beth Hylen and Amy Melton, the auction netted $350.00.
• The planning committee for the overall event consisted of Tina Chan, Stephanie Frontz, Beth Hylen, Amy Melton, Barbara Opar, Rose Orcutt, Ann Skiold, and Martha Walker, each taking on specific tasks. Tina Chan coordinated the schedule and enlisted the two artist speakers. Ann and Rose organized the Lightning Round session.
• Two student travel awards were given. Deborah Cooper received a one day registration and Sona Pastel-Daneshgar funding for the full conference.
• SurveyMonkey was used to both plan and evaluate the event.

Ongoing Activities
• Listserv
• Website
• Facebook page
• Travel awards- national and Western New York- two recipients for the fall chapter meeting; $200 offered toward attendance at the 2013 and 2014 national meetings.
• Donation to NA- $100 for 2013 and 2014.

2013 Initiatives
• The chapter name was changed to ARLIS/NA Upstate New York. Vice President Yvette Cortes proposed that the chapter be renamed ARLIS/Upstate New York to broaden our base of potential members. Currently ARLIS has two New York State chapters- one that serves New York City and the surrounding area and ours in Upstate- which should and does need to represent more than just “Western New York”. The name change was approved by both the chapter and NA and effective January 1, 2014.
• A Logo Contest was held. Yvette Cortes organized and oversaw a chapter sponsored contest for a logo which would more closely align with the chapter’s new name and create a better identity and branding. Ten submissions were received. The board chose one and Yvette Cortes updated the web site and is working to extend use of the logo to other chapter related activities.
• Rose Orcutt was elected Vice President/President Elect.
• Chapter member Leslie Vega is the new ArLisNAP chapter liaison.
• State level tax exemption status was approved thanks to the work of treasurer, Amy Melton
• A PayPal account was created by Amy Melton to facilitate fund raising as well as dues collection and meeting registration.
• Fundraising activities were begun to bolster the treasury and allow for new initiatives. A cookbook was the first of these initiatives: http://arliswny.org/type/image/ Two hundred copies of the cookbook were printed and the cookbook was advertised on both the chapter and national website.
• A silent auction was organized for the fall meeting. A planning group led by Martha Walker took the lead on this event. The event was deemed successful and another auction will be held at the spring 2014 meeting.
• The chapter was able to raise some monies ($61.94) through a Barnes and Noble Bookfair event. Barbara Opar and Amy Melton welcomed guests at the Dewitt, New York store on December 4. This event was possible by working with the B&N Community Relations division.

2014 Plans

• The spring meeting will be held at the Rochester Institute of Technology on Friday, June 6. The meeting will be hosted by Kari Horowicz.
• Our fall meeting will take place on Friday, October 3. Chapter President Yvette Cortes will host the meeting at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs.