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Chapter Leadership 2016

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Central Plains chapter has 27 members, including 10 lifetime members.

2015 Activities

The Chapter discussed the idea of submitting a proposal to host the annual conference in St. Louis in 2018. The chapter decided to hold off at this time, since it would follow on the annual conference being held in close-by New Orleans in 2017.

In honor of Susan Craig, who retired from the University of Kansas in 2015, the chapter’s travel award was named the Susan V. Craig Travel Award. Susan Craig has served at all levels of ARLIS/NA and the chapter, mentored art librarians, and among many other things contributed to the history of art in Kansas through her *Biographical Dictionary of Kansas Artist (pre-1945)*.

**ARLIS/NA Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas**

Nine members of the Central Plains chapter met in Ft. Worth during the annual conference, March 2015. We held an informal chapter meeting over dinner, where we discussed the upcoming chapter meeting among other chapter issues. Members appreciated the cultural and library opportunities which the Ft Worth conference offered those in attendance.

**Central Plains Chapter Spring meeting**

The Central Plains Chapter Spring meeting was held in Lawrence, Kansas, 4-6 June 2015, organized by the University of Kansas Art and Architecture Library staff and hosted by the Lawrence Public Library. The meeting was attended by twenty-one art and architecture
librarians and staff, and two library science students. The morning program “Community Arts Engagement” included panelist Brad Allen (Lawrence Public Library), Margaret W. Morris (Lawrence Arts Center), and Racheal Perry (Lawrence Inside Out Project). The afternoon program included a panel on “Justifying the Existence of Art Libraries and their Staff.” This panel included Susan Craig (University of Kansas Art and Architecture), Kay Logan-Peters (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), and Marilyn Carbonell (Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art).

Central Plains Chapter Fall meeting

The Central Plains Chapter Fall meeting was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, 5-7 November 2015, organized by staff from Philbrook Museum of Art and Art & Architecture Library at Oklahoma State University, and hosted by Philbrook Downtown. The meeting was attended by fifteen art and architecture librarians, and one guest librarian. The theme was on art and artistic activity in Oklahoma. The morning program “The Brady Arts District” included panelists Kate Blalack (Woody Guthrie Center), Steve Liggett (Living Arts), and Christina Burke (Philbrook Museum of Art). This session looked at the growth of arts organizations and activity in the Brady Arts District in downtown Tulsa with particular focus on the Woody Guthrie Center and Archive, the Living Arts, and The Eugene B. Adkins Study Center at Philbrook Downtown. The afternoon program included a panel on “Art & Architecture in Oklahoma.” This session included presentations on the Native artist oral history program at Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma Native artists and the New Deal, Tulsa Foundation for Architecture archive and programing, and “Built Oklahoma, a bibliography.” This panel included Susan Bobo (Oklahoma State University), Julie Pearson-Little Thunder (Oklahoma State University), Shane Hood (Tulsa Foundation for Architecture), and Thomas Young (Philbrook Museum of Art). This was followed by a tour of the recently opened Helmerich Center for American Research at the Gilcrease Museum.

The chapter has no matters to bring before the Executive Board.