Annual Report
Artist Files Special Interest Group

Submitted by: Samantha Deutch
deutch@frick.org
(212) 547-6893

Anne Simmons
A-Simmons@NGA.GOV
202-842-6054

Annual Report: The Artist Files SIG is happy to report progress on a variety of pilot-projects, completed presentations and upcoming presentations.

Samantha Deutch (Frick) co-moderator, and Sally McKay (Getty) published the paper presented at CAA on a panel called Documenting artists: creating, collecting, and preserving ephemeral material with a paper titled the Future of Artist Files: Here Today Gone Tomorrow in Art Documentation Spring 2016. The paper provided an overview of the activities of the Artist Files SIG, the Artist Files Online Directory, and the pilot-project currently being conducted with the Internet Archive’s Archive-It service by four members of the Artist Files SIG who are Samantha Deutch (The Frick), Sally McKay (The Getty), Anne Simmons (National Gallery of Art), and Heather Slania (National Museum of Women in the Arts).

Sally McKay (Getty) co-moderator, is working with ARLIS/NA HQ to migrate the Artist Files Online Directory from a 3rd party hosted, fee-based website over to the ARLIS/NA website, which would centralize data, reduce hosting costs, and simplify software upgrades.

The co-moderators submitted a request for a sub-domain page to be created on the ARLIS/NA website for the Artist Files SIG. The co-moderators submitted a Project and Charter Service Request in order to migrate the Artist Files Online Directory to the ARLIS NA website.

Anne Simmons (NGA) co-moderator presented on a panel at last year’s ARLIS NA Annual Conference on the session called How the Web Was Won: Collaborative Approaches to Web Archiving with a paper titled Going Paperless, Getting Lost: The Future of Artist Ephemerata.


Leadership changes:
Anne Simmons and Samantha Deutch, co-moderators, will step down as co-moderators this year.
Action Items:

- Sally McKay (Getty) will continue to work with ARLIS/NA HQ in order to migrate the Artist Files Directory Online over to the ARLIS Website.

- Artist Files SIG will continue to obtain contributions from institutions and add individual records to the directory.

- Co-moderators, and Artist Files SIG will continue completing “use cases” of born-digital content, continue to develop, test and document methodologies and workflows. The SIG will continue to collaborate with other SIGs and colleagues as appropriate.

Upcoming presentation and promotion:

- The Artist Files SIG annual meeting at the Annual conference in New Orleans is scheduled for Tuesday February 7, 2017, 10:00am - 11:00am, room TBA.

- Meeting Agenda and Announcement sent to membership on 1/13/2016

Please let us know what questions you have.

Kind regards,

Anne and Samantha

Anne Simmons
Reference Librarian for Vertical Files and Microforms
National Gallery of Art Library
202-842-6054
a-simmons@nga.gov

Samantha Deutch
Assistant Director
Center for the History of Collecting, The Frick
Collection, Frick Art Reference Library
deutch@frick.org