My name is Teresa Burk and I am the incoming coordinator of this group. A big thanks to Laurie Whitehill Chong (RISD) for her work coordinating the group last year. I am new to art librarianship and to artists' books and I look forward to learning from you all and sharing resources and information about book arts throughout the year. I attended my first ARLIS meeting last month in Boston where the Book Art SIG group met on Saturday the 24th of April. Laurie kicked off the group's discussion with the following agenda:

Introductions:
Barbara Reed, Cara List, Carla-Mae Crookendale, Emily Hunter, Karen Lightner, Laurie Whitehill Chong, Mary Louise Castaldi, Richard Minsky, Teresa M. Burk

Call for new coordinator:
Teresa M. Burk, Head Librarian, SCAD Atlanta

Annual Report:
Blog set up for group's use: http://arlisnabookartsig.blogspot.com and invitations were sent out to the email list. Please feel free to make posts, comment etc. This blog is for all of us to use and share book art info. Let me know if you need assistance.

We also have a Delicious bookmark account for sharing web resources of interest. The location is: http://delicious.com/arlisbookart
You need a yahoo ID to add bookmarks. Contact Teresa if you need assistance with this.

The blog has not yet been linked to the ARLIS/NA website but I will keep an eye out for how to do this. If any of you know please let me know.

Attendance at our meetings is typically not very high although interest in the book arts is strong. It appears individual members initiate and support ARLIS conference book art programs and events but as a group, we do not interact much during the year. What are our future goals for this group? Something to ponder and post your thoughts to the blog! I'd be interested in looking into an art book related tour for ARLIS 2011 in Minneapolis.

Announcements about exhibitions/events/conferences (my notes are very slim, please edit and forgive my omission):

"The Book (R)evolution" Pyramid Atlantic 11th Biennial Book Arts Fair, Nov. 5-7, 2010, Silver Springs, MD (proposal deadline May 7th)
http://www.pyramidatlanticbookartsfair.org/

"Word, Image, Text, Object" College Book Art Association 2nd Biennial Conference January 2011 (call for papers deadline May 25)
http://www.collegebookart.org/

"The Art of the Book", (past) exhibition features work by Johanna Drucker, University of Oregon, March 9 through April 18, 2010
Drucker will also be holding a lecture titled "Do (Artists') Books Have a Future?" and workshop titled "Text Shaped an/in Book Spaces," on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the JSMA.
http://jsma.uoregon.edu/about/contact/media-press-details.aspx?ID=53

http://philadelphiacenterforthebook.org/events/archive.html

http://www.southerngraphics.org/news.asp

"The Art of American Book Covers" by Richard Minsky, recent publication

Open Forum/issues (need help filling this in, my notes were very slim):
Promote book arts and their historical value to wider audience such as art historians, get permission from artists to use images of their work at point of purchase (in deed of gift, etc) so we can use images in future projects to promote (non-profit) our collections on web and in catalogs, artists are usually very willing to give permission.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa

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