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Spring 2002 Program

Rensselaer County Historical Society
Tuesday, April 23, 2002,
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Please join us on April 23 for a tour of the newly renovated facilities of the Rensselaer County Historical Society. The tour will be lead by James Corsaro, Librarian.

The Rensselaer County Historical Society is located at 57 Second Street, Troy, NY - The Joseph B. Carr Building.

From NYS Thruways I-90 and I-87, take I-787 North to the Green Island exit. At base of ramp turn right and proceed over the Hudson River via the Green Island Bridge. Turn south on Route 4 and proceed to Congress Street. Turn right on Congress, proceed one block. Turn right on Second Street; RCHS is on the left.

Please RSVP to Jean Root Mahalov, 454-5190 or mahalovj@mail.strose.edu before April 9

Fall Program a Success!

The Capital Area Archivists of New York State held their Fall Program on November 14, 2001 at the newly renovated Albany Institute of History & Art. Curator of History, Wesley Balla, spoke to CAA members and

their guests discussing the Institute's City Neighbors project. Then Jennifer Benedetto, Librarian, led attendees on a tour of the Institute Library's new reading room and library and museum storage areas. Afterwards, the group was free to roam throughout the new exhibition halls. Thank you to AIHA, Wes and Jennifer for a wonderful program and tour!

Dorothy Christiansen Retires

Dorothy Christiansen, Head of the M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany, State University of New York, has retired after over 28 year of service to the University Libraries. During her tenure she served in a variety of administrative positions focusing on collection development, reference services, budget, personnel, public relations, fund raising, and special collections and archives, including Assistant Director for Reference and Collection Development, Associate Director for Research and Administrative Services, Associate for Library Development and, since 1991, Head of the Grenander Department. In addition to administering the department, she has mounted a number of major exhibits and conferences highlighting departmental and other collections. She also served as Editor of *Library Update* (the Libraries' newsletter) and Liaison/Secretary to the Friends of the Libraries from 1991 to 2000.

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Tiffany Medallion to be Unveiled

In October, 2000, the Foundation of the New York State Nurses Association officially dedicated its Bellevue Alumnae Center for Nursing History in recognition of the one million dollar endowment raised for the Center by the Alumnae Association of the Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing. A Tiffany medallion was commissioned by a generous donor to honor this dedication, and this medallion recently arrived at the Foundation. Tiffany & Co. was the original designer of Bellevue's nursing pin, and the medallion is based upon that original design. The medallion will be officially dedicated in June, 2002.

The Foundation is also pleased to announce the renovation of its archival storage facilities. This past February the Foundation completed a project several years in the making to install high density shelving in its storage space. The new shelving has greatly expanded the Center for Nursing History's storage capacity, and will allow for future growth of the Center's collections.

The Bellevue Alumnae Center for Nursing History is a discipline history center whose mission is to preserve the history of the nursing profession and of individual nurses in New York State. The Foundation is located at the Veronica M. Driscoll Center for Nursing in Guilderland, NY.

For more information about the Foundation of NYSNA or the

Bellevue Alumnae Center for Nursing History, call (518) 456-7858 or visit the Foundation's web site at <http://www.FoundationNYSNurses.org>.



Geoffrey Huth testifies regarding Giuliani Papers

On February 20, 2002, the New York State Archives Geoffrey Huth gave testimony to the New York City Committee on Governmental Operations Concerning DORIS and the Law Department: Archives and Preservation of History regarding the transfer of former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's mayoral papers to a private entity. Huth, representing the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), urged the Committee to revoke the agreement transferring former Mayor Giuliani's records out of the custody of the City of New York and to ensure their safe return to the city archives.



Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) in Towson, MD April 18-20, 2002

MARAC will have its Spring meeting in Towson, Maryland April 18-20. Program for this spring's conference, to be held at the Sheraton Baltimore North, is now available online at the MARAC web page. Please go to <http://www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC/spring2002a.htm>

Closer to home, MARAC will be having its Fall 2002 meeting in nearby Poughkeepsie, New York, October 24-26. The Grand Hotel in downtown Poughkeepsie will host MARAC's Fall meeting. The program should be interesting with many of the sessions having a New York focus. Turnout will be high as this will be a joint meeting with the New England Archivists (NEA).

For more information or to get involved contact Brian Keough, Co-chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for Poughkeepsie, bkeough@albany.edu.



Albany Heritage Program, 2002-2003

The Albany Heritage Program, a joint project of the University at Albany and community organizations in the Capital District, is planning a year long series of events to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the Dutch founding of Beverwyck. Some of the events include exhibits, musical performances, lectures and roundtables designed to focus on Albany's history of diverse people, neighborhoods, arts, architecture, city building, transportation, and politics. On March 22, the Albany Symphony will kick off the yearlong celebration. For more information see <http://www.albany.edu/mumford/heritage/>



Is your membership up to date? If you have not received a renewal notice, you can get a membership renewal form at: <http://www.albany.edu/sisp/people/students/saa/CAA/index.htm>. If you have questions about your membership, contact Rich Sloma at (518) 372-0493 or slomar@crisny.org.

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What Scholars Need to Know to Publish Today: Digital Writing and Access for Readers

"What Scholars Need to Know to Publish Today: Digital Writing and Access for Readers" is a symposium planned for April 8, 2002 at the University at Albany to provide discussion regarding important current issues and initiatives in academic publishing and archiving. It will take place at the University at Albany's Campus Center Assembly Hall, beginning at 9:45 am and finishing at 4:00 pm.

The speakers, Syd Bauman, Programmer/Analyst, Carl Lagoze, and Ed Fox, are experts in areas of electronic communications and will raise and discuss critical issues pertaining to the structure of electronic publications, current initiatives in scholarly communication systems and archives.

Registration for the symposium will be free for faculty, staff, and students of the University at Albany, and will be \$50.00 for the general public. Further details of the symposium, including program session details, campus information, and a registration form can be found at <http://library.albany.edu/symposium/>

Lorre Smith can provide details (518 437-3966 or email ls973@csc.albany.edu). The deadline for registration is Monday, April 1, 2002.



Join New England Archivists in Newport, March 22-23

New England Archivists' spring 2002 meeting takes place this year in beautiful Newport, RI at the Newport Marriott. This year's meeting, slated for March 22-23, spotlights the topic of collaboration in archival endeavors. Attendees can enjoy sessions on conservation, partners in developing collections, New England regional initiatives, internships, building relationships with community members and non-archives staff, collaboration with libraries and museums, moving an archives, records managers and archivists as partners, and collaboration in remotely reaching researchers. A set of workshops "Planning for EAD in an XML World," "Leaky Pipes and Broken Windows," and "Caring for Historical Records," will take place on Friday, March 22.

Keynote speaker for the meeting will be Robert S. Martin, Ph.D., Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services. A reception will be held Friday night March 22 at the Newport Historical Society, 82 Touro Street.

Information on the meeting is available at <http://www.lib.umb.edu/newengarch/meetings/s02/s02registration.html>. Registration is \$55 for NEA members and \$75 for non-members. There is a \$15 late fee for registrations received after March 8. For more information, visit the NEA web site at <http://www.lib.umb.edu/newengarch/>



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Ms. Christiansen has served on a number of regional and national organizations including the Capital District Library Council (28 years) where she served on the Board of Trustees for 14 years (chaired the Board for six years) and served on a variety of CDLC Committees, including the Documentary Heritage Advisory Committee (1990-2001), and The Executive Board of the Lake Ontario Archives Conference. As a member of the American Library Association, she most recently served on the LAMA Fund Raising and Financial Development Section's Fund Fare Exchange Committee; the LAMA Statistics Section's Using Statistics for Library Presentations and Communications Committee and the LAMA Public Relation Section's Publications Committee. She wrote the "Exhibits" chapter for that Committee's PR handbook entitled *Full Time Public Relations, Part Time Job: Or Other Duties as Assigned*. A revised edition of this best seller will be published in 2001 under the title *Powerful Public Relations: A Handbook for Libraries*. Her previous service in ALA included membership on the Collection Development and Management Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division and Chairing the Cooperative Reference Service Committee of the Reference Adult Services Division.

Brian Keough, formerly the curator of manuscripts, has become the new Head of the M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.



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