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SAVE THE DATE 2015 Annual Capital Region Archives Dinner October 1, 2015

Please save the date! The Capital Area Archivists' Annual Capital Region Archives Dinner will be held on **Thursday October 1, 2015 from 4:30-9:30 at Brown's Brewing Company's Revolution Hall**, Troy, NY. The keynote speaker will be writer Craig Gravina, author of *Upper Hudson Valley Beer*, a history of the Capital Region's contribution to the history of North American beer.

4:30-5:30 - Guided tour of Brown's Brewery

5:30-6:30 - Cocktails and appetizers

6:30-8:00 - Dinner

8:00-9:30 - Awards and Keynote Speaker

Marcia Brown, Class of '40, (1918-2015)

Marcia Brown, New York State College for Teachers Class of 1940, passed away on April 28th 2015 in her home in Laguna Hill, California. Ms. Brown was an internationally renowned illustrator and author of children's books. She was a three-time winner of the Caldecott Medal, the American Library Association's highest award for excellence in children's' picture-book illustrations, for three of her books: *Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper* (1954); *Once a Mouse* (1961); and *Shadow* (1982), and six more of her

books are Caldecott Honor Books.

Brown produced over 30 children's books during her career and many titles have been reprinted in other languages, including Afrikaans, German, Japanese, Spanish and Xhosa-Bantu.

Critics marveled at Brown's use of spare texts, strong images and the vitality reflected in the use of a variety of media ranging from her trademark woodcuts to pen and ink and gouache. Her characters -- lively, humorous and full of magic and enchantment -- included handsome princes, sly cats, evil sorcerers, flying elephants and snow queens.

Marcia Brown's collection of original illustrations and artwork are available in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives. For more information, see digital exhibit at http://library.albany.edu/spec_coll/marciabrown/index.htm and a video of Marcia Brown accepting an honorary doctorate the University at Albany at <http://luna.albany.edu/luna/servlet/s/52wjvb>. The *New York Times* published her obituary on May 6th, 2015 and can be found online at <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/07/books/marcia-brown-picture-book->

[illustrator-dies-at-96.html?_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/07/books/marcia-brown-picture-book-illustrator-dies-at-96.html?_r=1).

News from CDLC

Crandall Public Library's archival collection, "Glens Falls Hometown USA," was recently featured on the local news.

(<http://news10.com/2015/04/30/news10-special-report-hometown-usa/>) You can see many of the items featured in the news report in Crandall's digital collection in [newyorkheritage.org](http://www.newyorkheritage.org)

Schuylerville Public Library is our newest member of New York Heritage. They are starting to upload vintage postcards and photographs from the first half of the 20th Century in the Villages of Victory and Schuylerville and the Town of Saratoga.

Albany Public Library recently uploaded their "Religious Albany" collection to New York Heritage.

(<http://bit.ly/1ESRseS>) The Religious Albany collection features photographs and drawings of churches, convents, parish houses, and other religious buildings in the city of Albany. The buildings span many architectural styles and religious denominations, and many photographs show the interiors of these remarkable buildings, some of which no

longer exist. In many cases, the ornate interiors of the buildings are visible. Although not all the photographs are dated, they appear to be from the late 19th and early 20th century.

Gregory Wiedeman New University Archivist at UAlbany

The University at Albany Libraries is pleased welcome Gregory Wiedeman as the University Archivist. Greg was hired on April 9, 2015 and will report to Brian Keough, Head of the University's Special Collections and Archives. Wiedeman has a graduate degree in Information Studies and in History from UAlbany, and he spent the last four years working at the as a Project Archivist with the University at Albany's National Death Penalty Archives, at Marist College Archives & Special Collections and the Dutchess County Historical Society.

Brian Keough Elected Chair of MARAC

Brian Keough, Head of the University at Albany's Special Collections and Archives was elected as Chair of MARAC for a term that will run until April 2017. Begun in 1972,

MARAC is a volunteer, regional consortium of more than 1,200 archivists who live and work in the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia, and in the District of Columbia.

regarding historical research, programming, and the networking of resources and services.

For more information, please check out the website of the New York Historical Association at http://www.nysha.org/nysha/for_teachers/cnysh.

Congratulations to Melissa Tacke and Michael Maloney

Melissa Tacke, who was the outstanding librarian/archivist at Schenectady County Historical Society, recently left that position to become director of Castleton Public Library. Michael Maloney is the new librarian/archivist at Schenectady County Historical Society. He came to SCHS from the Albany County Hall of Records.

**SAVE THE DATE
September 19, 2015
CAA Talk with David Hochfelder**

He discusses the 98 Acres in Albany project and the archival resources he has been using to document the changes wrought by the by construction of the Empire State Plaza. 1-3 on the 11th floor of Cultural Education Center, part of the Plaza, in Albany.

36th Conference on New York State History

The Conference on New York State History is an annual meeting of academic and public historians, librarians and archivists, educators, publishers, and other interested individuals who come together to discuss topics and issues related to the people of New York State in historical perspective and to share information and ideas

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