



Judith Elizabeth Holliday
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Judith Holliday was the fine arts librarian at Cornell University from about 1970 until her retirement in 1996. She was a consummate bibliographer on architecture and planning for the library and also as the compiler of the booklist in the *Newsletter of the Society of Architectural Historians* for many years. Her enthusiasm for the subject matter translated beautifully into the selection process for the library and booklist as well as into her work with the patrons of the library.

Judith's participation in ARLIS/NA was primarily during the early years. At an early conference (probably NYC in 1978), she challenged a representative of Harry N. Abrams on their omission of publication dates in their books. The Abrams fellow mentioned that they were concerned about people feeling like they were buying dated books, but Abrams started putting the date in their books then and has continued to do so.

In addition to the Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) booklist, Judith was a regular attendee at SAH conferences and went on a number of SAH trips in the U.S. and abroad. I remember most her wonderful tales of a trip to India.

Judith was passionate and enthusiastic about everything that she engaged in: architectural travels, Italy and all things Italian, *The New York Times*, theater, opera, food, cats, baseball, postcards. She played a number of roles in local theater productions. The last email message I got from her in the fall of 2007 mentioned that her opera trip to New York City in December would have to be cut short because she had to be back in Ithaca for rehearsals for a play at the Kitchen Theatre.

Perhaps the most wonderful thing about Judith was that her passion and enthusiasm were infectious. I used to drive her mad with my mispronunciations of Italian words but she needed in a helpful way. Margaret Webster and I would often join Judith in her orange VW in trips to ARLIS/Western New York meetings. The conversation was always lively.

"In memoriam: Judith Holliday" (news item from College of Architecture, Art and Planning):

http://aap.cornell.edu/news/newsitem.cfm?custome1_datapageid_2892=817
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Tribute in the April 2008 issue of the SAH *Newsletter*:

<http://sah.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=NSAH2008Apr&category=Publications>

Obituary in the *Ithaca journal*:

<http://www.legacy.com/TheIthacaJournal/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStoryPrint&PersonID=102975202>

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