Annual Report 2009
ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter

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Chapter Executive Meetings
June and September, 2009

Chapter Meetings
April 24, 2009 - Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario
28 members attended.
Speakers:

Arthur Smith, Head, Main Library, Royal Ontario Museum
Arthur gave a riveting talk about the Collection Development Policy of the Main Library and Archives and its role in supporting the information needs of the curators and documenting the Museum’s collection. Some of the library’s treasures were brought out for us to view.

Heidi Sobol, Royal Ontario Museum Conservator
Heidi gave a fascinating lecture on her efforts in the preservation of an important oil-on-canvas painting by Edward Taylor Dartnell titled Panoramic View of The City of Toronto, c1850.

After the Library tour, we were armed with our vistors’ badges and released into the entire museum to browse whichever displays struck our fancy.
Full meeting report available here: http://arlison.org/meeting-event-reports/spring-2009-meeting-report/

November 6, 2009 - Private Art Collection of David Mirvish, Toronto, Ontario
The focus of this meeting was on “Private Collections and Private Space”
25 Chapter members met at the small home of Chair Margaret English, who is a notorious collector of 20th-century flotsam and jetsam. We feasted on delectable items from the local bakery and wandered around the house looking at all the “weird stuff”. Larry-the-Poodle was particularly attracted to member Irene Puchalski. We welcomed our ARLIS/WNY colleague Stephanie Frontz. Somehow we managed to have a sit-down lunch and a business meeting! The wine was flowing. This meeting did much to bolster the already-healthy “esprit de corps” necessary for hosting the 2012 Conference.

When all were sated, we took a short amble to a non-descript warehouse containing some of the Private Art Collection of David Mirvish. Collection Director Eleanor Johnston (former Manager of David Mirvish Books on Art) was very accommodating and managed to have Mr. Mirvish lead the tour himself. Chapter members were mesmerized by the outstanding collection of Color Field painting and we all felt privileged to hear many anecdotes Mr. Mirvish relayed about building the collection and the relationship between artists, dealers and collectors. We were thrilled to be invited back.
Because both of the spaces of this meeting are private, there are no further details on our Chapter website.

**ARLIS/NA 2012 Conference in Toronto**
The dates have been set and the Hotel has been booked! We are thrilled to announce that the 40th Annual ARLIS/NA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel from Wednesday, March 28-Thursday, April 5, 2012. We have been enjoying very cordial communications and visits from our colleagues on the ARLIS/WNY chapter who share our enthusiasm for the conference. This is reflected in the good mix of chapter members who will hold positions:

**Local Arrangements Co-Chairs:**
Margaret English (University of Toronto): Margaret.English@utoronto.ca

**Program Co-Chairs:**
Jill Patrick (Ontario College of Art and Design): jpatrick@ocad.ca
Stephanie Frontz (University of Rochester): sfrontz@library.rochester.edu
We intend to implement a **Program Advisory Committee** comprised of:
Laine Gabel (Ryerson University): lainegabel@gmail.com
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And others ... tba

**Website Coordinator**
Tba [will be someone from U Buffalo]

**Local Development Coordinator**
Jill Patrick will function as Local Development Coordinator for the time-being;
We will find a sponsor for Convocation then recruit someone else for Development.

**Hospitality (Registration) Desk Coordinator**
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**Publicity Coordinator**
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**Special Events Coordinator (optional)**
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Travel Award
There were no applicants for the 2009 travel award (to attend the Annual ARLIS/NA Conference), therefore no award was given in 2009.
The Chapter decided that we would offer TWO awards in 2010, since it is essential that the 2012 Conference Co-Chairs attend the conference in Boston.
The winners are:
Jill Patrick (OCAD) - $750 CDN.
Karen McKenzie (AGO) - $750 CDN.

Student Outreach and Liaison
We continue to benefit from our proximity to the iSchool (formerly the Faculty of Information) at the University of Toronto, where one of our colleagues, Daniel Payne (OCAD) has been instructing a popular course on Art Librarianship for the last three years.
Many students are serious about their involvement in our chapter, and student attendance at our meetings is always excellent.
The Chapter is now a regular presence at the annual Fall Professional Organization Information Day, where students first learn of our activities and the benefits of joining at our (very reduced) student rate.
We usually have to run a small competition (a short statement of intent) in order to select a student representative.

Budget / Fundraising
One of my goals as Chair this year was to keep the cost of meetings to a minimum -- in order to preserve our relatively healthy bank balance. We have set aside a contingency fund of $2500 CDN and have additional funds of around $3000.
There was a discussion at our Spring meeting about supporting the travel of the Canadian Representative with a small donation. We will discuss this further at our upcoming Spring meeting 2010 to hammer-out the details.
A last-minute fundraising event was held in December, netting just over $400 CDN. All the participants had a wonderful time at the not-so-silent auction and a raffle. Again, the wine was flowing.
An additional fundraiser is planned for late June 2010 -- featuring a garden party at a member’s home.
Garden-related items and original artwork will be featured.

New Officers as of January 1, 2010
Chair - Tammy Morse tmoorse@gmail.com
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