

Western New York Conservation Guild Announces Its Formation

Officers for the 1988-89 term are: Rick Sherin, President; Elizabeth Morse, Vice President; Dan Clement, Treasurer; and Mary Fahey, Secretary/Newsletter Editor. Contact: Rick Sherin or Elizabeth Morse at the Strong Museum, 1 Manhattan Square, Rochester, NY 14607; (716)263-2700 for more information. Membership dues are \$10 annually; \$5 for students.

NOTICES

The American Association of Museums offers two museum assistance programs: The Technical Information Service and The Museum Assessment Program (MAP and MAP II). Deadlines: MAP (for operations and programs) April 28, 1989; MAP II (for collections care and management) January 27, 1989, July 28, 1989. For information contact: AAM, 1225 Eye Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005; (202)289-1818.

Anyone familiar with the treatment of 19th century oil paintings on a paper support, lined on cloth with starch paste please write: Robert Hauser, Museum Conservator, New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA 02740, (518) 997-0046. Paintings are considered done on a photographic base. For additional information see: Ruggles, M. "Paintings on a Photographic Base" *AIC Journal*, Vol.24. No. 2, 1985, pps. 92-103.

FUNDING AGENCY NOTICES

NEH - Congress Recommends Increased Funding for the Office of Preservation. Funding for the Office of Preservation of the National Endowment for the Humanities could jump from 4.5 million to 12.5 million in FY 1989 if the proposed budget is passed by both Houses of Congress and signed by the President. The next grant application deadline is December 1, 1988. For additional information contact: the Office of Preservation, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20506; (202)786-0570.

IMS - Cooperative Agreements Announcement for Non-Profit Museum Organizations. Lois Burke Shepard, Director of the Institute of Museum Services, announced that the following six museum associations are the recipients of federal funds through cooperative agreements with the agency: American Association of Museums, Washington, D.C.; Association of Science-Technology Centers, Washington, D.C.; Louisiana Association of Museums, Baton Rouge, LA; National Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Property, Washington, D.C.; Northeast Docu-

ment Conservation Center, Adover, MA; and Oklahoma Museums Association, Oklahoma City, OK.

NHPRC - The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has awarded archival fellowship grants of \$25,700 to each of three historical records institutions. The fellowships support advanced administrative training for archivists who already have had some work experience and graduate education in their field. Each grant is made to a host institution and supports the salary and fringe benefits of a fellow for nine to ten months. The host institutions and their fellows are: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Kevin J. Logan; New York University, New York, NY, Paul A. Breck; and University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, Jeffrey D. Marshall.

SAFETY ISSUES

OSHA To Enforce Hazard Communication Standard (fr 53 27679)*

OSHA (The Occupational Safety and Health Administration) has given notice that beginning August 1, 1988, it will check for compliance with the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) in all programmed inspections of non-manufacturing work places. The standard has been in effect since June 24, but was unenforced.

The HCS was instituted for the manufacturing sector in 1983 and was revised and extended in August of 1987 to include the non-manufacturing sector. Enforcement of both HCS rules means that essentially all employers (except those in the construction industries) will have to meet the provisions of this "Right-to-Know" regulation.

Compliance includes producing a written HC program, inventorying and properly labeling all toxic workplace chemicals, obtaining Material Safety Data Sheets on all hazardous products, making all HC information readily available to employees, and formally training all exposed or potentially exposed employees about the hazards and suitable precautions.

Copies of the Standard can be obtained from your local OSHA office. ACTS will be happy to answer any questions you may have about compliance. Contact: ACTS, 181 Thompson Street #23, New York, NY 10012; (212)777-0062.

Further HCS INFO (53 FR 29822-29856)*

OSHA published a request for further comment on the Hazard Communication Standard which included an appendix which clearly defines the employer's duties in establishing a program. This appendix, and two pamphlets (OSHA Publication No.'s 2254 and 3084) are recommended by ACTS for all those wishing to comply with the HCS. The pamphlets can be obtained from your local OSHA office and a copy of the appendix is available free from ACTS.

Ethylene Oxide Standard Amendments Approved (53 FR 27959-60)*

The last of the amendments to the Ethylene Oxide (EtO) Standard have been approved, especially those associated with the five parts per million excursion limit (a short term exposure limit) added last April.

Museum personnel and others using EtO should be sure they are in compliance with these and all provisions of the Standard. Copies of the standard can be obtained from your local OSHA office.

Particle Stay Extended on Asbestos Standard (53 FR 27345-6)*

The Asbestos, Tremolite, Anthophyllite and Actinolite Standard has been partially stayed since June, 1986. Now the stay has been extended to July 21, 1989 to allow OSHA to continue to collect and analyze data. The stay leaves the asbestos-related minerals (tremolite, anthophyllite and actinolite) unregulated. OSHA has proposed to regulate these minerals as strictly as asbestos.

The stay will result in the continued availability of art and craft products containing the hazardous asbestos-related minerals. These products containing the hazardous asbestos-related minerals include materials containing ceramic talcs such as low fire casting slips and many other slips, clays, and glazes, vermiculite (e.g. W.R. Grace vermiculite mined in Montana), some soapstones and steatites, some French chinks, many parting powders, and much more.

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Book and Paper Group Call for Nominations

The Book and Paper Group Nominating Committee is seeking nominations from the Membership for the following positions on the B&PG Executive Council: **CHAIR**, two year term. Current Nominations: Nancy Ash and Karen Zukor. **SECRETARY/TREASURER**, two year term. Current Nominations: Kathryn Carey. **ASSISTANT PROGRAM CHAIR**, one year term and then to assume the Program Chair position for the following year. Current Nominations: Sylvia Rodgers. We would like to present a minimum of three candidates per office. Please confirm the willingness of your nominees to serve before submitting their names to the Committee. In the event an insufficient number of candidates are named by the deadline, the Committee will solicit additional nominations. A final postal ballot will be mailed to the membership at least two months prior to the 1989 AIC Annual Meeting. Election results will be announced at the B&PG Business Meeting.

Deadline for Submitting Nominations: JANUARY 15, 1989.
Mail to James Stroud, Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas, PO Box 7219, Austin, TX 78713-7219; (512)471-9117.

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