

Destination D.C.: Developing Your 2014 ARLIS/NA Conference Experience

Friday, April 18th, 2014

11am Pacific, 12pm Mountain, 1pm Central, 2pm Eastern

Guests:

Roger Lawson, National Gallery of Art (Program Co-Chair)

Megan Halsband, The Library of Congress (Program Co-Chair)

Anne Simmons, National Gallery of Art (Local Arrangements Co-Chair)

Kathy Woodrell, The Library of Congress (Local Arrangements Co-Chair)

Alice Whiteside: Welcome! We'll be getting started in just a few minutes

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Hi, Alice -- I signed in a bit early.

Alice Whiteside: Great! We have about 9 people in the room so far

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: I'm here too!

Dan Moore: Hello everyone.

Patrick Tomlin: I am as well.

Katy Van Arsdale: Hello!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: Hello!

Tim K: Hi

AnneTrenholme: Hello!

Sarah Osborne Bender: Hi everybody. I'll live tweet some of the information covered in this session under @arlis2014.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: Thanks, Sarah!

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Hello all!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Greeteings from Washington!

Sarah Osborne Bender: Was the link to this chat posted on ARLIS-L?

AnneTrenholme: I saw the email on Wednesday

Mary Wassermann 2: Any help with sound?

Alice Whiteside: This is just a written chat, no sound. And yes, the link went to ARLIS-L yesterday

Alice Whiteside: Did people get that email?

Tim K: I did

AnneTrenholme: I got it

Patrick Tomlin: Hello everyone! This is Education Subcommittee member Patrick Tomlin. Welcome to our pre-conference lunchtime chat! Our guest moderators are all here, it's a little after two, so I think we can begin.....

Sarah Osborne Bender: Ok, sorry I missed it!

Patrick Tomlin: Before we dive in

Patrick Tomlin: I just wanted to take a second to introduce our guest moderators today

Patrick Tomlin: our conference experts :-)

Patrick Tomlin: We have Roger Lawson and Megan Halsband, conference Program Co-Chairs

Patrick Tomlin: and Anne Simmons and Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements Co-Chairs

Patrick Tomlin: and between them

Patrick Tomlin: I think they will be able to answer all of the burning conference-related questions you have!

Patrick Tomlin: so....

Patrick Tomlin: I will turn it over to you guys

Patrick Tomlin: thanks again for attending today's chat!

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Thanks!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Thanks Patrick!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: Glad to be here!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: And we all look forward to welcoming you to Washington in two weeks.

Patrick Tomlin: I actually have a question for you guys

Patrick Tomlin: if I can get the discussion going

Patrick Tomlin: is there an official Twitter tag for the conference?

Patrick Tomlin: #arlisna2014?

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: yes!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: In addition to Twitter, we have Pinterest Boards, a Facebook Page, a blog, and of course the conference website

Dan Moore: I have a question about tours. Is it possible to join a waiting list for a tour if you missed signing up for it when you first registered?

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: ... as well as the conference schedule on SCHED.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: We limited the waiting list to 5 people per tour. Not all of the tours are filled, so there are still spots available on several of the tours. Now that registration has closed, you'll need to wait for the conference to sign up for tours!

Dan Moore: There'll be a local sign up sheet then?

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: Yes, Dan. For tours that are not filled and that have spots left on the waiting list, you can sign up at the registration desk.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: There will be. Actually we just added a new tour today and you can RSVP to that one!

Sarah Osborne Bender: Too late to add tours by calling ARLIS HQ?

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: It is a tour to the Society for the Cincinnati here in DC. There is information on the Blog, I believe!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: Dan, if there is a specific tour you are interested in, we might be able to tell you if it is full....

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Dan - don't be shy!

Dan Moore: I'm interested in the NGA Imaging Studio tour.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: I believe that tour is full.

Dan Moore: Drat.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Is there something else that might interest you?

Mary Wassermann 2: Is twitter the best option for updates once the conference begins-in general??

Dan Moore: I think I'll talk to the people at the registration desk and see how the numbers are. I think I registered for the NGA Conservation Labs tour on Monday and was added to that group.

Teresa Burk: I second Mary's question about the best place to check for last minute conf updates.

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: There will be an addendum to the printed program with changes, but once the conference begins, Twitter would be the best way to receive updates.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: The hotel also has monitors that will display room assignments, etc so you can always double check those as well

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: You can also check with the registration desk for updates...and I think that SCHED may be updated...

Teresa Burk: sounds great, thanks

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: I'll also check to see if SCHED will be updated as well...stand by...

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Just to note - on Thursday and Friday, Registration will be in the "McPherson Square" Room.

Tim K: Just checking: will the hotel have wifi?

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: SCHED can be updated after the conference begins. But always check the screen outside of each room to make sure you are going to the right place.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Yes, the hotel will have wifi!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Yes, wifi will be available on all conference levels and in the guest rooms.

Sarah Osborne Bender: Is that free wifi in the guest rooms?

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Yes, free wifi in the guest rooms.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: It is free wifi in the guest rooms - part of our negotiations!

Sarah Osborne Bender: Yay!

Patrick Tomlin: I have a question about committee meetings--can non-committee members attend meetings?

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Yes, all business meetings are open to attendees.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Some meetings are invitation only however.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: These should be noted in the printed program and on SCHED

Patrick Tomlin: ok--thanks!

Teresa Burk: Where is the best place to look for things to do, food, drugstore, etc near the hotel?

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: The blog has a guide for the downtown area near the hotel

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<http://arlisna2014.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/downtownhotelareaguide.pdf>

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair: And pinterest has a guide, as well.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband:<http://www.pinterest.com/ArlisNa2014/hotel-area-necessities/>

Teresa Burk: great, I assume these places will also have transportation tips?

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: And there are great maps on Pinterest!

Teresa Burk: nice, love maps!

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: We also have transportation tips for you - not only information about getting to the hotel from various airports, but getting around town.

Mary Wassermann 2: It's a beautiful city even if I was a former resident!!

Katy Van Arsdale: If you don't mind me chiming in, as a DC resident I recommend you buy a SmarTrip card for the Metro instead of paper farecards. If you're going to ride more than once, you save so much money that way.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: And May in Washington is stunningly beautiful!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Great suggestion, Katy!

Teresa Burk: thanks katy for the metro card tip

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: The conference hotel is right above Metro Center Metro Station

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Where you can buy your metro card easily!

Katy Van Arsdale: You're welcome!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: The SmarTrip card is easy to reload, too. By using it, you'll save \$1.00 on each trip.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: And I'll mention that the hotel is in an amazing location.

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: For those unfamiliar with Washington, a note about street addresses: Be sure to note the quadrant (NW, NE, SW, SE) before setting out.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: If you are comfortable walking, you might never have to get on the metro...

Mary Wassermann 2: Sorry if I missed an announcement, there was mention of a bus to Dumbarton Oaks for the reception on the prereg. form, is that still the case ? I know there are not really buses scheduled.

Katy Van Arsdale: Incidentally, I work at Dumbarton Oaks. If you need tips on public transit to get here, I can help...

Dan Moore: I've been reading the listserv messages about places to go for food and drink, but I was wondering if there's a social organization tool we can use to say, "Hey, a group of

us are going here, anyone who wants to join is more than welcome!" -- well, besides Twitter.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Mary, there are buses going to Dumbarton Oaks.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: There was an option to buy a ticket on the registration form.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Do you know if you bought a ticket?

Dan Moore: Ooh, good point - is the reception full up? I heard it was.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Dan, there's the very analog bulletin board by the registration desk.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Dan, yes, unfortunately the reception is full.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: The reception at Dumbarton Oaks is full - we were limited to 300 people, but there are some other great options for Friday night in DC!

Dan Moore: Drat again.

Mary Wassermann 2: I made it into the tour but I think was not charged the ten beans for the bus, so I'll see what happens-happy to pay later.

Dan Moore: I know ArlisSNAP is doing a night out on Friday.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Mary, you might want to double check with HQ.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: mary - I'll check to see if you signed up for the bus to Dumbarton Oaks and will let you know by email.

Mary Wassermann 2: Great, thanks!!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: registration@arlisna.org or [1-800-817-0621,ext. 450](tel:1-800-817-0621)

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Thanks, Kathy!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Dan - something I have wanted to do but haven't (yet) is to go the Marine Barracks Evening Parade - might be something you would want to get a group together and check out

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband:

<http://www.barracks.marines.mil/Parades/EveningParade.aspx>

Sarah Osborne Bender: Great idea, Megan! A very unique DC event.

Dan Moore: Interesting

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Correct, Dan, ArLiSNAP is meeting at Capitol City Brewing Company, very close to the Hyatt: <http://capcitybrew.com/>

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Dan, if I had a free Friday evening in DC, I'd go to the Smithsonian American Art Museum, which closes at 7.

Dan Moore: I love the SAAM.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Then get a drink and dinner at proof.

Dan Moore: I used to study in that Atrium.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: I posted a list on ARLIS-L a couple of weeks ago about tour companies that offer nighttime tours of the monuments...always a thrill!

Katy Van Arsdale: If you just want some great lists of "best of DC," this website does a good job:<http://dcist.com/tags/bestofd.c>.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Thanks Katy!

Katy Van Arsdale: I have a broad question about the conference.

Katy Van Arsdale: Do you have any recommendations for a first-time attendee?

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Katy, definitely drop by the First-Time Attendees Reception from 4:45-5:45 on Friday evening -- it's at the hotel

Katy Van Arsdale: Great, thanks.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: And get to know as many people as you can...jump right in!

Teresa Burk: there is also a conference networking guide program: Sign up here: <http://goo.gl/Y7jT9V>

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: We were all first-timers once!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: If there is SIG that you're interested in - you might try to make it to that meeting to meet some new people!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: And if I may, I highly recommend attending the convocation and reception at the Library of Congress!

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: It should be pretty spectacular! Feel free to wear something fancy!

Katy Van Arsdale: Ah, thank you for mentioning that, Megan. How do people generally dress for the LOC reception?

Katy Van Arsdale: Fancy? How fancy? :)

AnneTrenholme: How do people dress for the conference in general? Is it business attire or more relaxed?

Dan Moore: ARLIS is strictly black tie, at all times.

AnneTrenholme: haha

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Not quite ...

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: As fancy as you want for the reception!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: I think people dress how they do for their day jobs.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: One rule about dressing in Washington: regardless of what you wear, someone else will be more dressed up, and another person will be less dressed up. You'll fit right in!

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Which ranges from business to business casual...

Dan Moore: I'd say comfortable shoes, no matter what.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: Exactly, Kathy!

Dan Moore: Lots of walking.

Teresa Burk: I might suggest a sweater or scarf for the ballrooms, they can be chilly at times

AnneTrenholme: Thanks all!

Teresa Burk: We are closing in on 5 minutes til the hour. Any final thoughts for or from the group?

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: As always, the exhibits hall will merit a visit -- and we have more than 90 tables signed up.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: I'll do a quick plug for the Packard Tour <http://arlisna2014.sched.org/event/653f6f14d843719751f12f4d47688bd9>

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2: We went there for a chapter meeting and it was incredible.

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: I think we've lined up a great program with a lot of great presentations and poster sessions - four of the sessions are being recorded in case you can't make it to everything!

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Although we are a bit biased, we think this will be a GREAT conference - and we look forward to seeing you in 2 weeks!

Dan Moore: Thanks all for the information.

Sarah Osborne Bender: I'll second the Packard endorsement. A-mazing.

Katy Van Arsdale: Yes, thank you.

AnneTrenholme: Thank you! Looking forward to the conference!

Tim K: Great. Thanks everyone!

Alice Whiteside: Thanks, all!

Teresa Burk: A big thanks to our conference committee members for sharing their expertise, the chat will be posted on the various ARLIS locations soon. See you all in DC!

Program Co-Chair - Roger Lawson: Our pleasure! See you very soon.

Anne Simmons, Local Arrangements Co Chair 2:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/arlisdmv/sets/72157631184837354/>

Program Co-Chair - Megan Halsband: Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Teresa Burk: bye all.

Kathy Woodrell, Local Arrangements: Bye now!