



**Fall, 1993**

***from the Chair.....***

On August 7th, the CMC officers met in Austin to discuss Bylaw revisions and committee appointments. An Executive Committee Meeting summary is in this newsletter. Rick Casagrande attended and updated the committee on the TAM preconference workshop on Disaster Planning. This workshop is being sponsored by CMC. I urge all members to not the update inside and to mark your calendars (and plan your budget) to attend this session at TAM. We reviewed the July workshop in Dallas and continued planning for the fall electronic environmental monitoring workshop in Austin and the winter conservation workshop in San Antonio. A registration form for the October 2 workshop can be found in this newsletter. Please make several copies and share this information with those in your museum community interested in environmental monitoring—including facility managers. In order to better address CMC activities, the executive committee is pleased to announce three new program chairs: Membership -Carolyn Spears, Stone Fort Museum, Nacogdoches; Nominating -Sally Shelton, Texas Memorial Museum, Austin; and Bylaws -Mildred Walker, Dr. Pepper Museum, Waco. As we continue to expand membership, revise the Bylaws and elect officers these people will be heading and assisting with the activity. Lastly, do not forget the MPMA Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs in October (6th-9th). Those wishing to coordinate room-sharing to save on expenses can contact me at 210/820-2132.

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***Kim Peel, Chair***



### 1993-94 CMC WORKSHOPS

Watch for information in the coming newsletters on the following workshops.

October 2, 1993 Austin, Texas

**\*\*Electronic Environmental Monitoring Systems**  
**Bob Childs, Speaker**

January 22, 1994 San Antonio, Texas

**Conservation of Items Exhibited Outdoors**

March, 1994 Houston, Texas

**\*\*TAM Preconference Workshop:**  
**Disaster Planning**

**Speakers:**  
**David Gracy, University of Texas**  
**Pat Terry, Smithsonian Institution**

For more information on any of the above workshops, please contact Ali Turley, State Preservation Board, (512) 463-5495.

**\*\*Information in this newsletter.**

### CMC Officers 1993-94

- Chair:** Kim Peel, Registrar  
Witte Museum, San Antonio
- Vice Chair:** Alice (Ali) Turley, Assistant Curator  
Capitol Preservation Project, Austin
- Secretary:** Valerie Bluthardt, Registrar/Curator  
San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts
- Treasurer:** Lisa Rebori, Collections Manager  
Houston Museum of Natural Science
- Officer-At-Large:** Susan Metcalf, Curator/Registrar  
Biblical Arts Center, Dallas

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES AND CORRECTIONS:

#### Correction:

Millie Walker's phone number is incorrect on the Membership List. Please note this correction: 817-757-1024. (Or use the staff's direct line: 757-2433).

#### Update:

Brenda Haes will be leaving the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in October when she and her husband move to Lubbock where he has been transferred to a new position. She encourages anyone interested in applying for her position to contact Walt Davis, Director. Brenda is exploring the possibility of pursuing a masters degree in Lubbock and wants CMC to know how much she has enjoyed being a member and a scholarship recipient.

Richard Wiedenmann is now Collections Manager at the Conner Museum in Kingsville. He joined CMC in 1992 as a Strecker Volunteer in Waco. Please update your Membership List as follows: John E. Conner Museum, Texas A&M, Kingsville, P.O. Box 2172, Station 1, Kingsville, Texas 78363, 512-595-2810.

#### New Members and Renewing Members

Mr. John W. Foster  
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Texas Air Museum  
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Director  
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(512) 339-1997  
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Ms. Gail R. Manning  
Invertebrate Department  
Dallas Museum of Natural History  
P.O. Box 150433  
Dallas, TX 75315  
(214) 670-8475  
FAX: (214) 428-4356

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Collections Curator  
Wichita Falls Museum and Art Center  
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Wichita Falls, TX 76308  
(817) 692-0923

Mr. David S. Stiegham  
Executive Director  
Carnegie History Center of Tyler  
125 South College Ave.  
Tyler, TX 75702  
(903) 593-7989

Mrs. Kandy Taylor-Hille  
Curator  
Fulton Mansion  
P.O. Box 1859  
Fulton, TX 78358  
(512) 729-0386

Mr. Bruce Taylor-Hille  
Curator  
Texas Maritime Museum  
1202 Navigation Circle  
Rockport, TX 78382  
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*Deadline for submissions to the Fall Newsletter is December 1, 1993. Please send your submission by that date to:*

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**Summary**  
**CMC Executive Board Meeting**  
**Austin History Center**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**August 7, 1993**

The CMC Executive Board met on August 7th at the Austin History to look at projects and workshops for the upcoming year. Attending Was Kim Peel, Chair; Ali Turley, Vice-Chair; Valerie C. Bluthardt, Secretary; Susan Metcalf, Officer-at-Large; Rick Casagrande. Lisa Rebori, Treasurer, was absent, but provided a written report.

The following topics were discussed:

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of July 21, 1993 the Collection Managers Committee (CMC) treasury had a balance of \$875.76. The Treasurer had faxed in her report that was read by Kim in Lisa's absence.

**CMC COLLECTING COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICIES FOR DISTRIBUTION**

Kim said that she had received several inquiries whether CMC collected Collection Management Policies for distribution when requested. In other words would CMC consider acting as a clearinghouse. No decision was made by the Board, but Kim asked the officers to keep it in mind.

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP AT 1994 TAM ANNUAL MEETING IN HOUSTON**

Kim stated that we needed to be looking forward to the Disaster Preparedness pre-conference workshop at the next TAM annual meeting in Houston. Rick is organizing the workshop, and it is being sponsored by CMC. There will be competition from other pre-conference workshops, so it is imperative that CMC members prepare to attend this workshop and urge other TAM members to also sign up for it.

**ADDING CHAIRS**

The Chair stated that two offices, the chairman and treasurer, would come open in the spring of 1994 at the annual meeting. After various discussions on committee and projects, it was agreed that the following six committees should be re-activated or created: Nominating, By-Laws, Membership, Development, Program, and Library/Archives. One of the officers would act as a liaison with each committee chair.

**BIANNUAL CMC MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

It was agreed that we should try to have biannual membership meetings with one being held at the TAM annual meeting and the other in conjunction with the summer workshop. In this way the membership would have a chance to meet one another on a more informal basis.

**UPDATES of October, 1993 and January, 1994 CMC Workshops**

Vice-chair Ali Turley reported on the status of the next two CMC workshops. Specific information will appear in this and upcoming newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,0

Valerie C. Bluthardt  
Secretary

## Summary of Summer Workshop, "How Your Perspective Affects Your Museum"

The Collection Managers Committee presented a workshop July 17 in Dallas on "How Your Perspective Affects Your Museum Collections" which was hosted by the Frontiers of Flight Museum. Twenty-eight people attended the full day presentations. Charlie Walter, Associate Director of Interpretation at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, opened the session with an excellent role-playing skit. The curator, exhibits designer and educator perspectives regarding a make-believe science(?) exhibit were presented with "asides" from the staff member whose job it was to read between the lines and make the exhibit a productive and cohesive team effort. When the laughing and shouting from the audience ceased, we all realized the importance of attempting to understand perspectives other than our own. If you are trying to use a team approach with your staff and having difficulty getting the members of the team to relate to each other, you may want to contact Charlie about his presentation.

Gary Easty gave an insightful curatorial perspective and then shared information about the International Museum of Cultures in Dallas. Gary, like many of the speakers, adapted the broad area of his perspective to the unique position at his museum with a slightly different twist. The International Museum of Cultures in Dallas addresses the contemporary Native American culture and, as such, its timeline and object collections will, by definition, change every few years--and the rest of us thought we had problems with mission statements and deaccessioning guidelines! Jack Judson, responding to an eleventh-hour request to speak on the trustee perspective, gave a blunt and revealing account of a perspective not frequently shared with museum staff. He followed this with an equally revealing slide presentation of his Magic Lantern Castle Museum in San Antonio. Carl McQueary addressed the Director's perspective with an excellent slide presentation of the recent evolution of the DRT's Republic of Texas Museum in Austin--wish them a happy 100th birthday in 1994! Carl discussed two unique aspects of being a director--becoming director as the museum was moving to a new location and being the director of a "very permanent" collection. The Republic of Texas Museum does not deaccession or actively acquire objects. The DRT had run its museum in one location for most of its history. Only recently did they find themselves in the position of needing a new location. They purchased a former Savings and Loan building on 1.35 at Anderson Lane and have renovated the building to serve as a museum.

Gail Manning, Curatorial Assistant at the Dallas Museum of Natural History, had the difficult task of addressing the "Building Manager" perspective. This perspective is one least often shared in a museum's team approach to problem solving and concerns every aspect of collections management such as security, climate control, conservation, etc. It became obvious to the participants that a building manager's perspective is the cornerstone of shared perspective. Lois Pearce concluded the session with an overview of the Education perspective. As Education Director at the Sam Houston Museum in Huntsville and a survivor of massive budget cuts, Lois' presentation covered some innovative approaches to education in a museum setting that strongly relate to the community. Brenda McGee then gave a tour of opportunity to visit this museum you should place it on your "A" list. The displays are excellent and the staff and volunteers are exceptional.

If you were unable to attend this workshop and want more information, please feel free to contact the speakers directly.





## Other News.....

Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Acting President of the TAM Women's Caucus, is currently conducting a survey regarding the future goals and direction of the caucus. She has prepared a "Future Planning Questionnaire" and has requested all TAM affinity groups and regional association chairs to assist her in disseminating this form. Survey forms will be available at our fall workshop in Austin. If you want to participate in this survey and do not plan to attend the workshop, please contact Cindy directly: Cindy Sherrell-Leo, Pirates Beach #4052, Galveston, TX 77554, (409) 737-4674.

### Membership Reminder

Membership in the Collection Managers Committee runs from January-December. To get a head start on 1994, please send this form, with your check for \$10.00 to Carolyn Spears, Stone Fort Museum, Stephen F. Austin State University, P.O. Box 6075, SFASU, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

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A workshop presented by the  
Collection Managers Committee  
of the Texas Association of  
Museums



**Saturday,  
October 2, 1993**

**Electronic Environmental Monitoring Systems**  
**Robert E. Child, Speaker**

**Location of Workshop:** Moody Hall, St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas

On Saturday, October 2, 1993, members and guests of the Collection Managers Committee will have the unique opportunity to review the many aspects of electronic environmental monitoring systems, by one of the world's leading experts, Robert E. Child, Head of Conservation, National Museum of Wales, U.K. The workshop is designed for personnel from all levels of the museum profession, especially those from smaller institutions. Please join us for a very informative and interesting workshop. The schedule and topics to be included in the workshop are as follows:

9:30-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	Methods of measuring temperature, traditional vs. electronic
11:00-11:30	Discussion and break
11:30-12:30	Methods of measuring relative humidity: what are we really measuring?
12:30-1:00	Data-logging systems
1:00-2:00	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Evaluation of electronic environmental monitoring systems. Practical demonstration.
3:00-3:30	Discussion and break
3:30-4:30	The purpose of environmental monitoring and the interpretation of data
4:30	Course discussion and conclusion

**Lecturer: Robert E. Child**

Head of Conservation, National Museum of Wales, U.K.  
Adviser on pest control, The National Trust  
Visiting lecturer on Pest Control and Environmental Control to ICCROM  
Scientific Principles Course and Paper Conservation Course, Rome  
Has lectured on biodeterioration all over the world, including Florida,  
Budapest, Vienna, Sri Lanka and Madrid

CMC FALL, 1993 WORKSHOP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** CMC Members: \$20.00

Non-Members: 25.00 (CMC membership is \$10.00)

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

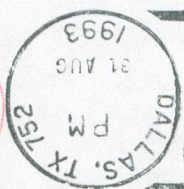
Please make checks payable to: Collections Managers Committee

Mail to: Lisa Rebori, Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Herman Circle Drive, Houston, Texas 77030. NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24. (Late registration will be accepted at the door.)

For additional information, please contact Ali Turley, State Preservation Board, (512) 463-5495, or Sally Shelton, Texas Memorial Museum (512) 471-4515.



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