



COLLECTION MANAGERS COMMITTEE

Summer 1992 Newsletter

Message from the Chair:

The 1992 Annual Meeting is now history, but not without creating some history of its own--almost 500 attended. Another bit of history, the Collection Managers Committee annual meeting breakfast went off without a hitch as the food was ready when the members arrived and the breakfast room was just the right size for the thirty attending. I consider all this an excellent sign of an outstanding year to follow. The workshops planned in Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and at the 1993 Annual Meeting in Waco attest to strong planning and provide CMC the opportunity to accomplish an "outstanding" year. We could not have reached this point in our history without a strong membership and I hope each of you will check your standing and renew your membership.

Please take this opportunity to call colleagues, volunteers and interested parties to share the workshop information in this newsletter. The number attending will determine if we can continue to offer so much for so little. Also, what an excellent way to face August in Texas--behind the scenes tours of some of our "coolest" museums.

Sincerely,

Kim Peel, CMC Chair

Congratulations to Kathleen Roland.

Kathy was recognized at the April meeting for her outstanding contributions to the Collection Managers Committee.

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August 1. National Science Foundation's Informal Science Education Program grants due. Contact Robert Russell or Barbara Butler. 202-786-7076.

August 15. Texas Commission for the Humanities' drafts for major grants due.

September 1. National Endowment for the Humanities' Reference Materials Program grant deadline.

September 14. National Endowment for the Arts' Care of Collections-Conservation and Collection Maintenance grant applications due.

September 16-19. American Association for State and Local History's Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida. "Mission, Money and Moxie: Survival of the Fittest." Contact: AASLH, 172 Second Avenue North, Suite 202, Nashville, TN 37201.

October 1. Texas Commission for the Humanities' major grant applications due.

October 15. Applications due to the Division of Research Programs, Humanities, Science and Technology, NEH.

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*National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202-786-0438.

*National Historical Publications Records Commission (NHPRC), National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408, 202-501-5610.

*National Research Council, Office Scientific and Engineering Personnel, Associateship Programs, 2101 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418, 202-334-2760.

*National Science Foundation (NSF), Public Information Office, 1800 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20550, 202-357-9498.

*Smithsonian Institution, Office of Museum Programs, Washington, D.C. 20560, 202-357-3101.

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CMC Annual Meeting Review

In the financial news, the CMC generated income in 1991 & 92 through workshops, contributions and dues that helped to fund a pre-conference workshop at the TAM annual meeting, a scholarship to two museum professionals to attend the TAM meeting, and the quarterly newsletter. Committee member Rick Casagrande reported on developments in the Disaster Planning Committee and Sally Shelton gave an update on the Resource Sharing Project. Outgoing Chair Sally Shelton introduced the CMC officers for the 1992-93 year, and sub-committee chairs. (Look for a listing of officers and subcommittee chairs elsewhere in the newsletter.) Vice-Chair Elaine Sullivan appointed Rick Casagrande as the Program Coordinator, and Rick gave an overview of workshops for 1992-93: August 1, 1992 in Fort Worth on storage concerns, October 24th in Houston on managing collections which are on exhibit, January 30, 1993 in San Antonio on museum environmental issues, and at the TAM annual meeting a pre-conference workshop presented by Mary Case, Registrar of the Smithsonian, on managing collections through team playing.

Resource Sharing Project Update

The project received funding from the Meadows Foundation and the Edward and Betty Marcus Foundation, both of Dallas, to begin phase one of the Resource Sharing Project. Phase one will involve assessing the availability of resources to be shared among Texas museums, getting a more specific profile of the need from the museum field, and researching financial resources for a fully implemented project. During this phase, the Executive Director of TAM will visit approximately 40 muse-

ums, 20 foundations, and 20 corporations to explore these questions. Phase two will address the major impediments to broader institutional sharing: lack of funds, conservation needs, time, and lack of knowledge about institutions and their policies and collections. In order to address these issues, the committee foresees implementing another year-long project phase to identify broad collections, their condition and availability, publish a directory that would incorporate an institutional profile of each museum and collecting institutions willing to share resources, and promote inter-institutional sabbaticals to acquaint museum professionals firsthand with their colleagues and with other collections. Phase three is envisioned as a fully funded pilot project of three years' duration for grants to accomplish the goals of the Resource Sharing Project, including sharing projects such as adoption of orphan collections, exchange of exhibits and educational materials and programs, and permanent exchange of collections.

Membership **A**pplication for CMC

Name _____
Institution _____
Position _____
Mailing Address ☐ Museum ☐ Home
Street or P.O. _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Museum Phone () _____
Home Phone () _____
Membership Categories:
☐ Professional ☐ Associate

Dues are \$10.00 for one calendar year and expire on December 31st.
Make checks payable to the *Collection Managers Committee*. Thank you.

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