

CMC

COLLECTION MANAGERS COMMITTEE

Winter, 1994

from the Chair.....

Happy New Year. 1994 is upon us and promises to be another year of change and advancement. CMC set forth on a challenging year in 1993 -- to financially assist TAM with the Disaster Preparedness preConference workshop -- and more than met the challenge. Look inside for Lisa Rebori's financial report, and then join me in celebrating the success we derived from months of very hard work. A special Thank You to Ali Turley for organizing two successful workshops. Proceeds from our final workshop in San Antonio on January 29 will determine if we can offer more than one scholarship to attend the Annual Meeting in March; and, Ali has prepared a registration form for this workshop which also can be found inside. The CMC officers have not met since you received the last newsletter, but each has gone the extra mile to meet publication dates, workshop deadlines and financial obligations. Millie Waker took on the task of assisting in reviewing our ByLaws, and Carolyn Spears agreed to assist with membership renewals. (Information regarding revising the By Laws will be presented at the Annual Meeting CMC breakfast.) So to Lisa, Susan, Ali and Valerie my heartfelt thanks for serving as officers, monitors and friends. To Millie and Carolyn a thank you for assisting with Special Tasks and returning my calls. To Rick Casagrande and Sally Shelton I owe a warm thanks for preparing the pathway I have followed these past two years and for ALWAYS answering my questions and cries for help.

The San Antonio Museum Association, for which I have worked the past thirteen years, will conclude its dissolution this spring. As registrar for the Association and, now, the Witte Museum, I and Gabriela Truly of the San Antonio Museum of Art

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are faced with the monumental task of resolving the separation of records and objects. Therefore I am announcing that I will not be running for reelection as Chairman of the Collection Managers Committee this spring. I have enjoyed serving as Chairman -- more than I thought I would --and I look forward to working with CMC as a member and contributor.

Best wishes to all of you.

Kim Peel, Chairman

Update

Sally Shelton has accepted a new job in San Diego effective January 1, 1994, as Collections Conservation Specialist at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Lisa Rebori has agreed to head up the Nominations Committee 1) due to Sally's departure and 2) because she will not be running for reelection as Treasurer. She will be contacting members in February.

Karen Anderson is the new registrar at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum replacing Brenda Haes. She will be spearheading the computerization of collections.

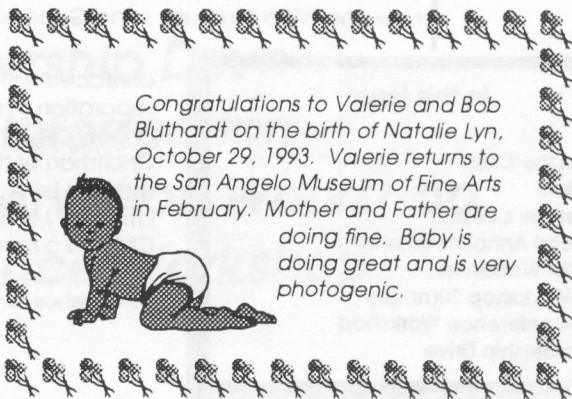
Terry Grose has completed her doctorate and accepted the position as Collection Manager at Baylor's Strecker Museum in Waco -- and we thought we were busy this year.

January is **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** month. Please complete the renewal form and return it to Lisa Rebori as soon as possible. Ballots for new officers can only be sent to **CURRENT MEMBERS**.

The Disaster Preparedness/Recovery Resource Manual is out and exceeds all expectations. Hope you purchased it before prices went up December 31.

Deadline for the Spring, 1994 newsletter is February 15, 1994. Please send all information to:

Susan Metcalf
c/o Biblical Arts Center
P.O. Box 12727
Dallas, TX 75225
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Workshop Summary

The Collection Managers Committee Fall Workshop, **Electronic Environmental Monitoring Systems**, was held on October 2, 1993 at St. Thomas University in Austin, Texas. Dr. Robert Child, Head of Conservation, National Museum of Wales, U.K., discussed how temperature, humidity, light, and other environmental aspects, affect our collections. In addition to the environmental aspects, Dr. Child gave an overview of the effectiveness of various environmental measuring devices, such as the psychrometer, hygrometer, computer electronic systems, etc. The workshop was enlightening to some, confirming to others (they knew their equipment did not do as they were told it would do). For more information on the workshop, or to contact Dr. Child, please contact a CMC officer.

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Pre-Conference Workshop

CMC is working with TAM to host the 1994 pre-conference workshop, **Planning and Preparedness**, at the TAM Annual Meeting in Houston. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 1994 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at the Wyndham Warwick Hotel. Lunch and coffee breaks will be included for all participants. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. David B. Gracy, Gov. Bill Daniel Professor in Archival Enterprise, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Texas at Austin, and Priscilla (Pat) Terry, Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, Office of Risk Management, Smithsonian Institution. The session will be interactive, and will cover the following topics: overview of disaster types; vulnerability assessment and risk management; preparation of a disaster plan; and training and networks.

Participants in the workshop will receive TAM's Ad Hoc Committee's manual on Disaster Preparedness/Recovery, **PREP: Texans Planning for Response & Emergency Preparedness**. Over 300 pages in length, the manual is contained in a looseleaf binder with tabbed sections for quick reference, allowing institutions to add material specific to their own needs.

The officers of CMC would like to see as many of our members in attendance as possible. If you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing the manual for your institution. It is a valuable tool for all institutions, no matter how large or small. For more information, or to order a manual, and/or reserve a space in the workshop, please contact the TAM office at:

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Treasurer's Report

CMC closed the year with a balance of \$1,521.36.

The October workshop, ***Electronic Environmental Monitoring Systems***, with Bob Child, netted \$420.00. Twenty-six individuals from across the state attended; eighteen of these were CMC members.

Thanks to everyone's hard work and support of the CMC workshops, CMC will be able to fulfill our commitment to TAM in the amount of \$1,000 for the pre-conference workshop on Disaster Preparedness, and again offer a scholarship to attend the '94 TAM meeting in Houston.

Special Announcements

The Collection Manager's Committee is calling for nominations for the annual ***Outstanding Member Award***. The award recipient will be announced at the CMC Breakfast during the TAM Annual Meeting in Houston. Please send all recommendations to Kim Peel, The Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

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CMC is offering a \$300.00 scholarship for a member to attend the 1994 TAM Annual Meeting in Houston. The scholarship will be awarded to a CMC member, based on need, who is new to the museum profession, and/or new to CMC. Interested members should send a letter of application stating financial needs, and a resume to Kim Peel, The Witte Museum 3801 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209.

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Membership

Membership in the Collection Managers Committee runs from January 1 - December 31, each calendar year. To be eligible for discounts to CMC workshops and voting privileges, every member must renew their membership for the calendar year, 1994. This year, two offices are open: Chairman and Treasurer. Those nominated, nominating, and voting have to be 1994 members of CMC. So, if you have not sent in your membership, please fill out the coupon, and send it and your check for \$10.00 to Lisa Rebori, Houston Museum of Natural Science, One Hermann Circle Drive, Houston, Texas 77030.

Name_____

Title_____

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Thank you,

Kim Peel
Lisa Rebori
Susan Metcalf

Ali Turley
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