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From the Desk of the President

I am pleased to welcome newly elected Membership Secretary, Patti Favero, to the board. Patti is a Fellow in paintings conservation at the Philips Collection. I would also like to welcome back Scott Brouard, Preservation Manager of Hillwood Museum and Gardens, who is serving his third year as a director on the WCG Board. The WCG officers, Board of Directors and committee chairs met last July for a day-long summer meeting. The meeting was very productive and, despite the heat, everyone was very enthusiastic and energetic about moving forward with new ideas for the upcoming year. If you want to put faces to names, check out the group photo appearing in the online version of the newsletter and on the website.

2007 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Guild! We will be forming a committee to plan something memorable for this occasion. And don't forget the AIC meeting in Richmond, Virginia, in April 2007. We will showcase a newly updated WCG booth, and volunteers will be on hand to give out information about the Guild and sell the directory. Look for opportunities to help out at this event. We are already in the planning stages of arranging a social hour with our neighboring regional group, the Virginia Conservation Association. A number of WCG members are members of both groups. Look for more information about all these events in upcoming newsletters and website announcements.

We have several new venues for meetings this year as well as a return to some of the new ones from last year. The year will start with a special meeting at the National Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C. where the WCG Angels have conducted volunteer efforts restoring the tombstones for the past 2 years. Look for details on page 3 in this newsletter. Other venues will include the U.S. Capitol, The Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis, MD, and The Arlington Arts Center in Arlington, VA. Of course, we will end the year with our May Business Meeting at the beautiful Hillwood Museum and Gardens. Claire Peachey, Vice-President, has been working hard to find these new venues to host our meetings and to arrange speakers that reflect the time period or specialty of the hosting venue. She is hard at work still arranging some of the venues and speakers for the upcoming year. If members have suggestions for talks, presentations or 3-ring Circus speakers (January's meeting), please email Claire at the WCG email address.

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Intern Coordinator Amber Smith. Amber has accepted a position in Chicago at the Chicago Conservation Center and leaves for her new job in

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September. She was able to arrange over nine social events and tours last year for the WCG area interns and coordinated lab tours with a number of DC and Baltimore museums. Amber did a great job and will be missed. We are very pleased to welcome back Joanne Klaar who has agreed to be our Intern Coordinator once again. Joanne went to Scotland for a year, and is now returning to the Washington DC area and will be the new Leisher Fellow in Modern and Contemporary Paintings at the National Gallery of Art. We will welcome her back to the area in late October, although she has already begun arranging some tours for the interns upon her return. The first intern event planned for this year is the annual intern reception and tour at the National Postal Museum on September 21st, from 3-5:30 p.m. The Sidney Williston recipients will be announced at this meeting. See page 4 for details. I will be helping out between intern coordinators to arrange this reception. I look forward to seeing all the new and returning interns in September.

The first Public Outreach event has been scheduled for October 21st, from 1-4 p.m. at the Washington Masonic Memorial Temple in Alexandria, VA. This event is being held in cooperation with Alexandria Archaeology Museum and Mount Vernon Archaeology. Nancy Pollak and Lisa Young have offered to display the booth at this event and be on hand to discuss archaeological conservation with the public. A tour of the Shuter's Hill archaeological site and discussion of the on-going excavation will be given by the staff archaeologists. Please come by to support your fellow WCG outreach group and join in the fun.



Members of the WCG Board for 2006/2007 met for their summer meeting at the palatial country estate of Treasurer Howard Wellman.

Front row: Erin Blake, Eliza Gilligan

Center row: Jane Norman, Jayne Girod Holt, Davida Kovner, Lisa Young, Sarah Stauderman, Claire Peachey

Back row: Patti Favero, Mary Coughlin, Nancy Pollak, Scott Brouard, Howard Wellman

For the past two years, the WCG Angels Project has been on-going at the National Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill. The Angels have been hard at work, volunteering their efforts toward the preservation and repair of tombstone markers in the cemetery. This year we are pleased to offer a new site in Southern Maryland for the Angels Project. Look for more information on the WCG website and on page 4 of this newsletter.

I hope everyone has had a chance to see the new WCG logo. If you haven't seen it yet, visit our website. The online version of the June newsletter also has an image. The Board worked hard to choose a new logo for the Guild that reflects our mission and professionalism. We are currently having new letterhead, envelopes and business cards printed with the new look. We also reworded the mission statement of the Guild, which is found on the WCG website and will be printed on the back of our business cards. The new wording reads:

"The Washington Conservation Guild (WCG) is a nonprofit organization of conservation professionals dedicated to preserving art and historic materials. Founded in 1967, WCG serves as a regional forum for its members and as a resource to the public for learning about the care of personal collections."

I hope everyone had a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the first meeting in October. Please see the website for the latest information about upcoming meetings, announcements, volunteer opportunities, archived newsletters and Angels projects.

All the best,
Lisa Young, WCG President
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Please update your WCG email address. The hotmail account is no longer valid. The correct email address for the Guild is:

wcg@washingtonconservationguild.org

Upcoming WCG Meetings 2006/2007

Monthly meetings for the 2006/2007 season begin October 2006 and run through May 2007. The meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month. Most meetings begin at 5 p.m. with a reception, followed by the guest speaker's presentation. Please check individual meeting announcements for exact times and locations.

October 5

Tours and reception at Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E Street, SE, Washington, D.C. (Metro stop: Blue/Orange line, Potomac Avenue). Note: The reception starts at 5 p.m., the first tour is at 5:30 p.m. and the second tour is at 6 p.m.

November 2

William Lewin, Davida Kovner and Bruce Schuettinger, "Conservation on the Hill 2004-2006: Treatment of Eight Frames in the Rotunda and Sixteen Benches from the House Chambers". Held at the U.S. Capitol (Metro stop: Blue/Orange line, Capitol South or Red line, Union Station). Peter Sepp and Sepp Leaf Products Inc. is providing refreshments. Note: RSVP required.

December 7

Holiday Party and speaker TBA. Held at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC (Metro stop: Red line, Dupont Circle).

January 4

Three-Ring Circus TBA.

February 1

Speaker and venue TBA .

March 1

Intern Talks held at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA (Metro stop: Orange line, Virginia Square/ GMU).

April 5

Speaker TBA. Held at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD.

May 3

Business Meeting, Wine Tasting, Silent Auction, and more! Held at the Hillwood Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (Metro stop: Red line, Van Ness/UDC).

Special October Meeting

A visit to Historic Congressional Cemetery , Thursday October 5th, 2006

The Cemetery has been the site of two WCG Angels days and ongoing volunteer efforts by members of the Guild in cooperation with members of the HCC community. This meeting will be held outside, and we will offer two tours of the conservation projects and the historical points of interest on the cemetery grounds. Each tour will be offered twice.

The conservation tour will be led by Catherine Dewey who is the supervising conservator for the Cemetery. The historical tour will be led by Patrick Crowley, a board member for the HCC.

For more information about the cemetery please see their website: www.congressionalcemetery.org. Details about the meeting appear at the top of the newsletter and on our website.

this event is free to WCG members
\$5 for guests & non-members

Intern Event in September

All interns, fellows and their supervisors are invited to the first official WCG Intern Event for the 2006-2007 season. The event will take place at the National Postal Museum on September 21st, at 3:00pm. We will meet at the Discovery Center and be given a tour of the Miller Collection on loan from the New York Public Library. The tour will then proceed to the conservation labs, which treat mostly paper artifacts, but also some objects. Check out the Postal Museum's website at www.postal.si.edu for an idea of their collections.

A reception will follow, where Lisa Young, WCG President, will welcome the interns and fellows, and present the Williston Fund recipients with their awards. This is a great opportunity for interns and fellows to network with both their peers and potential employers in the Washington D.C. area.

RSVP to Lisa Young at conserveit@earthlink.net by Friday, September 15th.

The Postal Museum is located at 2 Massachusetts Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002. If coming by Metro: Take the Red Line to Union Station. Leave through the Massachusetts Avenue exit. As you get off the escalator, the National Postal Museum will be to your left.

Lisa Young, Acting Intern Coordinator

Outreach Booth

The Outreach Booth will be starting its fall activities at the Virginia Archaeology Month event on Saturday, October 21, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The open house event, sponsored by Alexandria Archaeology and Mount Vernon Archaeology, will be held at the Shuter's Hill excavation site, located behind the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, VA. All are welcome to tour the site; be sure to stop by to visit WCG at our booth. We are also looking for one or two additional volunteers to help staff the booth during the event.

Plans are in the works to set up the booth at the Historical Society of Frederick County's 8th "Treasured Heirloom" event, Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will need shifts of volunteers to staff the booth during the day, to hand out information and talk to the public about the treasures they bring in for this "Antiques Roadshow"-type event. The event promises lively discussions with some pretty unusual objects, so please consider joining in the fun.

If you are interested in helping out at either event, or have ideas about possible venues for the outreach booth, please contact Nancy Pollak.

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2006 Angels Project

WCG is soliciting volunteer participants for our annual Angels Project. Some members will remember that the last two Angels projects have been held at Historic Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill where great improvement was made in a single day to many memorial stones and the archives, long neglected at that site. The history of Angels Projects dates back to the late 1980s when WCG and AIC members began incorporating Angels Projects at historic sites near their annual meetings. During the following years, Angels have rehoused collections for storage upgrades, preserved daguerreotypes and tintypes, backed paintings, rolled large textiles, and prepared collections for moving, all in the course of a single pro-bono work day. WCG has continued this tradition with a focus on the DC area.

In preparation for this Fall's Angels project, Howard Wellman, of the Maryland Archeological Conservation Lab, has nominated and assembled the application forms on behalf of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

The Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum is a State of Maryland museum devoted to the preservation of historical and archaeological cultural resources. The core collections of JPPM are the buildings, tools, and implements used by Mr. Jefferson Patterson to run the Point Farm property, a 512 acre cattle farm. This collection has been augmented by local landowners and farmers who have donated farm tools and household implements from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. The collections are currently held in a custom-built exhibit building with no climate control, and a remote farm equipment shed. They suffer from reaction with the atmosphere and the accumulation of dust & insect debris. The Angels Project will remove over 100 small tools and household implements from their current non-climate-controlled storage areas, remove accumulated dust

by vacuum cleaning where appropriate, rehouse them in archival polyethylene bags padded with Ethafoam (with desiccated silica gel where appropriate), and store them in the climate-controlled rooms of the JPPM Farm Exhibit Building. All conservation materials, the work site, and the collections will be organized in advance by JPPM staff. The Angels and JPPM volunteers will be broken into teams led by JPPM staff: a cleaning team to remove dust and soil, a bagging team to rehouse artifacts, and a storage team to pack the artifacts in the appropriate storeroom. With the anticipated number of people participating, we expect to accomplish this project in one six-hour work day.

WCG members and interns are needed to sign up immediately, so that a firm list of participants can be included in the Angels grant application packet being submitted by the September 15th deadline to AIC.

Please reply to Michele Pagan to add your name to the list of participants for this project. Thanks in advance for your participation, and for making the WCG-Angels projects the complete success that they always are.

Michele Pagan
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Upcoming Deadlines

The following deadlines are listed in order in relation to the current date. For more details about the individual grant or scholarship funding organizations, please consult their websites. This list is intended only as a reminder and is not a complete list of available grants, scholarships or events. If you know of an upcoming deadline for grants, papers or other events that should be added to this list, please contact the Newsletter Editor.

FAIC Individual Professional Development Scholarship

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) offers scholarships up to \$1000 to help defray professional development costs for members of AIC. Proposed projects may include seminars, courses, research, or other continuing education endeavors that support the professional development of AIC members. This award is not available to support expenses for attending the AIC Annual Meeting, with the exception of workshop fees. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 15 and **September 15**.

FAIC Lecture Grants

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) provides funds toward the presentation of public lectures to help advance public awareness of conservation. Up to \$500 may be used to help defray lecturer travel costs, honoraria, site fees, and publicity costs. These awards are not intended to be used for lectures associated with the AIC annual meeting. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 15 and **September 15**.

FAIC Regional Angels Grants

The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) offers grants of up to \$1000 toward the development and implementation of Angels Projects not associated with AIC annual meetings. Funds are to help defray organizational costs, necessary materials and supplies and other expenses such as marketing and publicity. Materials and supplies should also be augmented through donations outside of FAIC. Deadlines for receipt of applications are February 15 and **September 15**.

FAIC Samuel H. Kress Conservation Publication Fellowship

The FAIC Samuel H. Kress Conservation Publication Fellowships have been funded by the Samuel H. Kress Foundation since 1994. The goal is to improve the quality and quantity of publications in the field of conservation by encouraging conservation professionals to prepare publishable manuscripts. The cash awards are designed to enable conservation professionals with projects nearing completion to take time off from their work to finalize their manuscript. Applicants must be current Professional Associate or Fellow members of AIC. Applications will not be accepted by electronic transmission or facsimile and must be received by **November 1**.

FAIC George Stout Grant

The George Stout Memorial Fund may be used for two purposes. The first is to defray costs of invited George Stout lecturers. The second is to defray in part expenses (up to \$1000) of students who are members of AIC to attend professional meetings. Important! The deadline for receipt of student applications has been moved to **December 15** for 2007 and 2008.

People

Michelle Savant and **Larry Shutts** gave birth to a baby boy named Paul Hudson Savant Shutts on July 7th, 2006

Congrats also to **ED Tully Rambo** who gave birth to a baby boy named James McIver Rambo on June 8,

New Resources

Textile Fiber Atlas

Thanks to the initial efforts of Smithsonian MCI senior textile conservator Mary Ballard, an online version of a classic reference used in conservation is now widely available. The Smithsonian Institution Libraries has produced a digital edition of the Textile Fiber Atlas: A Collection of Photomicrographs of Common Textile Fibers.

Go to www.sil.si.edu/digitalcollections/hstcollections/HST_title.cfm?bib_id=SIL7-236

“Field Guide to Emergency Response”, Heritage Preservation, pub.

The new Field Guide to Emergency Response explains clearly and simply the steps to take in the first few hours of a disaster, enabling even those with no prior training to save collections without endangering themselves. It is the first resource for collections to combine a handy reference guide with video demonstrations.

To order, visit Heritage Preservation's secure online Bookstore at www.heritagepreservation.org/catalog/

How to reach WCG

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Conference

The Best in Heritage 21-23 September 2006 (5th edition)

The City of Dubrovnik, Croatia, UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Best in Heritage is an annual presentation of the best, awarded projects in museums, heritage and conservation - the only event of the sort all over the world. It is about professional excellence and inspiration. All projects are recognized and awarded in the preceding year by the juries composed of the best professionals world-wide

To participate, please register at www.thebestinheritage.com/event/registration.php

Volunteer and Intern Opportunities

In celebration of Virginia Archaeology Month, Mount Vernon Archaeology and the Washington Conservation Guild will be joining Alexandria Archaeology at the Shuter's Hill excavation site on Saturday, October 21 with information booths and hands-on activities.

Volunteers are needed to greet the public and manage the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology booth. The event is free and runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The event begins with a 45-minute tour of the excavation site offered by Alexandria Archaeology.

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Alexandria Conservation Services is offering internship and volunteer work experience opportunities starting in October 2006 for interested students.

The project involves working in a small archaeological conservation laboratory located in Annandale, VA. In cooperation with Historic St. Mary's City, the interns will assist conservators with the documentation, photography, and treatment of archaeological metals as well as having an opportunity to participate in conservation field trips, research and site visits to Maryland. The objects will come from several sites located in Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland and were identified as being unstable during a collections survey in 2002. One of these sites, St. John's, was built in 1638 as the home of the first colonial secretary and served as the residence

of Charles Calvert, governor of the colony and eventually the third Lord Baltimore. Previous experience is not required, but some knowledge of museum conservation, historic preservation and/or historical archaeology is preferred. Good attention to detail is a must.

Please contact Lisa Young, President and Chief Conservator if you are interested at conserveit@earthlink.net. Please forward your resume and/or listing of classes you have completed, your schedule and availability. Flexible hours available, as well as possible weekend hours.

MEMBERSHIP

WCG dues are \$30 per year, \$15 for students and interns, payable to the Washington Conservation Guild or WCG.

The membership year runs from May 1st through April 30th. Membership forms can be requested by mail from the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 23364, Washington D.C. 20026 or can be downloaded from our web site. Changes of address or telephone numbers, corrections to the directory, and dues payments should be sent to the Membership Secretary at the address listed above or to wcg@washingtonconservationguild.org

The membership schedule is as follows:

- Early March: membership renewal notice mailed
- Mid-April: 2nd and last renewal notice mailed
- May 1st: New membership year begins (verify your status)
- July 1st: Deadline for membership renewals**
- Aug/Sept: Publication of membership directory

*Members who join after July 1st will not be included in the membership directory, but in an addendum to be mailed out in December.

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Attention:

To WCG members who have opted not to receive e-mail meeting announcements:

WCG occasionally sends additional e-mails about special WCG events, upcoming conferences, job openings and other conservation news of interest. If you have opted not to receive meeting announcements by e-mail, you will not receive these additional e-mails. We recommend that you to check our website
(www.washingtonconservationguild.org) frequently to remain abreast of all WCG news.

If you would like to change your e-mail status please contact Membership Chair Patricia Favero at wcg@washingtonconservationguild.org.

News from the Editor

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