

ABOUT THE BALTIMORE BIBLIOPHILES



On a starlit night in June, 1954, a group of us, sitting on the garden terrace at Evergreen House, fell into talk about the things that intensely interested all of us - books, old and new, and the making and enjoyment of them. The conversation rambled here and there and altogether was such fun and so stimulating that it was late when we broke up. One thing that came out of it was unanimous: we were all agreed that what Baltimore needed was a booklover's club - a club to gather together the rare souls who find pleasure not only in the reading but especially in the handling of books, people who enjoy as amateurs or

professionals the arts that go into the designing and illustrating, printing and covering of a fine book, whether made today or five hundred years ago.

In these galloping sentences were captured the enthusiasms and hopes that led directly to the formation of The Baltimore Bibliophiles (familarly known as "The Bibs"), the only major bibliophilic society in the United States founded by women. Over the past decades hundreds of wonderful lectures were delivered at BIBS meetings, ranging from William Foxwell Albright on the then just discovered Dead Sea Scrolls to a recent talk by Bill and Vicky Stewart on contemporary artists' books. The group meets approximately every other month, often but not always at The Johns Hopkins Club on the campus of the Homewood Campus of The Johns Hopkins University. The purpose of the Baltimore Bibliophiles is "to provide a focal point for community interest in matters pertaining to books and manuscripts, bindings, typography, printing, paper, preservation,

calligraphy, book illustration, cartography and related fields."

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Affiliations...

The Baltimore Bibliophiles are affiliated with FABS, the Fellowship of American Bibliophilic Societies, a group of book collecting groups.

<http://www.fabsbooks.org/>

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To Join...

The Baltimore Bibliophiles welcome new members, whose collecting or bibliophilic interests mesh with those of the varied members of group.

***If interested in attending a meeting, or in joining The Baltimore Bibliophiles, please contact the Membership Chair via the contact email address for the Bibs Web site:
contact@baltimorebibliophiles.org***

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