



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany May 8, 2023

Binnie Syril Braunstein, Editor

Updated Calendar of Events for 2023

Please note: Per request of one of our members, descriptions of newly updated calendar events are highlighted in **bold**.

Josh Mann of B & B Rare Books, Ltd.

On book provenance and association copies.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Mark Samuels Lasner.

On his collecting of Beardsley material as well as the exhibition, *Aubrey Beardsley, 150 Years Young* at the Grolier Club.

Tuesday, February 28, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Arnie Sanders, professor emeritus, Goucher College

Measuring Worth: Surveying Goucher's Rare Book Collection.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Binnie Syril Braunstein.

Secrets of a writing career: How a bus ride led (dragged) the author to pen short stories and romance novels.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023. 7:00 pm. **ZOOM**

Susan King, Novelist.

Lady MacBeth: A Novel. A different view of The Scottish Play.

Thursday, May 18, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Rebecca Romney, Rare Book Specialist

Next Generation Book Collecting: How Gen Z Is Joining the Centuries-Long Tradition

Saturday, July 8, 2023. 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central). In person.

Refreshments. Open to the public!

Wine & Cheese at Kelmscott Bookshop!

To celebrate the second anniversary of Kelmscott at their new location at Savage Mill.

The Kelmscott Bookshop, 8600 Foundry Street Suite G-7, Savage, MD 20763

Limited to 20 members. RSVP to Binnie required.

Saturday, August 2023. Exact date and time TBD. Including "Show & Tell."

Spencer W. Stuart.

*How has the antiquarian book trade changed - and is changing - from the inside out and the outside in? Are there changes in the way people - collectors and the Public - view the book trade? Have "virtual" book fairs and auctions become an effective or ineffective substitute for face to face interactions such as occurred pre-pandemic? Spencer Stewart explores these topics and more within the framework of his recently published book, *Contemporary Issues in Rare Book & Manuscript Collecting*.*

Wednesday, September 20, 2023. 7:00 pm. ZOOM

Chris Needham.

Theft, Mutilation and Forgery--Terrible and True Tales of Book Crimes!

October, 2023. Exact Date TBD. 7:00 pm. ZOOM.

Annual Meeting. Election of Officers.

Jacqueline Coleburn and Anthony Mullan (both from Library of Congress) on Peter Parley aka Samuel Goodrich.

Saturday, November 18, 2023 1:00 pm. Enoch Pratt Free Library (Central).

Lunch (Details at a later date) Open to the public!

News and Notes from Here and There....

Kelmscott Bookshop: May Newsletter 2023. Thank you to everyone that ordered from our fair list and/or visited our booth at the ABAA New York International Antiquarian Book Fair! On to our monthly sale - this month books in our **Italian History, Italian Language,** and **Military History** sections will be on sale. Most books priced at or under \$125 in these sections will be 30% off throughout the month of May. (See exclusions in sale section below.)

Our next event will be held in August - our annual wine, snacks, and book collector's show-and-tell, which is hosted exclusively for the [Baltimore Bibliophiles \(BIBS\)](#). Not a member? [Consider joining!](#) In July the BIBS will be sponsoring [a talk by Rebecca Romney](#) on book collecting with a focus on Gen Z collectors at the Enoch Pratt Library Central Location. (You do not have to be a member of the BIBS to attend Rebecca's talk at the Pratt.)

Finally, we are featuring a selection of new arrivals below including several incunabula leaves, a lovely color mezzotint of flowers (perfect for a Mother's Day?), a beautifully printed artists' book protesting the war in Ukraine - with a personal perspective as the artist is of both Ukrainian and Russian descent, a comical letterpress book on oysters, a pop-up on endangered Monarch butterflies, an environmental call-to-action collection of artists' books on climate change, a tribute to Emily Dickinson, a unique artists' book on the controversial concordat between the Vatican and the Nazis, a book on printmaking history, and more!

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/May-Newsletter--Sale-on-Italian-History---Language---Military-History-Books.html?soid=1103337706551&aid=xixfDKn9DT8>

Link to Professor Arnie Sanders' Wednesday, March 22 (ZOOM) talk on Measuring Worth: The Goucher Collection <https://youtu.be/177PiTgsxm4>

Link to Binnie Syril Braunstein’s April 19 (ZOOM) talk on how a bus ride to work led her to a career as a romance writer. <https://youtu.be/oNYojroptVQ>

Smithsonian Magazine: “Without the First Folio, Half of Shakespeare’s Plays Would Have Been Lost to History.” By Ellen Wexler.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/without-first-folio-william-shakespeare-plays-lost-history-180982021/>

Open Culture: “Behold Shakespeare’s First Folio, the First Published Collection of Shakespeare’s Plays, Published 400 Year Ago (1623).”

<https://www.openculture.com/2023/05/shakespeares-first-folio.html>

The Guardian: “Fake books: the controversial interiors trend for literary pretenders.” (Suggested by Charles Tharp)

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/may/01/fake-books-the-controversial-interiors-trend-for-literary-pretenders>

IFLScience: “Immaculate Declaration Of Independence Hiding Under \$4 Painting Eventually Sold For \$7 Million At Auction.” By Jack Dunhill.

<https://www.iflscience.com/immaculate-declaration-of-independence-hiding-under-4-painting-eventually-sold-for-7-million-at-auction-68690>

Fine Books & Collections: “Fine Books Notes for May, 2023.”

<https://www.finebooksmagazine.com/>

Smithsonian Magazine: “You Could Own Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Handwritten Notes on ‘The Scarlet Letter’” By Ted Scheinman. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/you-could-own-nathaniel-hawthornes-handwritten-notes-on-the-scarlet-letter-180982136/>

Smithsonian Magazine: “With Their Knowledge Combined, Two Scholars Are Deciphering a Long-Lost Native Language.” By Jennie Rothenberg Gritz.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/with-their-powers-combined-two-scholars-may-have-deciphered-a-long-lost-native-language-180982118/>

Time Sensitive!

From Susan Bennett, Executive Director, ABAA:

Following on the success of the New York International Antiquarian Book Fair, we invite you to visit the upcoming virtual fair, opening this Thursday, and closing on Saturday.

[ABAA Virtual Book Fair: Spring Edition](#) May 11-13, 2023

The virtual fair is open continuously from 12 pm ET on Thursday until 7 pm ET on Saturday.

In the meanwhile, you can view the list of exhibitors here: <https://fairs.aaa.org/exhibitors>

We welcome new members!
To join, please visit our website, <http://www.baltimorebibliophiles.org/>
and click on "Apply for Membership."