



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

A Literary Miscellany June 1, 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**

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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! Pre-Registration required via link!

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: Happy (almost) summer! Our dragon wanted to be included in this month's newsletter, so we let him pose with a few of our miniature books including works by Judith Serebrin, Carol Schwartzott, Pat Sweet, and Emil Goozairow. We are still working on cataloging and photographing many of these new arrivals, so if you collect mini-books, keep an eye on [our website](#).

At the end of this month we will be participating in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) Showcase in Bloomington, IN. It's part of an annual conference hosted by the American Library Association. Most attendees of the conference are librarians. For more information, visit the [RBMS conference website](#). In conjunction there will also be a virtual book fair, which is free and open to the public. The virtual fair, sponsored by the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA), will be held from Tuesday, June 27th (noon ET) through Friday, June 30th (8 pm ET). You can sign up for the [ABAA virtual fair newsletter here](#).

Starting this month, you may notice that our monthly sale offering looks a little different. We are steadily moving towards selling more rare books and less general used books, which is why for the last few years we've been having sales on our less expensive stock each month. To expedite this process - for the next few months we will be having 50% off sales on several subject areas that we would like to downsize. In addition we will be featuring a selection of 10 - 25 more valuable rare books with a small discount offered. Most of these books have been in our inventory for awhile and have already had their original prices lowered significantly. Please check our [Sale Page](#) regularly for new additions.

Below we are featuring a selection of new arrivals including many artists' books, a private press edition of Bukowski's *Ham on Rye*, a 19th century book on calisthenics for young ladies, an illustrated edition of Poe's *Weird Tales* in a lovely publisher's binding, and more. Browse all 200 new arrivals [here](#).

And finally, we have a new section of Hidden Gems - 5 books hand selected by our assistant manager (and Fran's loving husband), Steve Durako. This month all of the Hidden Gems are poetry books including first editions and presentation copies - all offered with a 20% discount.

https://bit.ly/Kelmscott_June23

Publishers Weekly: “U.S. Book Show 2023: Midtown Scholar, Emily Bates Named PW Bookstore, Rep of the Year.” By Claire Kirch and Nathalie op de Beeck. (Midtown Scholar is owned by Eric Papenfuse, the son of BIBS member Ed Papenfuse.)

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/awards-and-prizes/article/92371-u-s-book-show-2023-midtown-scholar-emily-bates-named-pw-bookstore-rep-of-the-year.html>

Midtown Scholar: Buy Days Fridays! Check out what Eric Papenfuse reveals!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5hlBaHdZlo&t=2s>

Christie’s: ‘Impossibly rare’: Nathaniel Hawthorne’s corrected page proofs for *The Scarlet Letter*.

https://www.christies.com/features/the-scarlet-letter-corrected-proofs-12771-3.aspx?sc_lang=en&cid=EM_EMLcontent04144C50Section_A_Story_3_1&COSID=43371073&cid=DM492260&bid=353627722#fid-12771

Literary Hub: “Good news: there are more bookstores in the US this year than last.” By Jonny Diamond.

https://lithub.com/good-news-there-are-more-bookstores-in-the-us-this-year-than-last/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Daily:%20May%2023%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_master_list

Literary Hub Weekly: Doubting Shakespeare’s Identity Isn’t a Conspiracy Theory. By Elizabeth Winkler.

https://lithub.com/doubting-shakespeares-identity-isnt-a-conspiracy-theory/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lit%20Hub%20Weekly:%20May%2015-19%2C%202023&utm_term=lithub_weekly_master_list

My Modern Met: “Perfectly Preserved Declaration of Independence Found Under a \$4 Painting.” By Madeleine Muzdak.

<https://mymodernmet.com/declaration-of-independence-found/>

ARLNOW: “Community rallies around One More Page after needed repairs threaten bookshops future.” By Jo deVoe.

<https://www.arlnow.com/2023/05/16/community-rallies-around-one-more-page-after-needed-repairs-threaten-bookshops-future/>

Yahoo Life!: “Why I Always Visit Bookstores When I Travel.” By Madeline Diamond.

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/why-always-visit-bookstores-travel-210000548.html?guccounter=1>

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/>

English El Pais: *“Russia gives Spain digital copy of a valuable medieval manuscript stolen in 1835.”* By Vicente G. Olaya.

<https://english.elpais.com/culture/2023-05-17/russia-gives-spain-digital-copy-of-a-valuable-medieval-manuscript-stolen-in-1835.html>

Big Think: *“Those beautiful medieval manuscripts were made from sheep, goats, and unborn calves.”*

<https://bigthink.com/high-culture/parchment-medieval-manuscripts-animals/>

France24: *“Preserving heritage: Ethiopian quest to recreate ancient manuscripts.”*

<https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20230526-preserving-heritage-ethiopian-quest-to-recreate-ancient-manuscripts>

Business Insider: *“Scientists say they have found a chapter of the Bible hidden under a section of text for more than a thousand years.”* By Kenneth Niemeyer.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/scientists-find-bible-chapter-hidden-for-thousands-of-years-2023-5>

Secret NYC: *“15 Best Bookstores In NYC You Need To Visit Right Now.”* By Briana Perry.

<https://secretnyc.co/best-bookstores-in-nyc/>

Literary Hub: *“This Week in Literary History. May 28-June 3.”* (The report of his death is greatly exaggerated.)

<https://link.lithub.com/view/602ea70a180f243d653298a0itrtr.o31/3267417c>

Fine Books & Collections.

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



Time Sensitive!

Movable Book Society: The MBS Zoom Show-and-Tell. Zoom Show-and-Tell | May 27. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Central Daylight Time (Chicago). (Suggested by Susannah Horrom)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87226196267>
<https://movablebooksociety.org/the-mbs-zoom-show-and-tell/>

Cat Tail Run Hand Book Bindery. Special lecture on **Saturday June 3rd from 2 – 3 pm** on the **Language of Flowers** by Karen Azoulay – about her recent book “*Flowers and Their Meanings*” (2023). There is space for 25 in person attendees (in Winchester, VA) plus it is available over Zoom . (Suggested by Fran Durako and Susannah Horrom). **Registration link:** <https://schoolforbookbindingarts.com/>

The Caxton Club: TARA O’BRIEN ON BOOK ARTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY: PRINTING, BINDING, AND ILLUSTRATION June 9, 2023
(Suggested by Tom Stosur)
<https://caxtonclub.org/event-5290247>

The Lewis Carroll Society of North America: Spotlight on Collectors June 11, 2023 , 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT Talks on Carrollian postcards, Alice-themed yearbooks, and everything else. (Suggested by Clare Imholtz, who is one of the presenters)
ZOOM information in the link below.
<https://www.lewiscarroll.org/event/spotlight-on-collectors/>

Manor Mill: Jane Austen Day at Manor Mill. *with the Jane Austen Society of America, Maryland Region.* Saturday, June 17, 1:00 -6:00 PM + Movie @ 7:30 PM! (Suggested by Susannah Horrom)
https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1sBc12_4HHdloR6V4_xyI37CIwKeT2Sit

Book Club of California: Programs and Events for June, 2023. (Suggested by Tom Stosur)
<https://mailchi.mp/bccbooks.org/join-us-in-may2023-1205660?e=6abb37a7f5>



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and click on "Apply for Membership."