



The Baltimore Bibliophiles

Newsletter - June, 2017

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Happy spring and summer to all!

Please mark your calendars for 2017 BIBS meetings. The remainder of our 2017 schedule is below.

Meeting Schedule - 2017

All events at The Johns Hopkins Club, Eisenhower Room, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, June 24, 2:00 pm

Casey Smith, American Printing History Association, Chesapeake Chapter

"Ibbett Did It: Piquerism, Poetry, and Letterpress Printing"

Joint meeting with Chesapeake Chapter of the American Printing & History Association (APHA)

Johns Hopkins Club: Eisenhower Room

Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 6:00 pm

Andrea Briggs, Librarian and Dr. Pamela Regis, McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland

"Building and working with the American Romance Collection at McDaniel College"

Johns Hopkins Club: Eisenhower Room

Tuesday, November 15, 2017, 6:00 pm

Michael Curry, Professor and chair of the Department of Theatre at Goucher College

"The Glover's Son: The Unlikely Story of How Shakespeare Became Famous"

Johns Hopkins Club: Eisenhower Room

News from Our Members

Doug McElrath writes to inform us that the digital version of Clare and August Imholtz's 2016 *Alice* exhibition has been awarded a prestigious national honor from the ACRL (Association of College & Research Libraries-American Library Association). The award is from the Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Awards, Category 5 Winner (Electronic). Here's the link:

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/publicationawards/leabawards>

Scroll down the 2017 list for *Alice*. And congratulations to August and Clare, as well as to Doug and his excellent staff at UMD Special Collections.

Tom Beck, past president of the Baltimore Bibliophiles and a member since 1992, has announced his plans to retire on July 1 after 43 years at UMBC. As the longtime Chief Curator of the Special Collections and Library Gallery, Beck has made wide-ranging contributions to UMBC, the Library & Gallery, and the field of photographic history. In 1974, Beck was hired as a consultant to UMBC's fledgling Special Collections with the charge of building the Photography Collections. The next year, he was the successful candidate to be the founding Curator of Photography and went on to become the Chief Curator and Head of the Special Collections Department. In addition, he has been a dedicated and popular professor of art and art history at UMBC, and, from 1975 to 2015, he also taught at the Corcoran School of Art + Design/George Washington University. He has served as a panelist for the Maryland State Arts Council and as a member of the Maryland State Historical Records Advisory Board. Tom has authored or co-authored 17 books and exhibition catalogs and curated over 200 exhibitions including several devoted to rare books.

Nancy Magnuson is retiring on June 30 as Goucher's College Librarian, a position she has held since 1987. At the college's May 19, 2017 Commencement she was honored with the John Franklin Goucher Medal for service and dedication to the college. In addition to overseeing a period of great technological change, she raised awareness and use of the library's outstanding special collections and was part of the collaborative initiative to develop an interdisciplinary minor in Book Studies. She was also an active participant in the design and building of the award-winning Athenaeum, of which the library is the largest element. She plans to stay in Baltimore and continue to enjoy BIBS activities.

Bibliophilic Miscellanea

Here's some summer reading for bibliophiles. From a recent NPR broadcast: John Grisham's new novel, *Camino Island*, is about bibliophilia. The 30th novel by bestselling author John Grisham will be published by Doubleday on June 6, 2017. Whether writing about F. Scott Fitzgerald's handwritten manuscripts, the worlds of bookselling and publishing, or the cat-and-mouse game between criminals and the Feds that chase them, John has outdone himself. Priceless F. Scott Fitzgerald manuscripts are stolen in a daring heist from the Firestone Library at Princeton University; a young woman is recruited to recover them; a beach resort bookseller gets more than he bargained for--all in one long summer on *Camino Island*. This heist thriller is cited as a "Best Summer Book 2017" by *Newsday*.

Programs for 2018

I'm always looking for ideas for topics and speakers. Please feel free to contact me at any time, if you have a suggestion. Or two...

Show & Tell

If you've recently added something to your collection (personal or institutional) and would like to "share with the class," please consider bringing your new or newly discovered item to a future meeting of the BIBS. We typically allow one "Show & Tell" before the guest speaker steps up to the podium. Time allotted: about 5 minutes. Please contact me prior to the actual meeting. Only one "Show & Tell" per meeting, due to time constraints.

2017 Membership Dues

If you haven't yet paid your dues, you may do so using check or PayPal. Dues are \$55.00. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Membership

And speaking of membership...if you know someone - or several someones - who might be interested in joining The Baltimore Bibliophiles, please tell them about our group. Invite them to an upcoming or future meeting. Membership brochures are available; we'll be glad to send them to you. Questions about membership? Please contact our president, Greg Roepke.

Baltimore Bibliophiles Executive Committee 2016-2017

President: Greg Roepke
Immediate Past President: Frank Batavick
Treasurer: Arthur S. Cheslock
Corresponding Secretary: Binnie Syril Braunstein
Recording Secretary: Nancy Perlman

At-Large Members of the Executive Committee

Gabrielle Dean: 1 year term - through 2017
Cheryl Thurber: 1 year term - through 2017
Ann von Forthuber: 2 year term - through 2018
Position to be filled: 2 year term - through 2018

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee

Membership Chair: Greg Roepke
Newsletter Editor/Program Committee: Binnie Syril Braunstein
Webmaster: Nicholas Rosasco

Baltimore Bibliophiles Executive Committee - Brainstorming Session - May 13, 2017

On Saturday, May 13th, our Executive Committee had a 3 hour brainstorming session at the Johns Hopkins Club. Among the items discussed: the need for fund raising, the appointment of a new board member to replace Mike Bowler.

One of the most important things discussed was our mission statement: The purpose of The Baltimore Bibliophiles is to provide a focus for community interest pertaining to books and manuscripts and the collecting thereof, book bindings, typography, printing, paper, calligraphy, prints and book illustration, maps, and aspects of the book arts such as book conservation, book design and related fields. Greg also provided a list of all of our current members' collecting interests, for reference. There was discussion about the BIBS' archives. And Art Cheslock offered a suggestion for a 2018 speaker, Marion Elizabeth Rodgers., who would speak on Mencken.

Contributions to the Newsletter

Please feel free to contact Binnie Syril Braunstein, Newsletter Editor if you have newsworthy items you'd like to "share with the class."