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With the results of the '06 election finally tallied, the Board welcomes its new officers-elect, who will assume their positions following the AGM in October: James Reid-Cunningham, who has served as VP this past year, as President; Karen Hammer, who has worked closely with Peter Verheyen, as Exhibitions Chairman; and Christopher McAfee, who has been shadowing Nancy Lev-Alexander, as Standards Chairman. Returning to their positions for a third term will be Jody Beenk as Newsletter Chairman, and Jane Meggers as Library Chairman. The combination of new and old will make a very strong Board, familiar with the ways of the Guild, but open to new ideas.

With Jim moving up into the President position, a vacancy will be left for the VP. According to the new By-laws, all vacancies are to be filled by Board appointment. The Board is already busy considering candidates and will have someone filling the position soon. It will be a one-year appointment as that position will come up for election next year. The second candidate for the Standards Chairman position, Constance Wozny, received strong support and our thanks for running. Ever helpful, Connie has offered to take over Jack Fitterer's post as the coordinator of Newsletter advertising. The Guild generally has no difficulty finding something to do for anyone who wants to help, either with the Guild or with one of the chapters. Anyone willing and able is always welcome.

Secretary Catherine Burkhard's election report contained a distressing fact, however. Although 240 ballots were received, a number of them had to be rejected as invalid. Some of them were postmarked after the July 1st deadline, some were unsigned, some checked none of the boxes, and some checked all of the boxes. And some sent them to the Treasurer instead of the Secretary—despite the fact that the return address was on the ballot—which caused an unnecessary delay. Our thanks go to the members who take the time to fill out and send in the ballots—their interest and support means a lot—but a little more attention to detail and to the instructions would be very much appreciated.

The Centennial plans are shaping up nicely. Kelli Piotrowski's local arrangements group is back, hard at work at a new level of details: planning the program and the conference packet, thinking about possible decorations and souvenirs, and finding out how best to use the many local members who have volunteered to help. Their help will be needed. One of the challenging aspects of the Centennial Celebration is that there are so many events planned for different places at different times, and getting around New York City is in itself a special science—or art form—that requires some planning. The instructions and map sent with the April Newsletter, plus the more detailed tour directions in this August Newsletter (all of which are posted on the GBW website) should help. Hopefully everyone will end up at the proper place at the proper time, or ten minutes before!

All sorts of good news keeps arriving. The Butler Library at Columbia University has announced plans to put together a special exhibition that will be of interest to those attending its tours or its Thursday evening Open House. The exhibition is entitled “Not Just Protecting the Text: Bookbindings from the Rare Book and Manuscript Library.” The talk given there at 6pm by Maria Fredericks, Drue Heinz Book Conservator at the Morgan Library and Museum, is entitled “A 15th century English Book Structure Revealed: Anthony Cains Re-binds the Ellesmere Chaucer.” The two Thursday evening Open Houses, one at Columbia and one at the Center for Book Arts, are being generously co-sponsored by Mel Kavin’s family of Kater-Crafts Bookbinders in California, and by Ralph Ocker of Ocker and Trapp/Bridgeport National Bindery in New Jersey. Both have been very supportive in the past of the book arts and the Guild. Their help now with the Centennial Celebration is greatly appreciated.

More good news: recently the Morgan Library and Museum has announced that it will give a 25% discount in its admissions fee ($9 instead of $12) to attendees over the three days of the celebration (October 12, 13, & 14). That is wonderful news as many will be interested in seeing the new Morgan that just opened in May after a three year, $106 million renovation. The Morgan, like most museums, has free admission on Friday evenings.

The 100th Anniversary Exhibition is almost buttoned up: the books are in Peter Verheyen’s hands in Syracuse and have been photographed; the catalog has been designed by Julie Leonard and Sara Sauers in Iowa (most handsomely from all reports) and is on its way to the printer. The catalog needs to be ready to be on sale for the opening on September 19th at the Grolier Club. The Guild exhibition will run for two months before it is disassembled and the contempo-
The earliest membership to report in (so far) is Daniel Gibson Knowlton, a bookbinder/conservator in Bristol, RI, who joined the Guild in 1956. He also sent along a CD made in September 2004, showing some of his techniques, equipment, examples of his work, personal history (he’s the nephew of Charles Dana Gibson, creator of the Gibson girls), and career, during the 67 years he’s been a binder. He’s worked for Brown University for 36 years and taught many students over the years, including Richard Minsky. Knowlton may be the only member of the 50-Year Club, but are there any others out there who’ve been members for 50 years?

Please keep sending back your archives questionnaires, which can be downloaded from the GBW site at: http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw/member/memservices.shtml

Barbara Kretzmann
GBW Archivist

GROlier CLUB RECEPTION

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American Museum of Natural History — Libraries and Conservation Laboratory
Central Park West and 79th Street, NY 10024

Tours: 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter the Museum at the 77th Street entrance between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue and meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the guard booth. Please do not bring backpacks or other oversized bags.
(Note: Due to construction, the 77th Street entrance may be inaccessible. If you are unable to enter the building using the 77th Street entrance, please use the Central Park West entrance and meet the Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the reception desk.)
(Nearest Subways: B, C train to 81st Street/Museum of Natural History)

Brooklyn Museum of Art — Libraries and Archives
200 Eastern Parkway at Washington Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11238

Tours: 11AM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter the Museum through the main entrance on Eastern Parkway. Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer in the Main Lobby between the Information Desk and the Coat Desk.
(Nearest Subways: 2, 3 train to Eastern Parkway. The station is located directly in front of the main entrance of the Brooklyn Museum of Art)

Center for Book Arts
28 West 27th Street, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10001

Tours/Demonstrations: 10AM, 12PM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter 28 West 27th Street, which is between 6th Avenue and Broadway (Broadway is east of 6th Avenue in this location). Take the elevator to the 3rd floor. The elevator will open to the Center for Book Arts reception area.
(Nearest Subways: R, W trains to 28th Street; F train to 23rd Street, 6 train to 28th Street)

Christie's (New York)
20 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020

Tour: 10AM
10AM Tour: Enter Christie's using the 20 Rockefeller Plaza entrance on West 49th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues. The entrance is across from NBC Rainbow Room. Mary Libby will conduct the tour and meet the participants at the reception desk.
(Nearest Subways: B, D, F, V trains to 47-50th Streets Rockefeller Plaza)
Columbia University — Butler Library
535 West 114th Street New York, NY 10027

Tours: 10AM, 11AM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter the campus grounds at 116th Street from Broadway or Amsterdam Avenue. Butler Library is located on the southern end of campus along 114th Street. Enter Butler Library through the main entrance. Give your name to the guard at the security desk and meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer in the rotunda/lobby behind the security desk.
(Nearest Subways: 1 train to 116th Street/Columbia University Station; B, C trains to Cathedral Parkway/110th Street Station)

Frick Art Reference Library
10 East 71st Street New York NY 10021

Tours: 10AM, 11AM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter the Frick Art Reference Library on East 71st Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues. Inform the guard in the lobby that you are attending a tour with the Guild of Book Workers and provide your name.
(Nearest Subway: 6 train to 68th Street/Hunter College Station)

Metropolitan Museum of Art — Watson Library and Book Conservation Laboratory
1000 Fifth Avenue at East 82nd Street New York, NY 10028

Tours: 10AM, 1PM
All Tours: Enter the Metropolitan Museum through the main entrance at the top of the staircase. Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the Group Reservation Desk in the Main Lobby.
(Nearest Subway: 4,5, 6 trains to 85th Street Station)

The Morgan Library and Museum
29 East 36th Street New York, NY 10016

Tours: 10AM, 11AM, 12PM
All Tours: Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the Staff and Visitor Entrance at 24 East 37th Street, between Madison and Park Avenues.
(Nearest Subway: 6 train to 33rd Street Station)

The New York Botanical Garden — The LuEsther T. Mertz Library
Bronx River Parkway and Fordham Road Bronx, NY 10458

Tours: 10AM, 11:30AM
10AM Tour: Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the information desk in the center of Grand Central Station at 9AM. The participants will purchase Metro-North train tickets to the New York Botanical Gardens. The volunteer will travel with the participants by train and escort them to the tour site.
11:30AM Tour: Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the information desk in the center of Grand Central Station at 10AM. The participants will purchase Metro-North train tickets to the New York Botanical Gardens. The volunteer will travel with the participants by train and escort them to the tour site.
(Nearest Subway to meeting point (Grand Central Station): 4, 5, 6, 7 trains to Grand Central Station/42nd Street)
The New York Historical Society
170 Central Park West New York, NY 10024

Tours: 10AM, 11:30AM, 2PM
All Tours: Enter the New-York Historical Society at 2 West 77th Street between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue. Meet in the rotunda and inform the guard that you are attending a tour with Alan Balicki. Alan Balicki will meet each group in the rotunda.
(Nearest Subways: B, C trains to 81st Street/Museum of Natural History)

New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street New York NY 10018

Tour of the Goldsmith Conservation Laboratory: 10AM, 12PM, 2PM
10AM, 12PM, 2PM Tours: Enter the New York Public Library through the service entrance at 11 West 40th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Meet a Guild of Book Workers volunteer at the security booth.

Tour of the Maggy Magerstadt Rosner Collection: 10:30AM
10:30AM Tour: Enter the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue between 42nd and 41st Streets. Please be advised that anyone carrying a bag will have it checked by security as they enter and leave the building. There is a cloakroom in the library to check your belongings. After checking in your coats/belongings go to room 308, the Wallach Reading Room for Prints and Photographs.
(Nearest Subways: 4, 5, 6, 7 trains to Grand Central Station/42nd Street; B, D, F, V trains to 42nd Street/Bryant Park; 1, 2, 3, 7 trains to Times Square/42nd Street)
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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of New York maintains a website that addresses virtually every question one may have about the system: http://www.mta.info/nyct/subway/howto.htm

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— Kelli Piotrowski, Local Arrangements Committee Chair

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Remember that the Guild and its Chapters are always looking for new ideas for events and volunteers to help stage those events throughout the year. For more information on GBW and each of the Chapters, visit: http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg/gbw/

Membership

Here is the membership information received by July 19, 2006, through membership renewals. If I have omitted something, I apologize. It is probably in the database, definitely if we discussed it over email. I will begin editing the 2006 Membership Directory at the end of August. Please direct all changes to Cris Takacs, Membership GBW, 112 Park Avenue, Chardon, OH 44024, or email: membership@guildofbookworkers.allmail.net

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Exhibit Opening Reception: September 29
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AUGUST 4: Northridge, CA: The Making of the Book: Five Centuries of Hand Bookbinding. An exhibit of the art and craft of bookbinding and decoration from the invention of printing to the eve of mechanized binding in the 19th c. at the Oviatt Library, 1811 Nordhoff St., Northridge, CA 91330-8326. Contact: 818-677-2638.

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