

The Greater New Orleans Archivists

Newsletter

Winter

1996

Next Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 1996
Time: 5:30 PM
Amistad Research Center
Tilton Hall
Tulane University

Winter Meeting

Our Winter Meeting is being hosted by The Amistad Research Center at Tulane University and will be held on Wednesday December 11th at 5:30 in the evening. Refreshments and a viewing of the Bertrand African Art exhibit will follow the meeting.

1996 Fall Meeting

Loyola University was the setting for the Fall meeting. Carol thanked Art Carpenter for hosting the meeting.

The GNOA offered an \$80.00 partial scholarship for the SAA workshop "Automating Finding Aids" to be held at the HNOC on December 7th. UNO Archivist Beatrice Owsley won (more information follows).

The GNOA brochures were sent to the Catholic Archives Conference (75) and to the Jewish Archives Conference (60). The remaining paper in the ream bought by the GNOA will be used to make copies of the brochure which will be handed out at the

winter meeting.

The following changes were made to GNOA By-laws: We shall meet a minimum of three times a year; a section titled "Terms of Office" was added. We voted to adopt the new By-laws with changes. Each member will receive a copy with Winter newsletter.

Norbert Raacke of the New Orleans Museum of Art talked on the digitalization of NOMA holdings and how things are progressing there.

Sally Reeves, Lee Miller, Wayne Everard, and Bill Meneray all added to the discussion on the 1996 SAA meeting. Wayne mentioned the standards for electronic archives. Sally remarked that GNOA attendance was high with many members presenting papers. Bill talked about the presentation on the evolution of Canadian archival description standards. It was also noted how everyone was using projected computers in their presentations.

Members were reminded of the GNOA name authority project.

Beatrice Owsley wins scholarship

University of New Orleans archivist won the GNOA's \$80.00 partial scholarship to attend the SAA workshop "Automating Finding Aids." Each applicant was asked to write 75 to 100 words on why they wanted to attend and how this workshop would help them in the performance of their job. Here is an excerpt from her winning essay, "One of my charges has been to organize existing inventory guides to our 285 collections, which are currently in hard copy, for eventual inclusion on the Internet...the upcoming workshop will aid me in formulating policies for the creation of an automated archival catalog at UNO." Congratulations Beatrice!

News From The Archives

Amistad Research Center at Tulane University

The 1996 Amistad Arts Gala is set for December 7. This year the Arts Awards go to musician and UNO professor Harold Battiste and Emmy-winning Actress Lynn Whitfield. For more information please contact the Amistad Research Center 865-5535.

The new Jacob Lawrence Toussaint Print: *Flotilla* is now available. *Flotilla* is based on image #37 of the series of 41 paintings. It portrays the ships bearing Napoleon's troops under General LeClerc arriving on the shore of Haiti.

The Amistad co-sponsored the Inaugural Conference of the Tulane-Cambridge Atlantic World Studies Group held November 21-23 at Tulane University Campus.

Recent Acquisitions

Dr. Jacob Carruthers Papers, 1977-1988 (.4. cu. ft.) This donation represents

the third addition to the Center's growing Afrocentric Archives. Dr. Carruthers, Professor at the Center for Inner City Studies of Northeastern Illinois University and Director of the Kemetite Institute in Chicago, is author of books on ancient African and Western philosophy, theology and morality. **Charles E. Donegan Papers, 1953-1996.** Prominent attorney and law professor's papers document his civil rights and social activism. Donegan is now in private practice in Washington and Chicago. This is an ongoing collection. **Dr. Sybil Kein Papers, 1969-1996.** Writings, clippings photographs and other items document this professor of English and Theater. Dr. Kein is a writer, poet, performer and lecturer, who writes on Creole culture. **William Pajaud Papers.** Addition to papers of framed water colorist includes correspondence, writings, art, sketches, photographs, catalogues, periodicals, and clippings. **Marvin E. Ellis Collection.** Contains photographs, clipping, publications, writings, and ephemera related to Haitian and other Creoles and the multiracial ethnic community in Miami.

Staff news

Reference Librarian/Archivist **Brenda B. Square** passed the 1996 ACA Certification exam given in San Diego. Processing Archivist **Arthur Moore** received his B.A. degree from SUNO this summer.

Exhibits

Bertrand African Art Collection is on display in the Center's mini-gallery. Donated by Dr. William Bertrand, a Tulane University Vice President, the collection includes more than 200 objects from ethnic groups of Zaire. The exhibit will focus on textiles, baskets, staffs, and drums from the Kuba Kingdom.

Archdiocesan Archives

On November 1, the Archdiocesan Archives published Sacramental Records of

the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Volume 11, 1813-1815. This index to all surnames in baptismal, marriage and funeral registers of New Orleans, Edgard, and St. Bernard includes 3,806 entries arranged under 2,357 surnames. The volume is particularly rich in Santo Domingan entries. The volume also includes the lone funeral entry of an American casualty of the battle of New Orleans - Juan Pelegrain who was buried on January 27, 1815 "as a result of being wounded in the battle against the English on January 8th.

New Orleans Public Library, Louisiana Division

On October 16, City Archives staff mounted an exhibit, *Building New Orleans*, at Gallier Hall for the occasion of the presentation of Mayor Marc Morial's budget message to the City Council. The exhibit used reproductions of photographs and documents from the Louisiana Division and City Archives collections to illustrate major building projects in New Orleans during the last 40 years. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the transfer of the City Archives to NOPL's care, the portion of NOPL's centennial exhibit featuring the City Archives Collection was also transferred for the occasion to the room in Gallier Hall which once housed the Lyceum Library--one of two collections merged in 1896 to form the New Orleans Public Library. Items from the past NOPL exhibits were in view in the Mayor's Parlor. After its evening at Gallier Hall, the exhibit moved to the Main Library where it remained on view through October. Selections from the exhibit can also be seen in NUTRIAS at home.gnofn.org/~nopl.

On October 26, the Louisiana Division hosted a class for beginning genealogists, the first of a series of classes to be held during the year. The class was conducted

by members of Genealogical Research Society of New Orleans.

The Louisiana Division has completed the third edition of *Genealogical Materials in the New Orleans Public Library's Louisiana Division and City Archives*, by Collin B. Hamer, Jr., Wane Everard, and Irene Wainwright. Slated for publication by the Friends of the New Orleans Public Library in the Spring, this comprehensive description of the materials available for genealogical research at NOPL has been mounted full text in NUTRIAS at home.gnofn.org/~nopl/guides/genguide/ggcover.htm.

Also new in NUTRIAS is the "Index to Parish Court Salve Emancipation, 1814-1843" (home.gnofn.org/~nopl/inv/vcp/Emancip.htm) and the "Index to Suit Records of the First Judicial District Court, 1813-1830" (home.gnofn.org/~nopl/inv/ljdc/ljdcind.htm), which is being added to NUTRIAS from an existing card index; currently plaintiff's names beginning with the letters "A" through "H" have been added, representing over 5500 suit records. Also new in NUTRIAS is a "Sample Index to Marriage Records," a sample of the full index to New Orleans Justices of the Peace marriage records (1846-1880) created by Louisiana Division staff and volunteers over the last 10 years (home.gnofn.org/~nopl/inv/jp/jpmarr.htm).

Collin B. Hamer, Jr., Head of the Louisiana Division, New Orleans Public Library, took part in a genealogical training session at the Bluebonnet Branch of the Baton Rouge Public Library on August 20. On September 21, he spoke to Le Comite des Archives de la Louisianne in Baton Rouge.

Wayne Everard participated in a panel on the records of the WPA's Historical Records Survey at the Fall Meeting of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association held at the Arsenal of the

Cabildo on November 15.

University of New Orleans

New Aquisitions

Carolyn Gay Labouisse Collection

1985-1995. Correspondence, booklets, reports which reflect a civic activist's participation in several New Orleans task force committies dealing with education in New Orleans. 3 linear feet. **Coralie G. Davis Collection** ca. 1950's-1990's.

Correspondence, invitations, photographs and minutes of meetings of various women's carnival organizations in New Orleans, La. 3 linear feet. **Robert J. Drueding Collection.** 1930-1940's.

Correspondence and reports initiated by Drueding while employed as a civil engineer by the Orleans Parish Levee Board. 1 linear foot. **J. Philip Preddy Collection.** 1918, 1949-1953.

Photographs, pamphlets, artwork, correspondence and newspaper clippings concerned with the work of Preddy. Employed for many years in the advertising department of Krauss Company Ltd., he also produced artwork for Louisiana newspapers and painted murals in religious institutions. 1 1/2 linear feet. **OPSB Collection** 1980-1990. Orleans Parish School Board files include correspondence, board minutes, and legal files. 18 linear feet. **George Reinecke Collection.** 1960's. Correspondence and reports concerned with his employment at UNO. 1 box. **UNO Collection.** 1990-1995.

Correspondence, reports, enrollment summaries, election returns and budgets from the Student Government Association. 15 linear feet.

Events, Exhibitions, Meetings

University of New Orleans, 1958-1969.

Two-case display consisting of photographs, pamphlets and memorabilia concerned with the early days of UNO, and used in conjunction with the celebration of

Founders Day at the University Center which was held on September 6, 1996. Source material was drawn from the UNO Collection. **Earl K. Long Birthday Celebration.** Two-case display consisting of material on Long, exhibited at a reception of the Friends of the Library which was held on August 6, 1996.

Staff News

Beatrice R. Owsley, Acting Head, gave a presentation on the early years of UNO on August 6, 1996 at the Notable Training Workshop held on campus. As co-chair of the local planning committee, she hosted a meeting for the Oral History Association's committee which will organize the 1997 convention in New Orleans. Her review of the book, Galatorie's Cookbook, appeared in the Summer Issue of LLA.

Marie Windell, Associate Archivist, chaired the first joint session on archives and history at the 1996 annual meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association and the plenary session of the biennial Southern Archivist Conference in New Orleans. She Presented papers at the annual meetings of the following organizations: Southern Historical Association at Little Rock: "From Equality to Separation: Louisiana Landmark cases in civil rights before the Plessy case"; the Society of American Archivists in San Diego, "Appeals for Justice: legal archives as historical resources on free people of color"; and Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association, "The Black Writers' Project: Inventories by the Historical Records Survey (WPA)."

Tulane University

Manuscripts Department

Mary LeBlanc, Tulane Manuscripts Department, is volunteering to help organize the records of the St. Vincent dePaul Society. The records will then be transferred to the Archives of the

Archdiocese of New Orleans. The society is a charitable organization devoted to helping the poor and needy in Roman Catholic parishes. Mary also attended the fall meeting of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association November 15 in New Orleans. **Ann Case**, assistant university archivist, Tulane University, attended the fall meeting of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association in New Orleans November 15. Ann was also recently elected president of TULSA, the Tulane University Libraries Staff Association, and recently successfully passed all written and oral examinations for her doctorate in Anthropology. She is currently working on her dissertation in Historical Archaeology. **Kevin Fontenot**, Tulane Manuscripts Department, spoke September 21st at a seminar on Lafcadio Hearn in New Orleans. Kevin discussed New Orleans during the 1880s and 1890s when Hearn lived here. Kevin also received Howard-Tilton Memorial Library's Outstanding Service Award April 17, 1996. He received the award at the library's Staff Appreciation Day dinner held annually during National Library Week. The award and dinner are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Tulane Library.

W. R. Hogan Jazz Archive

Oral history interviews by **Tad Jones** for the Hogan Jazz Archive totalled 37 reels, including interviews with Tex Stephens, Wardell Quezergue, Wallace Davenport, Alvin "Red" Tyler, June Gardner, and Curtis Mitchell. More recently, the personal collection of jazz trumpeter Max Kaminsky came in--19 boxes of sheet music, recordings, film, memoirs, and other personal papers. Also, there was a press conference at House of Blues on November 11 to announce receipt of the **Jim Gabour/Cox Communications** donation of the "Music City" series from the

early 1980s. Cox Communications will also be donating programs from the LTV and Louisiana Jukebox series.

Latin American Library

The Library is exhibiting *Maya Rubbings* by Merle Greene Robertson, and the *10th Annual Day of the Dead Exhibit* organized by Ruth Olivera. *Nacimientos, Latin American Nativity Scenes* will replace the *Day of the Dead* exhibit beginning December 9th.

News Notes

NUCMC News

The National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC), a free-of-charge cooperative cataloging program operated by the the Library of Congress, is pleased to announce that during the current fiscal year (October 1996 - September 1997) the NUCMC World Wide Web page will contain a link to a search form that will provide researchers with free access to the RLIN AMC file through LC's WWW/z39.50 gateway. The RLIN AMC file is widely recognized as a critically important source of information concerning archival and manuscript collections and includes all online cataloging created by NUCMC. To find the gateway, simply locate the NUCMC Web page at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc>. Once there, click on either the NUCMC cataloging icon or the Utilities icon. No account number or password will be necessary to search the RLIN AMC file. Comments regarding the usefulness of the gateway and suggestions of ways to improve it are welcome. For more information concerning the gateway or the NUCMC program, contact the NUCMC Team, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20540-4375 (telephone: (202) 707-7954; fax: (202) 707-7161; Internet: nucmc@mail.loc.gov).

GNOA New Members

Sr. Lillian Conaghan, R.S.C.J. of the Academy of the Sacred Heart has joined the organization. Welcome to the GNOA.

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Greater New Orleans Archivists

By-Laws

Adopted 17 September 1996

Article I NAME

This organization's name shall be the Greater New Orleans Archivists.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to all those in the metropolitan area of New Orleans who are working or training in archival work.
2. The organization should charge \$5.00 annual dues. A dues adjustment can be passed by a 2/3 majority of members present at a December meeting.

Article III MEETINGS

1. The organization shall meet a minimum of three times a year.
2. Meetings will be held at various archival repositories on a rotating basis. The host repository may share or supplement the cost of refreshments.
3. New business maybe introduced at any meeting. Elections are held every two years at the December meeting.

Article IV ORGANIZATION

1. Officers.
 - A. Elected officers of the organization shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - B. Term of Office.
 1. Each officer serves a two year term of office. Starting after their election to office at the December meeting in an odd calendar year and ending with the election of new officers in the following odd calendar year.
 2. Should an officer be unable to complete their two year term, a special election will be held at the next meeting to replace the officer for the duration of the term. Should the President have to leave office the Secretary will act as president until a new President is elected.

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C. Duties.

President arranges organization meetings; presides at all meetings and seeks members to serve on committees.

Secretary takes minutes at all meetings of the organization; maintains a copy of the current by-laws; edits the organization's newsletter; and notifies members of meetings.

Treasurer is custodian of all funds; receives all membership dues; and reports to the organization at meetings on the financial standing of the organization.

2. Committees

A. The President is authorized to establish special committees to work on projects.

B. Committees shall report to the membership on their progress at each meeting.

Article V ELECTIONS

1. Elections are held every two years (odd calendar years) at the Winter Meeting, held in December.

2. Nominating

A. A nomination committee consisting of the acting President and at least three former presidents will nominate members for office.

B. Nominations can be made and seconded from the floor prior to the election of each officer.

3. No person shall be elected to any office or named to any position of responsibility who shall not be present at the said election or nomination and who shall not have freely offered his or her name for the purpose.

4. Voting shall be by secret ballot when there is more than one candidate for a particular office.

Article VI AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended at the December meeting by a 2/3 vote of those members present, provided that membership is notified in the newsletter mailed prior to the December meeting.