Conference Time Again!

Now that we’re all thawing out a bit (finally!), it’s time to turn our attention to that annual “Spring fling” where the SOA faithful gather and revel each year.

Well, o.k. maybe “revel” is the exact word I should use, but we do have a great time and have an opportunity to learn and network at the SOA Annual Meeting and Spring Conference. This year the conference theme is Access & Accessibility: Tradition & Technology and it will take place May 20 – 22 at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. (See pg. 2 for more information.)

. . . and if you know of an individual or organization that has worked to improve the state of archives in Ohio over the past year, please consider nominating them for the 2009 SOA Merit Award. It’s a great way to say “thank you” to those who give us their time and support. More info on this can be found on pg. 4.

Until I see you at the conference, stay warm and well!

--Beth A. Kattelman, editor

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It’s Time to Pay Your Dues!

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The Society of Ohio Archivists (SOA) will hold its 2009 annual meeting "Archival Access & Accessibility: Tradition & Technology" at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus, Ohio, May 20-22, 2009, beginning with a pre-conference workshop on fundraising and development planning on Wednesday, May 20.

Highlights of the conference include: panel sessions on various issues, including digitization, access, reference services, grant-seeking, and other topics; student poster sessions; exhibits from organizations and vendors (tentative); a silent auction; and the annual membership meeting of the Society. Registration includes catered lunches, snacks, and a reception (with live music, cash bar, and special after-hours access to the exhibit, "Soul! Art from The National Afro-American Museum") on Thursday evening. Our plenary speaker will be Jill Hurst-Wahl, president of Hurst Associates, Ltd., a Professor of Practice in Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies, and the author of the “Digitization 101” blog; she will speak about “What we are learning from Google & Flickr about digitization and partnership.”

Registration information is forthcoming by mail and via the SOA website, where online registration will be available. Hotel accommodations will be available at the Ramada Inn, 4900 Sinclair Road, at a discounted rate ($74 plus tax) for conference attendees. For more information, see the conference page on the SOA website or contact

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AWARD
Two applicants will be rewarded, each to receive a stipend to attend the Spring Society of Ohio Archivists Conference. One recipient, who resides within 50 miles from the conference site, will receive free conference registration. The other recipient must live more than 50 miles away from the conference site. This recipient will receive free registration and $150 to cover travel and hotel accommodations.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligibility for the stipend is open to all current SOA members and graduate students pursuing a career in archives.

Applications will be rated based on:
- Applicant’s written statement of how conference will benefit them professionally
- Applicant’s scholarship and contribution to archives, in comparison with his/her number of years in the field or academic study
- Applicant’s level of financial support for attending the conference

Recipients are expected to attend both Thursday and Friday of the conference and will be recognized publicly for their achievements. In addition, the winners will be asked to write a column in the Ohio Archivist describing their experience at the conference.

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The Society of Ohio Archivists is now accepting nominations for the 2009 SOA Merit Award. The SOA Merit Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have by excellence in deeds, actions, or initiatives improved the state of archives in Ohio over the past year. Please take this opportunity to acknowledge your outstanding colleagues and their work by assisting SOA in identifying those individuals and organizations who exemplify the very best in the field.

The deadline is March 30. The awards presentation will take place during the SOA Annual Meeting and Conference in Columbus, Ohio (May 20-22, 2009).

For more information about the award and how to nominate an individual or an organization please go to the merit award page on the SOA Web site at http://www.ohioarchivists.org/merit.html.

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Workshop
“Digital Preservation Management: Short-Term Solutions for Long-Term Problems”

ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
May 3-8, 2009

The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) is now hosting the workshop curriculum originally developed at Cornell by Anne R. Kenney and Nancy Y. McGovern.

The application form for the workshop will be available by 9am ET on Feb. 23, 2009 - there will be a link to the application form on this page until registration is full (24 participants):

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/dpm/workshops/registration.html.

The intended audience for the workshop series is managers at organizations who are or will be responsible for digital preservation. Additional information about the workshop series and future dates are available at: http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/dpm/workshops/fiveday.html.

The workshop series has been developed with funding from NEH.

If you have questions, please contact digital-preservation@icpsr.umich.edu

Nancy Y McGovern Director,
Digital Preservation Management (DPM) Workshop Series
Lincoln Originals at Cincinnati Museum Center

Lincoln Originals at Cincinnati Museum Center is an online exhibition to commemorate the life and career of Abraham Lincoln. The exhibition features digital scans of primary historical documents in Abraham Lincoln's hand, or signed by him, drawn from the diverse manuscript holdings at Cincinnati Museum Center.

The exhibit consists of approximately a dozen documents, arranged chronologically, with accompanying text, captions, transcriptions, and images. The original documents span the period from 1859 to 1864 and cover a variety of topics, from routine matters to important issues.

Included are letters from Lincoln to Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase, Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, Reverend William Nast, and a handwritten copy of Lincoln's Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction.

The exhibition is part of Cincinnati Museum Center's continuing effort to digitize its historical resources and make them available to the widest possible audience.

http://library.cincymuseum.org/lincoln/lincolnoriginals.htm

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