

Lisa Mullinax, Sadie Somerville, Barbara Macklem, Elaine Hickey, Maria Burslem, Hans Francke, Allan Kleban, Pat Morrison, Melissa Parsonson, Liz Jones-Minsinger –Curator Guest- Danny Schweers for Arden advisory committee

Barbara reported on the **upcoming election for the Arden Craft Shop Museum Board** and how to fill out secret ballots for those who wish to vote anonymously. The folder with the list to sign, ballots and envelopes will be at the front desk.

The Archives Committee **Crab cakes dinner** at the Gild Hall went very well, we all had fun doing it. We made record time in serving it to 130 people in 20 minutes! Also made a bit more than last year. Great job everyone.

Barbara and Robin talked about plans for our **Shakespeare exhibit** this year Also will mount a mini exhibition of **Arden Landscapes** which will be up for the ACRA House and Garden Tour (May 21) **Plans for this fall's exhibit (in October 2017)** will be on the Ardens Homes and Buildings.

Others suggested that we could possibly have a museum talk for Shakespeare with Mary Catherine Kelly? Ask people to give us stories on their homes Invite people for genealogy and history of houses? Rae Gerstine kept records of leaseholders and land rents in Arden (Part of Archive Collection) Arrange a walking tour. Get more historic information on homes in Ardentown and Ardencroft, Land rent records? Lecture on history of homes, maybe arrange for someone for a speaking engagement? Maybe, some houses in exhibit can be on House and Garden Tour Next year?

Sadie reported that the **Hamburger Lecture series funds** have a balance of which the Hamburgers have pledged to come to the Arden Archives. They stated in correspondence that the funds are: for exhibits, acquisitions, curator and other items related to the Archives Committee activities in the museum. The funds are not for building maintenance repairs additions and equipment.

Liz explained that we have gone over the amount of data that the software used for our **Photo project, airtable** allows (up to 1200). We need to upgrade for at least another 200 images and information. It is \$12 month Kelsey and Liz have been trying to get in touch with Air Table for information on Not For Profit pricing? Liz has been unsuccessful in reaching the company, no replies from them. She needs to figure out what to do to keep the photo project going forward.

Also, she says she just needs to catch up on recent acquisitions that are already accepted for cataloging

Liz presented new items for acquisition from the estate of **Jim Semenick**

Jim was music master for Shakespeare

Drawing of Rest Harrow (little Arden) by Jim Badner, a floral **pastel by Edith Ware**, a **box of misc. Arden archives** including Some Songs, Ardensingers librettos, Grubbs Corner story of three ardens, pamphlet, etc. **A velvet costume** from Ardensingers (or Shakespeare?)

All were accepted, the duplicate paper items, do not need to be returned and Archives can do what they want with them.

Barbara reported that the Art Closet in the back storage area, has been redone so that the art now is raised off the floor. Robin, Liz and Barbara created a system that is best for the works for safety and better storage.

Elaine reported that someone who lives across the Creek from Arden who has lived there for since 1930's, **has items to donate to the Arden Archives**. Arrowheads and a bannerstone found along the creek.

Liz will look at our collections and call him to get ask specific questions about the location where these items were found.

Sandy Hurlong dropped off a Disc with images of Bunni Hurlongs paintings of Shakespeare costumes. Liz will follow up with her to see if she will loan the originals for the Shakespeare exhibit and if the archives can have permission to reproduce the images she provided to us.

Lisa said that the most popular inquiry from people is information and photos of their houses. Liz Broadbent recently asked if we had any early images of her home. Currently called Oznok. There are images in our online Photos. The Wynnes lived their before "Saints Rest"

We have images of every structure in Arden by Danny Schweers from the landmark proposal.

Melissa said her **neighbor has photos of houses in Ardentown** that she wants to give to Archives. These and others would be perfect for our exhibition next year.