

Archives Minutes February 10, 2021

Via **Zoom conference** and attendance at the Museum due to Covid-19 Stay at home and social distancing

**Attendance:**

Arden: Lisa Mullinax; chair, Sadie Somerville; secretary, Barbara Macklem, Maria Burslem, Elaine Hickey  
Ardentown: Beverly Hawkins, **Allan Kleban, Melissa Parsonson, Christiana Dobrzynski** (new Ardentown)  
Ardencroft: Pat Morrison, **Marty Brent Whipple**, Abby Harting; curator  
**Robin MacDonald**; volunteer, **Liz Jones**- Minsinger; volunteer, **Jena Gilbert-Merrill**, guest  
**Note: bold** names met on Zoom, all others met at the Museum

Introduction and **welcome to Christiana Dobrzynski** as a representative for Ardentown.  
Ardentown Town meeting started to talk about celebrating the towns Centennial in 2022.  
Terri Hansen is working on Centennial plans. Let Archives know when the meetings for planning will occur.

**Museum sign up for museum sitting in March**

<u>Wednesday evening 7:30-9</u>	<u>Sunday afternoon 1:00-3</u>
3 - Beverly	7- Sadie
10- Next Meeting	14- Elaine
17- Pat	21 Lisa
24- Allan	28 - Vicki
31- Maria	

Jena Gilbert-Merrill, a graduate student at Winterthur, joined the meeting via Zoom, she is working on a project with **Arden Archives for her Oral History**: theory and Practice class with Professor Guiler. She met with Sadie, Lisa and Barbara at the Museum yesterday and started her research reading transcribed oral histories, listening to and transcribing digitized recordings, collecting information on the people interviewed. She will do new interviews and bring them all together for a final project, a podcast that can be accessed through the ACSM website. Lisa and Jena tried out the transcription service **Otter.ai** on the Museum computer. Subscription 600 minutes a month/ \$99 year. It quickly transcribes directly from a digital recording but can do from an audio recording and from a Zoom recording. You can listen and transcribe at the same time. It also picks out key words in the transcript.  
Send Sadie an email [sadiesom45@gmail.com](mailto:sadiesom45@gmail.com) with any suggestions for people to be interviewed. She will make a list and send it out to the committee.

Curator Report

**Archival grouping** relevant helpful material, ads, news articles etc. -accepted  
Abby and Barbara went to see a cut out of a "Pan figure" (half man half goat) by Ken Mabrey done on ¼" pressboard 50" wx 60" tall? Head is 1 ft high.  
What was it done for? Is it something for the museum collection?  
It would need a good amount of conservation work, it is flimsy and difficult to store. Allan will contact the artist for Abby to call him to learn more about the piece and it's provenance. Allan says it was found on the curb outside Ken's house.

Abby thanked Barbara, Liz and Robin who helped **reinstalled "Equality in the Ardens" exhibition** within the museum space (gallery) and moved a few art pieces out of the "15 treasures exhibition" replacing with other artworks (on the opposite wall.)

Mary Brent Whipple says that the **Ardencroft** secretary has old **Black and White photos** we need to look at. Barbara has contacted the secretary, Evelyn Knotts, about them. She explained that a long-term loan would not be an option but a donation to the archives would be most welcome.

Mary Brent suggested and we discussed adding Shari and Pat Phalan's Covid-19 story to the archives. Since it was printed in the Arden Page it will be added to the Arden Page archive. It can also be added to a

separate collection for “**Collecting during Quarantine** “ which includes some digital photos and material collected by Pat Morrison and Sadie Somerville.

See link below to add to the collection “How the Ardens Community has adapted during the Pandemic( Covid-19)” i.e.; ACRA events, arden Club, town assembly etc.

<http://www.ardencraftshopmuseum.com/community-collecting-in-quarantine.html>

see also: Queens Memory Project and Atlantic History Collection.

Not much has been found about the 1918 Spanish flu newsletters from the past include the Arden Leaves, 1910- , Town Crier 1917-1946, Arden Page (Barbara Fenske started 1974, Cecilia Vore continued, Lisa Mullinax 1990's-current) , Club Calendar, Club Talk

Barbara - **New Alarm** to be installed will keep all posted with date and new entry procedures

**Question** from Pam Politis about **construction** in the front of her home, which was originally Upton Sinclair's, is concrete and glass. Does anyone know other homes built this way?