

Archives Minutes November 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: Melisa Parsonson

Ardencroft: Pat Morrison, **Mary Brent Whipple**

Abby Harting; Curator, **Liz Jones-Minsinger**, **Volunteer, Vicki Scott; Volunteer**

Guest: Carol Larson

Note: bold names met on Zoom

Carol Larson suggested an idea for a **silver Dogwood pendant** made by Wilmington jeweler, Anna Biggs, to sell in the Museum shop. She showed an example to us. They can be ordered on spec. Biggs can cast the design as a necklace, earrings, brooch. A percentage of the sales would go to the museum. Retail \$69

Discussion with the Committee: Traditionally, our policy is to sell only items that are related to Arden Artist's works that we have in our collection. This piece, although we all like it, would not fit our museum direction or our sales policy. It could possibly be an idea for a special fundraiser or event. The price is higher than anything we do sell and it could possibly be a tax issue. We will get back to Carol.

Annual Giving Campaign- Sadie reports that it is going well. Barbara says only seven addresses were returned to sender which indicates that our Mailing list is up to date!

Artisans Winter Market on Sunday November 28, 2021 from 11-3 on the village Green. ACSM will set up a table outside to offer gift items from our museum shop. Lisa will print more Louise Roberts cards.

Beverly, Vicki and Pat will help 11-12 Beverly, 1-2 Pat, 2-3 Vicki. Barbara will be there too. Artisans may use the rest rooms in the Community room during the artisan market.

Archives Work day was very successful moving the sculptures and furniture from the porch and all the files from the file drawers so that the new flooring can be put down.

Abby grateful to all who volunteered to help move everything.

One plaster piece split when moved. It was packed safely away until we can get reopened and then look into repairing it.

The blue glass console/shelf can be given away not part of the collection.

Maybe photo and send to artisans?

Remodeling of the Apartment is ready. Studio apartment is ready to rent, contact Patterson Schwartz

Work to begin in Museum next week. Carpet or vinyl (wood) flooring? Ken Morrison will look at the floor to see if level enough to do vinyl floor. It may be more work to make the floor level.

May reopen Museum in the end of Jan. Jan 30 Exhibition opening?

Sadie report on **Rose Valley walking tour**

Over the weekend November 6 and 7, Rose Valley Museum held a conference on the **Arts and Crafts Movement- from John Ruskin to William Lightfoot Price**, with guest speakers including Ruskin scholar Jim Spates, Professor Tom Guiler, we have worked with at Winterthur, and now at Oneida, NY and Barbara who delivered a brilliant talk on Arden “You Are Welcome Hither: The three Ardens and the single tax community “

The weekend was followed with an option to come to Arden for a tour and lunch. The “You Are Welcome Hither: Arden Walking Tour of Will Price’s Arden 1900-1916. We had 25 visitors from the conference, and all of it was made possible by our Archives Committee volunteers who helped set up, greet and direct people to the Gild Hall parking, set up and decorate tables, put out chairs, and sort the lunches when delivered by name as well as clean up and stacking chairs afterward.

Barbara gave an excellent “welcome hither” introduction to the tour group and Rodney and I and Archives volunteers and a few other Ardens volunteers took two groups on the walking tour to see the Architecture of Will Price in Arden (that were sponsored by Joseph Fels (Fels Oak).

Thanks to Maria, Elaine, Pat, Beverly, Lindsey, Rick, and Steve, Everyone had a great time and they were excited to learn about Arden and the tour was a success.

WHYY came back on Monday, November 8 to shoot the final part with the host of the show for an introduction and ending at the Stile Gate, the Gild Hall and the stone bench on the Arden Green with Lisa Mullinax assisting.

Thinking of a watch party. Need to check dates for best time after it is aired.

New acquisitions:

Halloween Mirror by Cookie Kelly Accepted

Memorial program from Marjorie Mabrey’s memorial service August 14th 2021 and

Book of poetry Lighthouse poet; Bonnie Philips Accepted

1923 Bluebird Inn Menu from Linda Eaton’s house on Cherry Lane Accepted

Arden Fair Original Poster “Girl in bonnet with Sheep” Louise Roberts? Accepted

Sally Hamburger passed away on October 15, 2021

Abby will compile a blog from **committee members remembrances**. Send a line or two to her to use in the blog

Liz worked on the transcript from the 1997 interview with Sally