

Archives Minutes January 13, 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,
Ardentown: Beverly Hawkins Ardencroft: Pat Morrison, Robin MacDonald; volunteer,
Abby Harting; curator **Note:** Because of Internet difficulty those who met in person at the museum had the meeting without Zoom, Robin and Abby called in.

Barbara and Beverly **researched and provided the Arden Club** president Pat Toman with early Arden Club History for use on their new design website. Including a letter signed by Frank Stephens and Will Price giving over the leasehold with the Large Barn (now the Gild Hall) in return for stock in the incorporated Club, dated 1909. Pat said with Covid -19 that the website project is put on hold for now but appreciated the research and the information provided.

Museum sitting calendar for February

Feb 3- Beverly, Feb 7- Sadie, Feb 10- Archives Meeting, Feb14 -Vicki, Feb 17- Maria, Feb 21- Pat
Feb 24- and Feb 28 are still Open

Arden Archives committee election coming up in March and Lisa Mullinax, Barbara Macklem and Maria Burslem are up for reelection.

Oral History- Lisa talked to Jeff Politis the Arden Town assembly Chair about archives use of the Zoom account for Oral history project which will allow us to do oral histories by phone or video conference and save the recordings.

Meanwhile, Lisa is testing out some Transcription services to see how accurate they are and which to use. Barbara says the **transcribed interviews will need to be read** and edited for corrections and accuracy anyway and we can also create a finding aid using keywords from them.

Sadie in touch with Professor Guiler and his student Jena Gilbert-Merrill who is planning her Oral history project at the ACSM with a **three-prong approach:**

- 1) do some of archival work that we had discussed including **listening to and transcribing some of the older interviews** that Arden has and potentially **working on a finding aid**
- 2) help with **conducting some new interviews;**
- 3) to **create a podcast** where I can **bring together some of Arden's older and newer oral histories** that will hopefully be able to live on the Arden website.

All of this together might end up being more than she can accomplish during this semester, so her **priority will be the podcast** and she will adjust the rest of it depending on what we need and how it goes.

Pat named several **older residents that should be interviewed first** such as William Williams Ardencroft, Hugh and Marge Roberts and more.

Abby Harting our curator called in with a curator report

The current exhibition on Equality in the Ardens will be transitioned into the main gallery space of the museum so the Community room can be opened up again for workspace and future rentals. Barbara, Robin, Liz and Abby will work on moving it at the end of January.

Museum vistors

Pat and Sadie had no visitors on Dec 27 and January 3, Maria had a Local History writer visit who made an appointment to learn more about Renzetti.

Maria reported that The Holiday Market was a success for both the Arden Club and the BWVC.