

## Archives Minutes April 14, 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: **Allan Kleban, Melissa Parsonson,**

Ardencroft: **Pat Morrison,** Abby Harting; curator

**Robin MacDonald;** volunteer, **Ellen Dolmetsch** (volunteer)

**Note: bold** names met on Zoom, all others met at the Museum

### **Schedule for May**

	Sunday 2- Sadie
Wednesday 5- Pat	Sunday 9- Elaine
Wednesday 12 – Meeting	Sunday 16- Vicki
Wednesday 19- Maria	Sunday 23- Lisa
Wednesday 26- open	Sunday 30- open

If you can museum sit please see the dates that are still open.

Barbara convened the meeting and held election for Arden Archives Committee Chair. Lisa Mullinax was reelected. Welcome back to Ellen Dolmetsch who has previously served on the Arden Archives Committee and is a willing volunteer.

Barbara asked if anyone had issues using the new alarm for entry and exit to the museum alarm system. All worked easily and there were no problems.

Arden Craft Shop Museum **Board meeting to be held on April 21**, The Arden page had ballots to vote in the **Board elections** for officers. Secret Ballots will be available on the front desk for the election with instructions on how to vote.

Museum will participate in another **Artisans Trail** that may be sometime between late April- Early June Instead of contributions to the Arden Club and BWVC the artisans trail will benefit a **Youth Scholarship** which the ACSM will handle the funds to administer from the event.

**ACRA** will have a **program this summer** and the ACSM will participate.

Barbara noted that the **new file cabinet** under the front desk is now where the items that were store in the files behind the desk are now kept. It is much easier to access. The ipad is on top of the cabinet.

**Sadie reported on the Oral history project** progress. Jena Gilbert-Merrill has gathered research information on past oral histories, and listened to a number that were digitized and has transcribed a number of them using Otter.ai. She has completed an interview with Sandy Hurlong in Mexico and transcribed and corrected it on Otter. Two other students in the Winterthur Oral history class are arranging interviews. One, who was interested in theater is set up with Allan Kleban.

Lisa will try to OCR the written oral history transcripts to have a digital copy for Archives.

### **Abby Curators report**

#### **Acquisitions:**

Two photos of early Arden structure? Found in the Monastery	Accepted
Book Chris Barrish's Fatal Embrace	Accepted
2 handmade masks by Linda Good and misc Covid related materials to go in Covid Collection	Accepted
Misc archival material	Accepted

Ribbons for Swim club, notecards and postcards  
Older study manual for Henry George Economics

Accepted  
Accepted

**Exhibitions:** Currently prepping for the 2021 exhibition for **Ardentown's 100<sup>th</sup>** anniversary  
Possibly doing a catalog with professional photography.

Other business:

Sadie attended a Rose Valley Museum lecture on Zoom with the former curator of the Moravian Tile works in Doylestown, Pa. (Mercer Tiles) she contacted him afterward to introduce him to Arden and the Moravian tiles in the Village. She invited him to visit at some point. Maybe we can make a trip to the tile works in the future, when he is going to be curator again.

Buildings with Mercer Tiles identified: Green Gate, Rest Harrow, Burgage, Roberts Studio (little Lane) and fireplace at Rest Cottage.

Gary Mullinax was inspired to write about George Brown the Anarchist who lived at his leasehold in Arden and Allan Kleban and Sadie Somerville have written stories about Arden's past in the Arden Page.

Allan will help put together new shelving for Archival storage. Need Rubber mallet to assemble.

Arden Fair is being considered. Decision will be in line with the state and CDC

Jeanne Covert would like to know more about the house at 2215 Mill Lane which once was the Carriage house for the Large Brick house (Hornung's) Maria says the Holcombs lived there.