

Archives minutes 3-9-22

Via **Zoom conference** 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, Allan Kleban, Beverly Hawkins, Terri Hansen

**Ardencroft:** Pat Morrison

Abby Harting; Curator, Charlotte O'Shaughnessy, Intern, Robin MacDonald, Volunteer, Liz Jones-Minsinger, Volunteer, Vicki Scott; Volunteer, Barbara Henry, Candidate for Archives Committee,

**Memorial service for Sally Hamburger** to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the first Unitarian Church on Concord Pike. Date and time will be in the April Arden Page

Welcome to **Charlotte O'Shaughnessy**, she is interning at the ACSM to **work on digitizing the Ardentown Leasehold Book!** As you may remember the Ardentown Trustees gave the original book of leasehold documents from 1922-30's to the Museum, with the request that they would receive a digitized copy. The condition of the pages is fragile and some leases were glued on top of older records.

Charlotte O'Shaughnessy plans to be at the museum one day a week - probably on Wednesdays during the day. Charlotte has a MA in history, as well as a Certificate in Museum Studies from the U of D. She also is working as the Director of the Aberdeen Historical Museum.

The **Ardentown Leasehold Book** will be the centerpiece of our fall exhibition marking the Centennial of Ardentown. We are looking forward to celebrating with them.

She has an app to use to scan the documents and create a PDF with an index for the leaseholders.

Terri Hansen's Grandparents moved to Ardentown in 1929 and she is planning to put up Ardentown images on the website.

It was **suggested that if the Village of Ardentown would like to help** with the expense of digitizing the leaseholder book it would be great.

**Sadie report on WHY? extras**

About getting **additional footage from WHY?**

Unfortunately, WHY? is not able to offer anything beyond the program that was produced.

Karen, the producer agrees that Arden is so much more than I was able to share. Her goal was simply to give viewers a basic overview of what makes the village so special, its community spirit, which she hopes she achieved.

However, she spoke to Joanne Colameco about perhaps helping her to pull a couple sections for the archives.

This would not be possible right now because we are all so pressed with other things. Not enough staffing and still under covid restrictions. One option is that they will be getting interns later this year she could probably assign this task to them.

She will reach out to me to find out the specific footage we would like, in a few months. Lisa and Barbara I will give me some ideas for what they know that they Shot.

**WHYY** is interested in doing something with Arden to hold a **community Screening** sometime after the covid restrictions are dropped and people can gather again and that they have more staff back.

**For Terri Hansen and Ardentown centennial** to contact WHYY "You Outa Know" about any special celebrations and announcements. Karen will get me contact info to pass on to you

Feb 25: **ACSM had a request** from a **researcher looking for** information about the **Landlords Game**. He is working on a PBS film on the subject and Mary Pilon, who wrote the book on Monopoly several years, is an advisor on the project. Project is WGBH Boston funded and Insignia Films.

We have several images of the game board in our photo collection and it is noted that it belonged to Mamie Woolery. Barbara is working on tracking down where the board game is now.

### **Update on remodeling the museum**

Issues were discovered under the floor waiting now for plan to fix the problems.

Maybe we can have it done in April?

**Received the grant from John Cartier** to use toward the restoration of the bust of Henry George. If you see him please say thank you to him.

Lisa has **designed wonderful ad to place in the ACRA directory** for the Arden Craft Shop Museum, which will come out in May. She is donating her time and the design work. The ACSM will get exposure to all the residents of the Ardens with the directory ad.

Lisa bought a used **microcassette player** for the **microcassette tape** that we have in oral histories. She will check if the micro cassette recorder will connect with the cord that we used for transfer of cassette tapes to digital (Computer)

**Abby, Curator report:** no new acquisitions to add to collection

Reorganized the art and placed back into art storage

Posting "Postcards from the Past" on Facebook

**Ardentown Centennial Exhibition preliminary** outline. Meet with Ardentown committee folk to go over. **Planning meeting schedule for March 30 at 7:30 via zoom**

**Ardentown Centennial** Maria Burslem grew up in Ardentown and will meet with centennial group.

Terri Web mistress, is getting historic **photo images of Ardentown** for website. She Needs photos that date from 1922-1927. Suggested: Old Mill, Eisenmeier house (Ivy Gables), Warehouse gallery, train station, dogwoods on mall

Joe Grippe is chair of centennial committee

Terri purchased a machine to transfer her grandma's family films to a digital form.

These films date from 1947-1979 (some were taken in Cambridge, MD and Wildwood), most were at our home on Harvey Road or the Arden School.

**Arden has an election for committees in March and Archives needs names of people to run.**

Up for election this year are Sadie Somerville and Elaine Hickey

**Arden Archive nominations:**

Elaine Hickey incumbent, Vicki Scott  
Beth Stevenson, David Gerbec  
Andrew Larason, Barbara Henry

**Schedule for Sitting:**

**March**

**Wednesday**

Mar 9 meeting Barbara  
Mar 16- Maria  
Mar 23 -Allan  
Mar 30- Beverly  
April 6 Pat  
April 13 Meeting

**Sunday**

Mar 13- Elaine  
Mar 20 Vicki  
Mar 27 Mary Brent (**Needs Key to get in**)  
April 3 Melissa  
April 10 Sadie  
April 17 Easter close museum

**Hans Francke continues to work on the oral histories** he is working on interviewing Alan Burslem. Katrina Nelson was not able to do it right now.

**ACSM Inc. Board meeting** for shareholders of Corporation, residents of the Three Ardensto elect two board members; **nominations by March 20**. Ballot to be in the April Arden Page Debbie Ricard and Tom Wheeler. Secret ballots will be available at the museum when it is open.

Will discuss whether we want to resubmit our request for ARPA funds at a meeting week of March 14. Vicki Scott, who drafted the original request has volunteered to revise it if we decide to go forward.