



2007 Fall Newsletter

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October
Is
Archives
Month!

Celebrate at the
Archives Fair

When:
10 am – 4 pm on
Wednesday,
October 17

Where:
Suzzallo Library
Espresso
(room 101)

It's not too late for your repository to participate in the fair! Email Gina at ger17@u.washington.edu

For UW campus map:

<http://www.washington.edu/home/maps/>

For more information, see page 4.

Fall Meeting – November 5th

Time: 1:45pm-4:00pm

Place: UW Libraries' Special Collections Classroom, Allen Library basement

Join us for an exciting program on the Washington State Jewish Archives, a collection developed and maintained through a long-term partnership between the UW Libraries' Special Collections and members of the Washington State Jewish community.

Manuscript Curator Emeritus (and one of Seattle Area Archivists' founders) **Karyl Winn** will speak about the Jewish History Project begun in 1968 that grew into the largest Jewish archives in the Northwest. **Steven Wright** of the Winthrop Group will speak about his work as archivist for the Washington State Jewish Historical Society.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about this important archives, and to see fascinating selections from its holdings! For directions:

<http://www.washington.edu/home/maps/>

Note from the Chair

Many of us may have chosen the career of Archives for the research. We loved the thrill of digging through books, linking sources and names, and landing in a mound of original documents that captured our curiosity. Today, many of us spend our hours preserving these treasures we once sought out. Researcher or Archivist, we all share in the moments of "Look what I found" or "Yes, here is the proof that . . .". Its in these moments that we stop to marvel at the treasures before us.

This year Seattle Area Archivists is working to pique its membership's curiosity, and expand members' knowledge of Seattle area collections. Good archivists not only know what their own collection contains, but what is available in other collections that could be of use to the researcher. It is our hope to provide meetings that include tours of area collections as well as discussions with the archivist about the collection.

Our first stop will be the Washington State Jewish Archives at the Suzzallo library, an ethnic archives contained within the University of Washington Special Collections. We'll not only get a chance to explore the great items in this collection but also learn how this archives within an archives operates. I hope this event and those to follow will ignite the excitement and curiosity in all of us.

Sara Nau

Repository News

Renton Technical College

Renton Technical College (Renton, WA) has acquired the papers and historical research of Chef Daryl Anderson.

Chef Anderson is a long time Seattle area restaurateur, caterer, and is one of the driving forces behind the Washington State Chefs Association. The collection consists of more than fifty years of professional culinary material relating to state, national, and international professional associations with particular emphasis on the Pacific Northwest. Chef Anderson has done original historical work documenting the culinary profession and has extensive clipping files. The collection, in more than 75 file boxes, has an extensive collection of professional recipes, some historic cookbooks, and a substantial number of silver and silver plate trophies and serving pieces. Over the next several years the college library will process and catalog the material and intends to create a website for the collection where digitized copies of much of the historic manuscript and unique recipes will be made available. Processing will begin in October and internship opportunities are available.

More information is available from Eric Palo, Renton Technical College Library Director at librarian@RTC.edu or (425) 235-2331.



Florence Beach
Terry house

University of Washington Libraries Special Collections

The University of Washington Libraries Special Collections received a grant for \$7520 for work on the Roland Terry Architectural Drawing collection. The collection contains drawings from Roland Terry's life work in architecture. Terry, who died recently, was a major figure in the creation of the Northwest Regionalism style of architecture and designed important residences and commercial buildings. In the book, *Roland Terry: Master Northwest Architect*, Terry's work was described thus, "For residential design at the highest of the high end, no one else came close. He created an environment, a lifestyle with a sense of history...I can't think of anyone else who did what he did, wedding European elegance with Northwest Modernism." The collection consists of about 15,000 drawings, covering Terry's career from his design of his mother's house (proudly numbered as his project #1) designed when he was 18 and still in architecture school, to his later years as a master architect.

The grant work will produce a finding aid for the collection and create scans of Terry drawings to link to the finding aid and add to the digital site. Once finished, the finding aid will have links to some of Terry's drawings, to photographs of some of the buildings and to menus from some of the restaurants he designed.

More information is available from Nicolette Bromberg, Visual Materials Curator Special Collections, University of Washington Libraries

NARA - Pacific Alaska Region

Admeasurement Drawings Project Finished

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is proud to announce the completion of a four year humidification project. This project makes available over 40 cubic feet of Admeasurement Drawings in the Records of the Coast Guard. Included are drawings of vessels by well known marine architects, ferries of the Puget Sound region (including the *Kalakala*), and captured World War II vessels of Germany and Japan.

Records of the Selective Service

An unexpected addition to NARA holdings are records of the Selective Service System. Under one of the Selective Service Acts, males at the age of 18 were required to register with the Selective Service System. The records cover Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The time frame, with the exception of Montana, includes men born between 1897 and 1957. Records at NARA cover the time frame up to March 28, 1975 when registration was suspended for several years in the late 1970's.

One series is Registration Cards, filled out and signed by the registrant. Another series is Classification Records, which note the date the registrant reported to the induction station and how they were "classified" for Military service. Comprised of over 1000 feet of records, the two series are sure to be of great value to researchers.

The Selective Service records will only be in Seattle for a few years before they are transferred permanently to the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information call the National Archives at 206-336-5115.

Staff Announcements

Sisters of Providence Archives

Emily Hughes Dominick is excited to join the Providence Archives team as Associate Archivist on September 10th. She is relocating to Seattle from Rock Island, Illinois, where she has spent the past year as Project Archivist at Augustana College. She holds a M.A. degree in Museum Studies from the University of Kansas and a B.A. degree in History from St. Olaf College. Her other recent archival positions include Archives Technician at Unity Archives and Contract Preservation Archivist at the National Archives and Records Administration, Central Plains Region. Emily is replacing Norman Dizon who took a position as Records & Information Management Supervisor with the Washington State Ferries.

National Archives – Pacific Alaska Region, Seattle

NARA's Pacific Alaska Region (Seattle) is happy to announce that Kathleen Crosman joined its staff on September 17 as an archivist. Kathleen is a graduate of WWU's certificate program in Archives Management, during which time she worked as an intern at NARA. She has most recently worked as a contract archivist for the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, DC. Kathleen and her two cats, Lucy and Sara, are happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest.

Upcoming Events and Workshops

ARCHIVES FAIR

Wednesday, October 17, 10am-4pm

ARCHIVES FAIR Wednesday, October 17 from 10 am to 4 pm in the University of Washington's Suzzallo Library. The fair will include exhibits and personnel from the UW Libraries' Special Collections, the Museum of History and Industry, King County Archives, Seattle Municipal Archives, Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Area Archivists, National Archives and Records Administration, the Puget Sound branch of the Washington State Archives, the UW's Student Chapter of the Society of American Archivists, and the Sisters of Providence Archives. The fair will be held in Suzzallo Library Espresso (room 101). Visitors to the fair can get a cup of coffee, wander through the exhibits, and learn about archives and the archival holdings in their region.

For more information, email Gina at ger17@u.washington.edu.
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DISASTER PLANNING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 23 & Friday, December 14

The Western States and Territories Preservation Assistance Service (WESTPAS) is offering a series of disaster planning workshops in Oregon and Washington.

The workshop is presented in a 2-part sequence. Participants will complete a disaster plan by the end of Part 2, learn how to train staff to implement disaster plans effectively, set pre- and post-disaster action priorities for collections, learn how to use practical decision-making skills during an emergency, and experience salvage procedures for books, documents, and non-print media.

Participants will prepare short assignments prior to the first session; between sessions, they will undertake additional assignments resulting in a completed disaster plan at the end of Part 2. Upon completion, the institution will be invited to join an informal network of WESTPAS trained personnel to provide mutual aid in the event of emergencies involving collections in the region.

Who should attend: administrators and staff responsible for emergency preparedness, response and decision-making, in all types of libraries and archives. By registering for the workshop, the institution commits to supporting the attendee(s) to achieve the workshop's disaster preparedness goals. When possible, please send two attendees from a library or archive so they can work together on the disaster preparedness activities.

Cost: No charge to the institution. Funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Washington workshops are co-sponsored by the Oregon State Library and the Washington workshops by the Washington State Library and Washington State Archives.

Seattle Location: Odegaard Library, University of Washington, room (OUGL) 220
(please see WESTPAS website for workshop offerings elsewhere)
Part 1: Tuesday, October 23, 2007
Part 2: Friday, December 14, 2007

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Register online at: <http://westpas.org/courses.html> and click on WESTPAS schedule of workshops, and the specific workshop.
For registration assistance contact: Kathy Krause krause@plsinfo.org

Basics of Archives Workshop

Thursday, October 25th from 9am – 4pm at the Washington State Digital Archives, Cheney, or,
Monday, October 29th from 9 am- 4 pm at the Washington State Archives Puget Sound Region Branch, Bellevue

The Basics of Archives workshop is for people who work or volunteer in organizations that deal with the past—whether it's a museum, historic house, the city clerk's office, the library's local history room, a historic site, or a college archives. You'll get practical advice, sample forms and policies, and learn basic practices you need to follow so that you can collect, protect, and help people use the historical treasures in your care.

Instructor: Scott Sackett, assistant archivist at the Washington State Archives Central Region Branch in Ellensburg.

To Register: Telephone, e-mail or fax your information to Mark Vessey, Heritage Resource Center, 360-586-0219, Fax 360-586-8322, mvessey@wshs.wa.gov.

To download a brochure: www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/archivesmonth

Selected Shorts: An Evening of Films from the UW Libraries' Special Collections

Saturday, October 27, 5:00 pm

The Northwest Film Forum and Nicolette Bromberg, Visual Materials Curator at the University of Washington, will present "Selected Shorts," an evening of eclectic and entertaining films from the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections historical film archive. From the 1930s through the 1970s, these short films are a mix of the serious and the strange, including such titles as, "Say It Loud, I'm Black and I'm Proud" (ca. 1970), "Old Yankee Peanut Butter" (1950s), "Pffft" (ca. 1955), "Mrs. Hazard's House" (ca. 1960s) and others. Most of these films are rare or one of a kind and have not been previously available for public viewing.

The films were recently preserved by the University of Washington Libraries as part of an ongoing effort to save our visual history and to make it accessible to the public, and are presented as part of UNESCO's World Day for Audiovisual Heritage.

Curated by Nicolette Bromberg, Visual Materials Curator and Hannah Palin, Film Archives Specialist with assistance from Marika Pineda, MLIS Candidate at the University of Washington. \$5.00 admission.

Northwest Film Forum

1515 12th Avenue

Seattle WA 98122

Phone: (206) 329-2629

<http://www.nwfilmforum.org/cinemas/calendar.php>

Persistence of Memory: A Conference on Digital Preservation

November 28-29

Presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center at the Hilton Seattle

This conference, taught by a faculty of national experts, addresses the question of digital longevity. Institutions are rapidly acquiring collections of digitized and born-digital resources. Without intervention, these materials will not survive even a single human career. This two-day conference will highlight evolving best practices for digital preservation to help you with the life-cycle management of your institution's collections.

For more information and to register: www.nedcc.org

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New Society of American Archivists Student chapter formed at the UW

The Archives and Preservation Club of the University of Washington Information School is delighted to be a newly chartered student chapter of the Society of American Archivists.

Since our founding in 2002 we have presented programs for students interested in the fields of archives and preservation, including career guidance panels, panel discussions on digital audio preservation and digital preservation of visual materials, and tours of local repositories including the Seattle Municipal Archives and the National Archives and Records Administration's Pacific-Alaska Region facility. We look forward to the opportunity to create new connections with our professional community. Keep an eye out for an invitation from the APC for an event during Archives Week this October!

Call for Conference Session Proposals

Consider sharing your knowledge at a professional association conference. Now accepting session and workshop proposals for 2008 conferences:

Society of American Archivists – August 24-27 in San Francisco, CA

<http://www.archivists.org/conference/sanfrancisco2008/>

Northwest Archivists – May 28-31 in Anchorage, AK

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/nwa/>

NAGARA – July 23-26 in Atlanta, GA

<http://www.nagara.org/>

Join Seattle Area Archivists

Who should join? Anyone who works with, or who has an interest in the preservation and use of specialized research materials is welcome to join Seattle Area Archivists. Our members include archivists, librarians, and records managers, as well as professionals in the museum and cultural heritage fields who represent a wide spectrum of public and private organizations and institutions throughout the Seattle area.

How to Join: Annual dues are \$15 and the membership year runs from September 1-August 31. Download a membership application form at <http://www.historylink.org/saa/Membership.htm>. Please send your completed application form and your check made payable to SEATTLE AREA ARCHIVISTS to:

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