



VCA Members' Meeting

Thursday, January 21st
5:30 p.m.

T.K. Asian Antiquities

1654 Jamestown Road
Williamsburg



www.tkasianantiquities.com

Directions to T.K Asian Antiquities

1654 Jamestown Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
757-253-0769

From Charlottesville/Richmond:

64 East to Exit 234 Lightfoot Road
Turn right on Route 199 East.
Drive 8.0 miles
Right on Jamestown Road/Route 31 South
Drive 1.9 miles
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From Newport News/Norfolk:

64 West to Exit 242a Williamsburg/Jamestown
Stay right on Route 199 West
Drive 2.9 miles
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November

Members' Meeting

At Maymont

The last VCA Members meeting was held at Maymont on November 19th, 2009. The meeting featured a presentation by Williamsburg textile specialist, Natalie Larson of Historic Textiles. Natalie's firm furnishes accurate and authentic interior textile replications to museums, small house museums and private clients from Maine to South Carolina.

Natalie's lecture was an exploration into a few of the unique projects she has encountered. Many of the projects involved investigating and furnishing beds from historic sites such as the John Marshall House, Monticello, Prestwold, Mount Vernon, Peabody Essex Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art to name just a few. Other projects she spoke about included the Victoria Mansion in Maine with the only surviving Herter Brothers Turkish smoking room, the Gore Place packing trunk slip cover and the Sturbridge Village slip cover that survives, though without the unusual chair for which it was made. Natalie finished her presentation with details of a future conservation dilemma involving a fall-out shelter at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Museum in Woodstock, VT.

~ Tom Snyder, Programs

From the Treasurer

- * **Current Bank Balance is \$8129.25**
- * **Thanks to everyone who paid your VCA dues on time this year!**

~ Dotty Robinson, Treasurer



Announcements

A Fake Food Workshop is soon to be held at Maymont. Two full days of creating and conversing with fake food expert and frame conservator, Sandy Jensen. This workshop will take place over the course of Friday and Saturday in either February or March. More details to come very soon in a separate email.

~ Dianne Roland, Education Chair

March 2010 Meeting: The VCA's March meeting will be a tour of the exhibit, *Our Face to the World: The Clothing of James and Elizabeth Monroe* at the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg on **Thursday, March 18, 2010**. The exhibit features items from the James Monroe Museum's extensive collection of clothing belonging to Monroe and his family that were conserved under a three-year Save America's Treasures grant. Conservators Colleen Callahan and Newbold Richardson will be on hand to discuss the conservation challenges and solutions for this important project. After the exhibit tour and discussion, the regular VCA meeting and refreshments will take place at a Preservation Virginia site a few blocks from the James Monroe Museum. Look for details about this meeting in your VCA February Newsletter.

~ Colleen Callahan, Textile Conservator

VCA

Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2009

VCA President, Fred Wallace thanked Maymont for the use of the Garden Hall and the refreshment committee for the wonderful food they provided.

The Membership Committee reminded everyone to renew their membership. And you could renew that evening and still be included in the directory and receive the regular rate.

The Outreach Committee chair Dale Wheary reported that they had a successful committee meeting. Since this is a new position they have been discussing how the VCA can contact constituents. They have developed goals and activities for the year to get people to participate. Ms. Wheary requested that everyone respond to Mr. Wallace's email questionnaire regarding the future of the VCA. This questionnaire among other goals will assist the outreach committee in drafting a brochure. The brochure is one of the goals the outreach committee would like to have completed before the Virginia Association of Museums' Annual Conference in March. The VCA is also cosponsoring a workshop at this conference titled "When to Call in a Conservator".

Fred Wallace reported that he, Valinda Carroll, and Dale Wheary met with Margo Carlock, Director of Virginia Association of Museums (VAM), and Jennifer Weiskotten, VAM Program Director, to discuss their parallel initiatives and look at future collaborative ideas. This meeting was very successful in educating the VAM staff on who the VCA are and how they can assist each other. They will update us more as they continue to meet but Mr. Wallace felt that it was a good first meeting.

The Publications Committee was not able to attend but Mr. Wallace reported on their behalf that submissions for the January newsletter need to be to Tracy Bernabo by December 28th.

The Programs Committee (Valinda Carroll and Tom Snyder) reported that the January meeting will be at T.K. Asian Antiquities in Williamsburg. The March

meeting will be at the James Monroe Museum in Fredericksburg and that date may have to be different from our usual meeting date so stay tuned. The presentation will be by Colleen Callahan and will include a tour of a textile exhibit. The May meeting will be at Hampton University Memorial Chapel.

The Education Committee was unable to attend but Mr. Wallace reported that he is working on a workshop for the spring that will be presented by Robin Hodgson, of RH Conservation Engineering, who has invented a new suction heat table system. Mr. Hodgson will be in the country for the AIC conference so Mr. Wallace is trying to find a date following the AIC conference.

The Disaster Response Committee would like more people to join the committee. If you are interested please contact Beth Fulton, 804-358.2006 or fultonconservation@gmail.com. Ms. Fulton plans to contact people who checked on their membership form that they are interested in helping during an emergency.

The Refreshments Committee reported that the Holiday party will be at the APVA office again this year. They are still negotiating the date but at this point it looks to be on Friday, December 18th or Sunday, December 20th. (As of the printing of this newsletter the date has been finalized as Saturday, December 19th.)

The Website Committee reported that they have started a Facebook page for the organization. They encourage anyone who is a Facebook user to "friend" the VCA. Ms. Selinger also reported that we may want to use Facebook to place targeted ads for membership. At this time Ms. Selinger and Ms. Carroll are administrators of the page. They are also planning updates to the website. The website will also include a referral list which will include any conservators who would like to be listed as available for work.

Mr. Wallace wrapped up the meeting by reminding everyone that this is the VCA's anniversary year and the board welcomes all ideas about the future of the VCA. He encourages everyone to send back his/her questionnaire, or you can email your ideas directly to Mr. Wallace at FWallace@MarinersMuseum.org.

~ Kathy Garrett-Cox, Secretary



Next VCA Members' Meeting



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VCA Membership Directory Distribution

Normally the VCA Membership Directories are distributed at our December Christmas party. Sadly this year the party was snowed out.

To keep costs down we will distribute the 2009-2010 VCA Membership Directory at the January 21st meeting rather than mailing them.

Please help by attending this meeting and pick up your copy and those of your co-workers and/or friends who can't make the meeting. We will provide a list of members. Cross off your name as you pick up the directory(s). Thank You.

~ Larry Ochs, Membership Co-Chair

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