

From the President

Welcome to the 2011-2012 VCA program season. Another exciting slate of programs is planned for the upcoming meetings. The initial Members' Meeting of the year will be held in Richmond on September 22nd, courtesy of Carter and Company Historic Wallpapers. Future meetings being planned are expected to take place in Richmond and in Williamsburg, with various other venues under consideration. There also are plans for at least one conservation workshop to be offered to the membership during the second half of the season.

As of the last VCA election at the May 2011 meeting in Newport News at The Mariners' Museum, the VCA Board Of Directors will serve your interests with five new members. The new Board members are: Mark Lewis (Bylaws Committee Chair); Elsa Sangouard (Membership Committee Co-Chair); Will Hoffman (Outreach Committee Chair); Suzanne Collins (Programs Committee Co-Chair); and Charles Phillips (Publications Committee Co-Chair). Please join me in wishing that our new Board members find their terms in office to be professionally stimulating, fruitful and fun. Much appreciation should be extending to all of our Board, new members and those returning, who selflessly volunteer their own time in the service of our organization.

Unfortunately the Board did lose one of its finest members late this summer. Caitlin O'Grady, now former Treasurer of the VCA, tendered her resignation from the office in August. Caitlin has relocated to accept employment outside Virginia. May she find grand success in furthering her career and conservation interests. That leaves the position of VCA Treasurer open to be filled. The Board presently is working to find a replacement to nominate and offer to the membership for vote at the next Member Meeting. Anyone who is interested in the position of VCA Treasurer or who would like to nominate another member willing to sit in that office should contact the Board as soon as possible by email through the VCA internet homepage.

As I write these words central Virginia and much of the eastern United States are just a few days past the experience of a large-scale earthquake, fairly rare in this

VCA Members' Meeting Thursday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.



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part of the country. Another potential emergency of nature looms nigh, it being the impending Hurricane Irene. By the time you read this column it will be known if, as with the earthquake, little significant widespread damage resulted from the storm in this region – wishful thinking of course. However, if the hurricane does have a significant negative impact, VCA members hopefully will be ready and able to lend assistance as required to any cultural institutions and collections that are affected, potentially for many months after the actual event. These serious threats to cultural collections should be a reminder to us all of the importance of creating an emergency preparedness and disaster response plan for the collections under our care. Today many resources exist to aid and support the development of emergency plans. So now is the time to be proactive and do so

without delay. Collections for which such plans already exist should be attended to by practicing emergency procedures, revising and updating the plans as appropriate, and maintaining a proper inventory of emergency supplies.

The 2011-2012 VCA membership form now is available. I encourage you to renew your membership, to join us again for fellowship and the sharing of our mutual interests in the conservation of art and artifacts.

Amazingly, this summer marked the start of my second term as VCA President. It has been a tremendous experience to be part of this fine association and to have been honored with the position. I will continue to do my best to act towards the advancement of the organization and in the direction of your concerns. In doing so I hope to improve upon my work of the past two years. Please bear with me!

I hope to see you each at the September Members' Meeting. Thank you very much.

~ Frederick Wallace, President



Officers

President: Frederick Wallace
Vice President: Heather Logue Emerson
Secretary: James Christopher Wilkins
Treasurer: Vacant (to be filled ASAP)

Committee Chairs

Bylaws: Mark Lewis
Disaster Response: Kathy Garrett-Cox
Education: Sheila Payaqui
Membership: Alfred Lawrence Ochs, Ph.D
Elsa Sangouard
Outreach: Will Hoffman
Programs: Colleen Callahan
Suzanne Marion Collins
Publications: Tracy Bernabo, Charles Phillips
Refreshments: Mary Scott Andrews, Sandy Jensen
Web Management: Patricia Selinger

BOARD POSITION VACANCY

~ VCA TREASURER ~

The VCA Board is seeking nominations to fill the position of *Treasurer* for a one-year term.

If you are interested in serving as VCA's new Treasurer, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the VCA Board at:

info@virginiaconservationassociation.org

Members will vote to elect the new Treasurer at the next Members Meeting on September 22nd.

Refreshments Committee Needs Your Help!

With members' meetings growing in size the Refreshments Co-chairs are hoping to find extra hands to assist them. There are five meetings each year at various venues, so help at any, some, or all locations is much appreciated! Help entails...

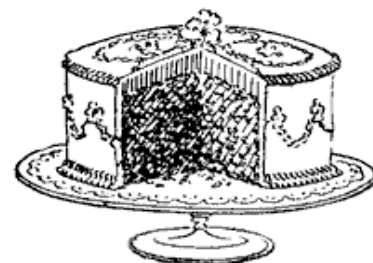
Bringing drinks and ice
Bringing paper products
Lending a hand in the transport refreshments to and from vehicles
Help with clean up
Storing things until the next meeting

Please contact Refreshments Co-chairs

Mary Scott Andrews
andrewsmmm@mac.com
(804) 741-8970 home

or

Sandy Jensen
(804) 537-5041





VCA BUDGET 2011 – 2012

(APPROVED BY VOTE AT THE MAY 2011 MEMBERS' MEETING)

NEXT VCA MEMBERS' MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 5:30 P.M.
CARTER & COMPANY
HISTORIC WALLPAPERS, LLC
1509 BELLEVILLE ST., RICHMOND, VA 23230



Please join fellow VCA members for a chance to learn about the handprinted historic wallpaper reproductions made by Robert, Argine and Paul Carter. Their firm has created faithful replicas from original fragments and currently has over 300 patterns in their collection. Refreshments and a brief business meeting will precede the program.

Directions to Carter & Company:

From Interstates 95 and 64

- Take Boulevard Exit 78
- Follow Boulevard (Route 161 South)
- Turn right onto Norfolk St. (go 7 blocks)
- Turn left onto Belleville St.
- Carter & Company will be on the left

From the Downtown Expressway (I-195)

- Follow I-195 West toward Charlottesville
- Take exit toward Broad St. / US-33 / US-250
- Merge onto West Clay St.
- Left onto Roseneath Rd.
- Left onto West Leigh St.
- Right onto Belleville St.

From Powhite Pkwy at Midlothian Turnpike:

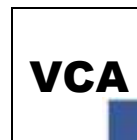
- Take VA-76 North / Powhite Pkwy ramp from Midlothian Turnpike
- Continue onto I - 195 North (5.7 miles)
- Take exit toward Broad St. / US-33 / US-250
- Merge onto West Clay St.
- Left onto Roseneath Rd.
- Left onto West Leigh St.
- Right onto Belleville St.

Income:

Source:	
Dues-Regular	\$2,375
Dues-Student	\$45
Directory Sales	
Gifts	
Field Trips	
Late Fees	
Classes	
Reimbursements	
Total	\$2,420

Expenses:

Source:	
Newsletter	\$100
Directory	\$275
Refreshments	\$750
Web Site	\$100
P.O.Box Rent	\$70
Classes	
Speaker Expense	\$300
Outreach Expense	\$300
Misc.	\$100
VAM Membership	\$100 (for VCA President)
Va. SCC	\$25 (State Corp.Com filing fee)
VAM Mtg Registration	\$300 (one day registration for 2 VCA speakers)
Total	\$2,420



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VCA BOARD



Meeting Minutes
August 25th, 2011

VMFA

ATTENDEES:

FRED WALLACE
HEATHER LOGUE
MARY SCOTT ANDREWS
TRACY BERNABO
SUZANNE COLLINS
KATHY GARRETT-COX
WILL HOFFMAN
PATRICIA SELINGER
ELSA SANGOUARD
SHEILA PAYAQUI
CHARLES PHILLIPS
CHRIS WILKINS
COLLEEN CALLAHAN

Fred Wallace (President) thanked Sheila Payaqui (Education Chair) for providing a meeting space for the August VCA board meeting.

Fred announced that the search is on for a new treasurer to replace Caitlin O'Grady who has accepted a new position outside of Virginia. The nominating committee will be consulted and an announcement will be placed into the newsletter. VCA members can nominate themselves or put forward a name by contacting The Board through the website or by some other means. A vote will be conducted at the next Members' Meeting subsequent to a nomination of a candidate.

Suzanne Collins (Programs Co-Chair) has several tentative dates and venues set for membership meetings. The September 15 meeting at Carter and Company Historic Wallpapers has been moved to September 22. The November 17 meeting venue is tentatively set for the Valentine Museum but this is subject to change. The January 19 meeting at Bruton Heights School in Williamsburg has been confirmed. The May 17 meeting venue is tentatively in Montpelier. This leaves the March 17 meeting to be filled.

Tracy Bernabo (Publications Co-Chair) stated that a quantity of VCA rack cards will be printed and ready for distribution at the upcoming American Association for State and Local History Conference (September 14-17, Richmond) and the 26th Annual Preservation Virginia Conference (September 25-27, Winchester).

Fred announced that new membership forms will be ready by the September meeting. Forms will also be

sent to the VCA membership through email and will be available in the September newsletter

Mary Scott Andrews (Refreshments Co-Chair) communicated that storage and transportation of refreshments have become more difficult as the membership has increased. She is soliciting help from the membership to assist in setup and cleanup during member meetings.

Sheila Payaqui (Education Chair) is continuing to work with Chris Stavroudis in setting up a workshop on developing cleaning systems for painted surfaces. This may be developed for later this season or may be postponed until next season.

Will Hoffman (Outreach Chair) stated that the VCA has been asked to participate in an outreach program at Fort Lee (Petersburg) on October 22. The organizers are interested in participation by VCA conservators to assess the condition of artifacts brought by those attending, mostly paper-based objects and photographs, and to discuss safe storage methods for these privately owned objects. Fred and Patricia Selinger (VCA Webmaster) stated that they had prepared materials for this type of outreach in the past. Will presented several ideas for outreach that will make the public aware of the VCA and general conservation aspects. Some of these ideas include condition assessments of objects presented by the public, creation of a YouTube channel or podcast devoted to conservation public outreach, and connecting with local universities that maybe lacking a conservation aspect. Some of the many ideas presented will be isolated and further developed.

Fred announced that the Conservation Services Directory on the web-page is continuing to be developed. Elsa Sangouard (Membership Co-Chair) has been working on the participating member database. Patricia Selinger (VCA Webmaster) foresees a link on the home page of the VCA that directs the user to a list of specialties. Clicking on a specialty link will direct to user to a list of participating members of that specialty whose names appear in alphabetical order. The project is continuing to be developed and will possibly be implemented by the end of this season.

Finally, with the recent earthquake and hurricane, Fred suggested sending messages to the disaster response team to be ready to mobilize.

~ Chris Wilkins, VCA Secretary

**CONSERVATION LECTURE SERIES
CONCLUDES AT THE DEWITT WALLACE
DECORATIVE ARTS MUSEUM**



The DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum in Colonial Williamsburg invites you to a continuing series of lectures in which conservators share details of how objects in the Colonial Williamsburg collection are cared for and preserved. Most of the 2011 talks have passed, but mark your calendars now for the remaining two lectures listed here. Both lectures will be presented at 5:30 p.m. in the Hennage Auditorium. The museum generously will allow free admission to the lectures for VCA members throughout the series. Simply state that you are a VCA member upon entering Hennage Auditorium and the charge for the program will be waived. A Colonial Williamsburg Admissions Ticket, a Museum Pass, or a Good Neighbor Card also provides access for the public.

September 15, 2011

Leroy Graves, Conservator of Upholstery

Reading the Evidence: 18th-century Upholstered Chairs: Leroy Graves shares some of the insights he has gathered from his many years of analyzing, deciphering, and treating 18th century upholstered furniture.

October 13, 2011

Chris Swan, Conservator of Furniture

Revealing Color in Early American Common Furniture: This presentation challenges our assumptions of what early furniture in America looked like. Contrary to popular belief, conservators and analysts continue to find evidence of a brightly colored Colonial world often heavily obscured by the patina of age, over-wrought restorations and historically revived re-interpretation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICHMOND CONSERVATION STUDIO

After more than twenty-four years at 1322 West Broad Street, Richmond Conservation Studio is pleased to announce our move to a new and larger location at:

Richmond Conservation Studio
3202 Rosedale Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804-358-2006

www.richmondconservationstudio.com

The studio also wishes to introduce Andre Phillips and conservator Yoonjo Lee who have joined L. Cleo Mullins, Lorraine Brevig, and Beth Fulton on staff and will be working in the studio as well as on the Charles Hoffbauer murals at the Virginia Historical Society.

FORT LEE HISTORY DAY OCTOBER 22, 2011

On October 22, 2011 from 9am-3pm, the US Army Quartermaster Museum & US Army Women's Museum, Fort Lee will be sponsoring "Operation Capture History" as part of Fort Lee History Day. The event invites visitors to bring diaries, letters, photographs, maps, etc. in an effort to digitize the history of the area. VCA members plan to be present to pass out materials, and offer advice on the proper care and conservation of the diverse works on paper brought by visitors to the event. If you are interested in participating, contact Outreach Committee Chair, Will Hoffman, at whoffman@marinersmuseum.org

DOLLEY MADISON'S LIFE THROUGH FASHION: DRESSING THE PART

June 15, 2011- March 31, 2012
James Madison's Montpelier
To learn more about this remarkable exhibition visit www.montpelier.org

VCA MEMBERS' MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH, 2011

MARINERS' MUSEUM



expenses associated with the Speakers Bureau program, an outreach initiative proposed for future development. Fred added that some of the money allocated to Outreach will be used in the publication of a new VCA brochure. A motion was made to accept the budget as is with several seconds from the floor. The motion was accepted and the budget was approved.

Fred thanked the nominating committee as well as incoming and outgoing board members. He also thanked Mary Scott Andrews and Sandy Jensen (Refreshment Co-Chairs) for their hard work.

~ Chris Wilkins, VCA Secretary

● BUSINESS MEETING PROCEEDINGS ●

Fred Wallace, VCA President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Speaking on behalf of the Nominating Committee, Valinda Carroll opened the floor for last-minute VCA Board nominations from those attending the meeting. There were no additional nominations. All positions on the ballots were uncontested. A motion was made to accept all candidates by acclamation with a second from the floor. The motion was approved and all candidates were accepted into their prospective positions on the board. Valinda thanked Melba Myers and Marla Curtiss for their work on the nominating committee. Valinda also thanked everyone who was nominated and voted in. These include Heather Logue (Vice-President), Chris Wilkins (Secretary), Mark Lewis (Bylaws), Elsa Sangouard (Membership Co-Chair), Suzanne Collins (Programs Co-Chair), Charles Phillips (Publications Co-Chair), and Will Hoffman (Outreach).

Caitlin O'Grady (Treasurer) presented a draft of the budget for the coming fiscal year. She made note that the VCA is continuing to provide a membership to Virginia Association of Museums (VAM) for the VCA president and two one-day registrations for two VCA speakers at the VAM annual conference. She also noted that an increase in membership has led to an increase in funds. Some of this increase may be used to offset the travel

● PROGRAM REPORT ●

On Thursday May 26th, 2011 nearly 40 VCA members gathered at The Mariners' Museum to hear Emily Williams, archeological conservator at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, discuss her experiences as a site conservator at Tell Umm el Marra near Aleppo, Syria. Emily's presentation covered the history of the Early Bronze Age inhabitants (2500-2200 BCE), the evolving use of the site over centuries and eventually ending as a Byzantine settlement and the archeological finds. Emily also detailed what it was like to live and work on an archeological dig in modern Syria and her experiences with the local Syrian population, resulting in a thrilling presentation that covered nearly 4000 years of history.

~ Tom Snyder, Programs Co-Chair



● Maymont Receives National Collections Award ●

Congratulations to the Maymont Foundation, which received the 2011 Ross Merrill Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Preservation and Care of Collections, an award presented annually by Heritage Preservation and the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC).

In 1975, the Foundation was given responsibility for maintaining and operating Maymont, a 100-acre Gilded Age estate in Richmond, Virginia. In the years since, the Foundation has transformed the dramatically deteriorating mansion at the heart of the estate into a vibrant and important steward of American history. This award recognizes an organization that has been exemplary in the importance and priority it has given to conservation concerns and in the sustained commitment it has shown to the preservation and care of cultural property.

The Maymont Mansion's curatorial staff has found ways to create this success story not with a sudden significant infusion of funding but through years of thoughtful planning and follow-through. By seeking grants, building a friends group - the Maymont Council for Conservation, Preservation, and Restoration - establishing a long-term conservation program, bringing in conservators, and educating the public, Maymont demonstrates what the staff of other historic house museums can accomplish when dedication and perseverance are joined with a sustained planning effort in the interest of collections care.

Careful strategic planning and deliberate execution of the ensuing plans have enabled the Maymont Mansion to accomplish this transformation with modest resources. Through dedicated work of curatorial staff and the preservation friends group, this historic house museum will continue to educate future generations of visitors and inspire caretakers of other important historic properties

~ Excerpt from June 14, 2011 Heritage Preservation Press Release



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Next VCA Members Meeting & Annual Elections

September 22nd, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Carter & Company Historic Wallpapers, LLC

1509 Belleville Street, Richmond, VA 23230

www.carterandco.com

The Virginia Conservation Association

2011/12 Membership Application & Dues Payment

Name (as you would like it to appear in the Directory): _____

Address: _____

Title/Institutional Affiliation: _____

Work Telephone: () _____ Home Telephone: () _____

Fax: () _____ Email: _____

Are you a Conservator? ____ Conservation Technician? ____ Conservation Student? ____

Museum Professional? ____ Other (Specify)? _____

Areas of Conservation Expertise:

<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Textiles
<input type="checkbox"/> Books & Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Paintings	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnographic Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographic Materials	_____

Are you willing to be a Disaster Response Volunteer in the event of an emergency? ____

Would you like your contact information included in our website conservation services directory? ____

The Virginia Conservation Association is open to all interested individuals. To become a member, complete this form and return it with your dues payment of \$25.00 (Regular) or \$15.00 (Student; enclose copy of valid I.D.) Application and dues payment must be received by November 15, 2011 for inclusion in the 2012 VCA Directory. A \$5.00 late fee may apply to applications from renewing members received after this deadline. If you require an invoice or receipt for your records, please photocopy this form before sending.

Note: If you are a renewing member mailing this form after the November 15th, 2011 deadline please apply the \$5.00 late fee to your payment. Thank you.

Mail your completed application and check made payable to the Virginia Conservation Association to the address below before November 15, 2011.

Treasurer
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