

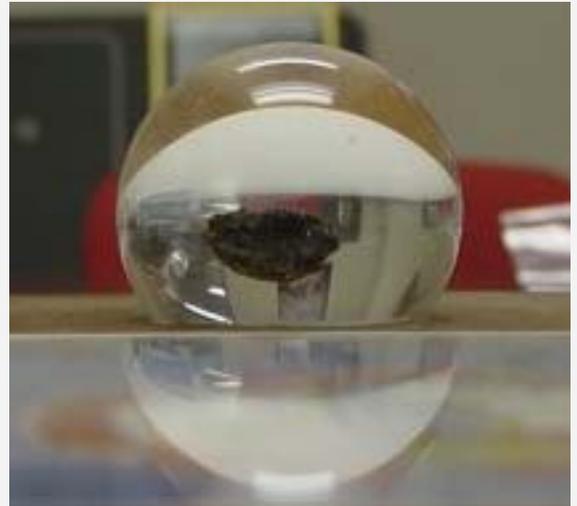
From the President

Our upcoming Members Meeting will take place on 22 March, at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. The program will feature presentations that describe conservation treatments completed in the recent past by VCA members Mary Studt and Carol Givens. We also are to be joined by Christina Newton, Virginia Association of Museums Project Manager for the Virginia Collections Initiative. Christina will elaborate upon the purpose and function of the VCI, and how VCA members can and should participate in the various activities of the program. The Science Museum of Virginia is an exciting venue at which to hold our meeting, and I hope that all members will be able to attend.

The January 2012 Members Meeting was a great success, bolstered by an expanded audience that included attendees associated with different organizations having interests in the preservation of art and cultural artifacts. A special invitation was extended to these groups, taking advantage of the large capacity of Lane Auditorium in Williamsburg, but just as importantly as an effort to reach out and interact with others of like-minded concerns. In the distant past VCA programs purposely were opened up to other groups in this manner, but it has been some years since this has been done consistently. A number of the guests expressed gratitude for the offer to come to the meeting, and said that they would appreciate additional notices and invitations to future VCA programs. Some of the guests even became VCA members shortly afterwards. The Board is very pleased with the outcome of this approach and will consider making this a more regular occurrence once again. If you are familiar with or are aware of any organization that might be interested in accepting an invitation to a VCA member meeting, you are asked to contact either Suzanne Collins or Colleen Callahan of the Program Committee to pass on this information.

This year the VCA again will administer a session of the annual VAM Conference, which is being held from 17 through 20 March. The session is titled *Conservation As*

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



The Moon Rock during conservation

Science Museum of
Virginia

2500 West Broad Street, Richmond



*Join us at the Science Museum for the Business Meeting
and Presentation by objects conservator Carol Boyers
Givens and paper conservator Mary Studt ~ Followed by
a visit to the Museum*

**For More Information
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A Public Draw, and will expand upon the theme of “The Public Face Of Conservation” conference hosted by Colonial Williamsburg last fall. Emily Williams, Colleen Callahan and Will Hoffman and I will represent the VCA, to deliver a presentation focusing on how conservation programming, displays and treatment performed in view of the public have been used to promote greater interest and solicit support for the care of cultural materials. The VCA session is scheduled to take place from 9 am to 10:30 am on Tuesday 20 March. Should you have an interest in participating in the session, be sure to register for the VAM Conference at least for that single day, if not for the full proceedings. Registration for the conference can be accomplished at the VAM website.

This first quarter of each year also is the time to begin preparations for the annual election of members to the VCA Board of Directors. The 2012 Nominating Committee, as elected by the membership at the previous members meeting in January, is comprised of Kathy Gillis, Stacy Rusch and Tom Snyder. Details about the election, which will be held at the members meeting in May, are provided on page 7 of this issue of the Newsletter. Participation in the VCA as part of the Board is very worthwhile and enlightening. Every VCA member is strongly encouraged to consider serving on the Board or in a committee at some point, because it is the interests and needs of the membership that determine the kinds of programs that are developed. Any member with a desire to fill an open position or offer another member for candidacy should contact a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible. Why wait? Take an active role in the governance and operation of your organization now!

Thank you very much. See you soon.

~ *Frederick Wallace, President*

Directions and Parking:

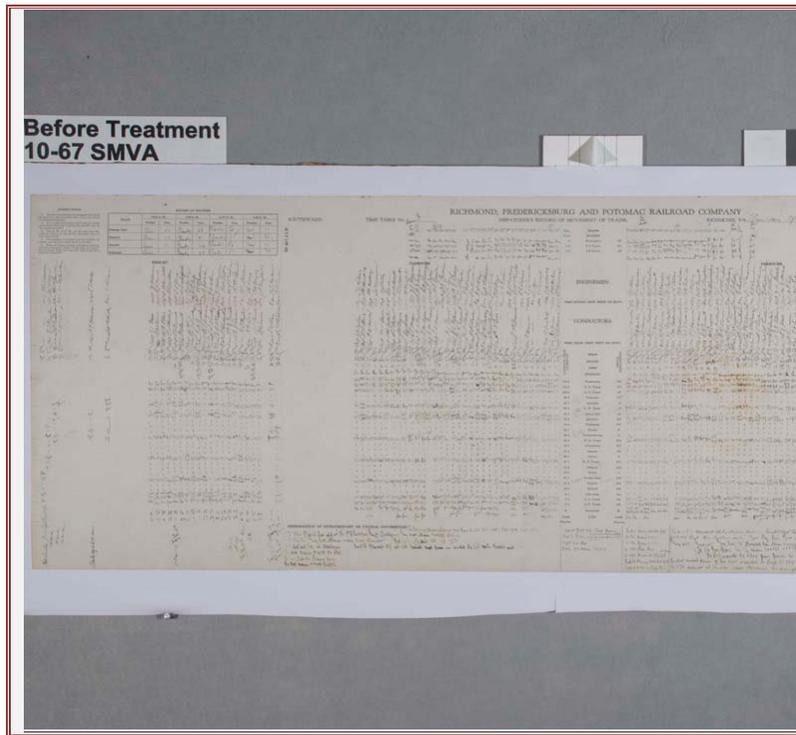


From the West and North

- Exit I-64/I-95 at exit 78 Boulevard
- Keep right at the fork, follow signs for VA-161S and merge onto Boulevard
- Drive 1 mile, turn left on West Broad Street.
- The Museum is two blocks on the left.

From the East and South:

- Exit I-64 West at exit 78 toward Boulevard
- Turn sharp left at Hermitage Road
- Take the first right onto Robin Hood Rd.
- Turn left onto Boulevard, drive 1 mile and turn left onto West Broad Street.
- The Museum is two blocks on the left.



VCA Member's Meeting Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 5:30 p.m.

The March VCA meeting will take place on Thursday, March 22nd at the Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street in Richmond. We will hear about the conservation treatment of two very different objects in the Science Museum's collection—a moon rock and a railroad manifest. Long time VCA members, objects conservator Carol Boyers Givens and paper conservator Mary Studt, will be the presenters.

Carol will describe the trials and tribulations during the conservation treatment of a Good Will Moon Rock Plaque, 35 years after President Nixon gave it to the state of Virginia. During the Apollo 17 mission to the moon, in December 1972, a large moon rock was collected from the moon's Taurus Littrow Valley, specifically selected for having the oldest material on the moon's surface. Upon return to earth, the moon rock was named the Good Will Moon Rock. This rock was divided into fragments and mounted on plaques, which were given to 135 countries as a symbol of hope during the Cold War. In addition to the conservation of the moon rock plaque, Carol advised the Science Museum on the plaque's display in a special

domed exhibit space. After Carol's talk, VCA members will view the display.

Mary will discuss the conservation treatment of an RF&P railroad manifest; a large, printed and hand-written document on paper, that records the busiest day of rail travel at Historic Broad Street Station, now home of the Science Museum of Virginia. This short talk will touch on the later 20th century framing materials and display practices which cause many of the condition problems paper conservators address. Discussion of drymount tissue, foam core and light damage will be included. The railroad manifest is on display in a small exhibit about the train station that is in the room where the VCA will meet.

The meeting begins at 5:30 in the RF&P Forum, a large meeting room to the left as you enter the Rotunda of the Science Museum. Thanks to Elizabeth Voelkel of the Science Museum for her help in making this meeting possible. See www.smv.org for directions to the Science Museum.



editing should contact Elsa Sangouard (Membership Co-Chair).

VCA
Members Meeting
Business Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2012

Bruton Heights School (Colonial Williamsburg)

Proceedings:

Fred Wallace (VCA President) thanked David Blanchfield and Colonial Williamsburg for hosting the meeting. Suzanne Collins and Colleen Callahan (Programs Committee) were thanked for setting up the meeting. Sandy Jenson and Mary Andrews (Refreshments Committee) were thanked for providing the refreshments. Fred also thanked the members for coming to the meeting.

Fred announced that Tom Snyder, Kathy Gillis and Stacy Rush have been proposed to act as the nominating committee for elections this year. The membership voted to allow all three to serve in this capacity. An announcement indicating which positions need candidates will be sent out later.

Fred indicated that membership directories are currently available. Members whose entries require

Fred announced that three amendments have been proposed for the VCA bylaws. The first is in regards to terms of office supplemental to Article V Section B of the VCA bylaws. This proposal will specifically allow supplementary positions including a co-chair to be added to each of the nine committees. The second proposed amendment pertaining to Article III Section D of the VCA bylaws allows new and returning members joining between June 1 and September 1 to be given membership that expires November 15 of the following year. The third amendment pertaining to Article V Section B of the VCA bylaws states that committees with co-chairs shall stagger the elections of the co-chairs to ensure that the elections do not occur within the same year. If a position needs to be filled prior to end of term, the position will only be filled for the duration of the existing term to preserve the integrity of the election cycle. The membership voted and accepted all three amendments as they are written in the January newsletter.

Colleen Callahan (Programs Committee Co-Chair) announced that the next membership meeting will be held March 22 at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond. Mary Studt will talk about a railroad manifest that she conserved, Carol Givens will talk about her work with a moon rock and display, and Mark Clarke will present his work on the restoration/conservation of Pullman Car No. 1 on display at the museum.

~ Chris Wilkins, Secretary

VCA Bylaws Changes Approved

Business Meeting Minutes
January 19th, 2012

On January 19th, 2012, the following revisions (shown in **italicized red** font) were discussed, voted upon, and approved by the membership at the VCA Member's Meeting.

Amendment #1
VCA Bylaws Article III, Section D, Annual Dues, #5

New or returning members who join the VCA between June 1 and September 1 will be given membership that will expire November 15th of the following year.

This grace period / proration will result in unification of the membership period and expiration date with that for persons joining during the annual September – November membership renewal drive.

Amendment #2:
VCA Bylaws Article V, Section B, Board of Directors-
Term of Office and Duties

For each of the 9 board committees:

Supplementary members, including an elected Co-Chair, may be added to this committee.

Previously, the Bylaws allowed for the election of one Chair per each committee, and the addition of other members in select committees. The Bylaws amendment was made to reflect what has become actual practice in certain committees over the years.

Amendment #3:
VCA Bylaws Article V (added to Section D)

Committees with Co-Chairs shall stagger the election of the Chair and Co-Chair positions, so that the completion of terms will not both occur in the same year. If either of these positions needs to be filled prior to completion of a full term, the elected replacement would only serve through conclusion of the original unfinished term, to maintain the staggered election cycle.

For those committees having Co-Chairs, it is recognized that the staggering of their elections should be formalized.

Various circumstances over past years had resulted in the loss of staggered term patterns for some committees, requiring the need to fill both Co-chair positions during a single election (and subsequently starting two “rookies” at the same time). The Bylaws amendment will promote smooth turnover of the Board roster and help in efficient continuity of Board activities.

~ Mark Lewis, Bylaws Chairman

VCA BOARD

Meeting Minutes
February 16th, 2012

ATTENDEES:

FRED WALLACE
HEATHER LOGUE
NANCY BECK
PATRICIA SELINGER
COLLEEN CALLAHAN
SUSANNE COLLINS
KATHY GARRETT-
COX
TRACY BERNABO
WILL HOFFMAN
LARRY OCHS
CHRIS WILKINS

Proceedings:

Fred Wallace (VCA President) thanked Patricia Selinger (VCA Webmaster) for hosting the VCA board meeting.

Christina Newton is the Project Manager of the Virginia Collections Initiative (VCI), a grant funded Virginia Association of Museums (VAM) project. Fred stated that she will be present at the March 22 member's meeting to discuss the program and what role the VCA membership may play in the program.

Fred announced that extra VCA brochures were produced and will be available at the March member's meeting.

Fred reminded the board that the 2012 elections are coming up. The VCA nominations committee has been created and is composed of Kathy Gillis, Stacy Rusch, and Tom Snyder. Positions to be filled currently consist of the Membership Co-chair, Programs Co-Chair, Education chair, and the refreshments Co-chair. More information will be forthcoming.

New bylaws were recently voted on and accepted by the VCA membership. Fred stated that the new version of the bylaws will be placed on the website. The new bylaws

will not be in print until the next membership directory is published.

Nancy Beck (VCA Treasurer) informed the board that the post office used by the VCA is part of a discontinuance feasibility study and may be closed in the future. She indicated that this means a change of address for the VCA mail. The board decided to wait until there is more information on the closing before changing the VCA physical mailing address.

The balance as of February 22, 2012
is \$9,864.47.

Nancy Beck, Treasurer

Nancy and Fred informed the board that \$2420 was the budgeted income for this membership year and that the actual income is \$2515 due to gifts and late fees. The total balance to date for the VCA is \$10,010.09. The board decided that the VCA treasury balance will be included in the VCA newsletters from this point forward. This will be a cooperative effort between the VCA Treasurer and the VCA Publications Co-Chairs.

Colleen Callahan (Programs Co-Chair) informed that board that an honorarium was requested for one the three speakers scheduled to speak at the March 22 member's meeting at the Science Museum of Virginia. The board decided that it could not currently award the honorarium but that it may for a future meeting and presentation. At present Mary Studt will present on a manifest she conserved that was printed on the busiest day of the railroad station that now houses the Science Museum of Virginia. Carol Givens will present on the conservation and exhibition of a moon rock at the Science Museum of Virginia. The board has agreed to purchase a Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license to enable the serving of alcoholic beverages at the March 22 meeting at the Science Museum of Virginia.

Colleen Callahan and Suzanne Collins (Programs Co-Chairs) suggested possible future member's meeting presentations including a talk about AIC's work in Cuba and work conducted at the Mount Pleasant Plantation in Surry. Montpelier is still in discussion as a possible destination for the spring fieldtrip.

Tracy Bernabo (VCA Publications Co-Chair) informed the board that there were only a few membership directories remaining.

Patricia Selinger (VCA Webmaster) informed the board that work on the Conservation Service Directory (CSD) on the website is ongoing but that some members may

have mistaken this for an online version of the membership directory. The board agreed that the CSD is designed to provide prospective clients with a list of professionals who have the capability to provide services. The directory will be divided among general categories on the website. Interested members will be given a final opportunity to provide specific information they want included in the directory or decline inclusion into the directory if they have changed their minds. The board will be given a final view prior to making the directory accessible to the public via the internet. The board also reserves final say on the actual entries.

Will Hoffman (Outreach chair) spoke about the Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau is an outreach program that will consist of interested VCA members who can provide outreach on specific subjects as required by interested museums and groups. Museums and groups that are interested will be able to contact the VCA Speakers Bureau through the website.

Kathy Garret-Cox (Emergency Response Chair) talked to the board about the Museum Emergency Support Team (MEST). MEST was setup by VAM. Currently there are three MEST organizations operating within different regions in Virginia. The organizations are supposed to offer collaborative support between museums during large scale disasters. MEST provides speakers to talk about emergency procedures to interested groups and museums. MEST also has presenters to talk to the MEST organization about various issues of emergency response. MEST has an emergency phone tree that should include the VCA Emergency Response Chair. Kathy and Fred discussed another program called Alliance for Response, stewarded by Heritage Preservation. The program proposes and helps facilitate better communications between first responders, local government and cultural institution representatives making each aware of the needs of the others during natural disasters. Kathy suggested that while MEST could be a part of this, bringing the Alliance For Response program to Virginia should be a collaborative effort led by VCA and VAM. An early, important step would be a one day symposium where cultural institutions can meet with first responders and share information. Currently VAM is considering the proposal.

Fred stated that the VCA is looking into co-sponsorship for a work shop on cleaning provided by Chris Stravoudis. More information is forthcoming.

Fred thanked the board for attending the meeting.

~ Chris Wilkins, Secretary

VCA Members' Meeting



Susan Buck, Ph.D
January 19th, 2012

Bruton Heights School (Colonial Williamsburg)



The photographs show Carlos Armando Moya and Emily MacDonald-Korth. They were part of the student team for the Winterthur/ University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation summer work project collaboration with Tsinghua University at the Fengguo Temple in Liaoning Province in northeastern China. The images show them at work studying the murals in the temple.

January's meeting had Susan Buck, Ph.D discussing her work within China's Forbidden City as well as the 12th-century murals of the Fengguo Temple. In the 1771-76 theater within the "Emperor's Studio Of Exhaustion from Diligent Service" Susan Buck's paint analysis showed semiprecious stones in use as pigments.

But most significant was the collaboration between multinational conservators and artists to conserve this previously untouched and expansive space. The World Monuments Fund brings together highly skilled experts resulting in cross training of conservation techniques. These collaborations help to revive arts that are on the way out and preserve the heritage of sites from Austria to Vietnam.

Having the program in 237 seat Lane Auditorium of the Bruton Heights School in Williamsburg allowed us to invite many members of the preservation community. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some new and see some old friends.



• 2012/2013 VCA •
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

A three person Nominating Committee was appointed by election of the membership at the January 2012 Members Meeting. The Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of candidates for Board positions that will be filled during the 2012 VCA election. The members of the 2012 Nominating Committee are Kathy Gillis, Stacy Rusch and Tom Snyder.

Positions open for the election are listed below. Incumbents who have offered to stand for re-election to a second term are listed with their respective offices. Any member desiring to join the Board is encouraged to run for office. This includes those offices for which an incumbent will be on the ballot, as contested elections are welcomed.

Current VCA Members who are interested in candidacy for a particular open position should contact one of the 2012 Nominating Committee members. Contact information for each committee member can be obtained from the VCA Directory or by request via the VCA website.

For a description of the Board positions, duties and responsibilities refer to Article 5 of the VCA Bylaws (included in the VCA Directory and available at the VCA website).

Note: as stated in the Bylaws (Article 5; Section D; line 3), no member shall hold more than one office at a time.

The election will be held at the 2012 May Members Meeting. The date and site of the meeting will be announced once it has been confirmed.

**VCA OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR
POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION**

Treasurer - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

Nancy Beck, current VCA Treasurer, will stand for re-election.

Chairperson, Disaster Response Committee - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

Kathy Garrett-Cox, current Disaster Response Chair, will stand for re-election.

Chairperson, Web Management Committee

(Webmaster) - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

(Patricia Selinger, outgoing)

Valinda Carroll, current sitting member of the Web Management Committee, has offered to stand for election to this position.

Co-Chairperson, Membership Committee - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

(Alfred "Larry" Ochs, outgoing)

Co-Chairperson, Program Committee - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

(Colleen Callahan, outgoing)

Chairperson, Educational Programs Committee - two year initial term; two year subsequent term

(Sheila Payaqui, outgoing)

Co-Chairpersons (2), Refreshments Committee – two year initial term; two year subsequent term

(Sandy Jensen and Mary Andrews, both outgoing)

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Next VCA Members Meeting
March 22, 2012, 5:30 p.m.
The Science Museum of Virginia
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