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Jane Rosenthal, Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS

ICMA COMMITTEES

The Board of the ICMA has established several committees in addition to the Nominating Committee. Members are encouraged to communicate with any of them on relevant matters.

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Chairman Annemarie Weyl Carr, Dept. of Art History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL GUIDE TO MEDIEVAL ART

Work has begun on Medieval Art: A Bibliographical Guide, a new project sponsored by the ICMA, which will be published by Garland of New York. The editor, Wayne Dynes, says the Guide will be both comprehensive and selective and is intended to provide overviews of medieval art research in the Early Christian, Byzantine, Preromanesque, Romanesque and Gothic periods. It should be useful to art historians in areas outside their immediate expertise as well as to graduate students and scholars in neighboring disciplines. Annotations will be descriptive and (where appropriate) evaluative.

In addition to the standard trade publication, the ICMA is considering making a special paperback edition of the Guide available to members at a prepublication rate of $9.50. Because we need a realistic estimate of prepublication orders before proceeding with the printing, we are asking members who are interested in purchasing a paperback copy to check the appropriate box on the 1987 renewal notices which will be mailed out in October.

SECRETARY'S NOTE

Our printer accidentally eliminated the Student membership category in the renewal form which was printed in the Spring 1986 Newsletter. If you are a student who renewed your membership at the Active level as a result of this omission, please notify the ICMA secretary. We will credit your overpayment to 1987.

THE CENSUS OF GOTHIC SCULPTURE IN AMERICA

Under the direction of Dorothy Gilman the Census office continues to enlarge the Database. During the Fall of 1985, the office acquired the checklist of all the Gothic sculpture in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This information on approximately six hundred works is now being entered into the computer. With the addition of this collection the Database will contain almost 1300 entries and becomes, in itself, a valuable research tool available to scholars who are writing entries for the first volume of the Catalogue.

The volume, entitled The New England Collections, is expected to be completed by the end of 1986. It will represent the work of ten specialists in Gothic sculpture and include entries on works in wood, stone, and terra cotta, executed between 1250 and 1520. The ICMA project has been coordinated with analyses being conducted at the Fogg Museum, Harvard University, on the materials of Gothic sculpture. Significant results have been achieved through chemical and microscopic examination of individual sculptures.

The information will be incorporated into entries now under preparation by the writers of the Census.

KALAMAZOO ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of the 1986 ICMA sessions at Kalamazoo, Current Studies on Cluny, are available through the ICMA office at $4.00 per copy, postage included.

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The idea and title for this new column, as well as its contents in the previous Newsletter, came from Madeline Caviness. She observed that a number of colleagues have commented on the tendency of medieval art to disappear into storage during remodeling of museum galleries, sometimes for long periods of time, and felt a warning-system for members could be developed in the Newsletter if curators or informed local faculty would send in information. Foreign advisors could also do us a great service if they would forward us of museum or monument closings. Please send information to the editor of the Newsletter, Department of Art History and Archeology, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

Walter Cahn reports:

1) The Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, which has a fine little collection of Medieval objects, including a number of important pieces, has not been displaying this material for the past several years. The Director, Tracy Atkinson, pleads lack of funds for a new installation. It is not known when the objects will reappear, but, since some are out on loan to other museums, it cannot be soon.

2) In the Thirties, the splendid interior spaces of the St. Louis Museum of Art were partitioned off into "Period" rooms including one devoted to the Middle Ages which was furnished with Medieval doorways, fireplaces and the like. There were also a few fragments of greater artistic merit installed on pedestals. When the renovation took place some years ago, the Period Rooms were dismantled and the original space recovered. The doorways and other things installed in the walls were sent into storage or sold off while some of the "good" pieces were included in the regular display. To a very large extent, therefore, the Middle Ages has disappeared in St. Louis.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

6–7 September, HORSHAM ST. FAITH PRIORY AND ITS WALL PAINTINGS, a Symposium organized by the Conservation of Wall Paintings Course of the Courtauld Institute of Art and cosponsored by The Getty Conservation Institute, was held at the University of East Anglia. The results of current research on the wall paintings, set within the context of the history, architecture and other art of the priory, were presented in papers by D. Sherlock, "Foundation;" A. Bagg, "Architecture;" J. Franklin, "Romanesque Sculpture;" T. A. Heslop, "Seals;" C. Norton, "Tiles;" C. Babington, "Technique of the Wall Paintings;" J. James, "Conservation of the Paintings;" D. Park, "Art History of the Paintings;" A. Borg, "Representations of Armour;" J. Geddes, "Representations of Door Furniture and Golden Images of St. Faith;" V. Fenwick, "Representation of Ships and Look-out." The Proceedings will be published. For further information: David Park, Head, Conservation of Wall Paintings, Courtauld Institute of Art, 41 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPA.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The next issue of the Newsletter will appear in January, 1987. Items for publication should be sent by 1 December to the editor, Jane Rosenthal, Department of Art History and Archeology, Schmerhorn Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. Please do not send material to the ICMA Office at the Cloisters since it must then be forwarded to Columbia and time is lost in the process.

10–11 October. THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SAINT LOUIS CONFERENCE ON MANUSCRIPT STUDIES will be held at St. Louis University. Details are available from the Conference Committee, Vatican Film Library, Pius XII Memorial Library, 3655 West Pine Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63108.


12–17 October. MONASTISIM IN MEDIEVAL SCANDINAVIAN PICTORIAL ART, the Tenth Scandinavian Symposium for Iconographic Studies, to meet at Vadstena, Sweden. For information: Martin Blindheim, University Museum of National Antiquities, Frederiks Gate 2, 0164 Oslo 1, Norway.


25–26 October. THE THIRTEENTH NEW ENGLAND MEDIEVAL CONFERENCE: ANGLO-Saxon ENGLAND, at the New England Center, University of New Hampshire, Durham. Sessions will be devoted to Old English Language and Literature, chaired by L. Benson; Anglo-Saxon History and Art, chaired by D. Wilcox; and The State of Current Scholarship, chaired by W. Jones. The art historical papers include: “Word into Image: Pictorial Invention in Anglo-Saxon Art;” by J. Rosenthal; “The Bayeux Tapestry;” by R. Ware; “The Present State of Anglo-Saxon Art History;” by K. Haney. For further information and registration: W.R. Jones, History Department, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03805.

13–15 November. ST. GALL AND THE CARO- LINGIAN RENAISSANCE is the theme of the Third Biennial Conference on St. Gall, to be held at Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, Ohio. The principal address, “The Originality of Carolingian Art,” will be delivered by Professor Herbert K. Kessler. Other papers will be presented on various aspects of the art, architecture, literature, music and drama of the Carolingian Re- naissance. Address inquiries to: Prof. Jerome M. McKeever, Department of English, Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus, 1100 W. Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma, OH 44130; Tel: (216) 843-5508.

15 November. THE PASSING OF ARTHUR, the Eighth Annual Medieval and Renaissance Pedagogical Conference at Barnard College. The conference will focus on themes of loss and renewal in the Arthurian tradition from the Middle Ages to the 19th century. Morning keynote speakers are M. Borof, “Sir Gawain and the Green Knight;” The Passing of Judgement,” A. K. Hieatt, “Sponsor, Shakespeare, and the


CALL FOR PAPERS

By 1 November for an interdisciplinary conference, THE MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN: CROSS-CULTURAL CONTACTS, to be held 12–14 May 1987 at the University of Minnesota. The conference will focus on contacts among the Jewish, Islamic, and Christian cultures of the Medieval Mediterranean world. Papers are invited on all aspects (historical, artistic, literary, religious, archaeological, etc.) of this topic. Selected papers will be published in volume 3 of Medieval Studies at Minnesota. Please send abstracts or enquiries to Prof. Sheila McNally, Dept. of Classical Studies, 309 Folwell Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

By 12 December for the EIGHTH MEDIEVAL FORUM, to be held 10–11 April 1987 at Plymouth State College. Proposals for papers, workshops, panels or complete sessions on any aspect of the Middle Ages will be considered. Special themes are The Capetian Millennium: 987–1987 and Research and Teaching of King Arthur in Fact, Legend, and Myth. The keynote address, “Images of Arthur,” will be given by Stephen G. Nicholls. Please send brief proposals or abstracts to Professor Manuel Marquez-Stirling, Director, Medieval Studies Council, Plymouth State College, Plymouth NH 03264. Tel: (603) 536–1500.

By 10 January 1987 for the FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SEWANEE MEDIAEVAL COLLOQUIUM, to be held 10–11 April 1987 at The University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Only papers written specifically for the colloquium on the theme, St. Augustine and his Influence in the Middle Ages, will be considered. Please send two copies of the paper of no more than ten double-spaced typewritten pages with critical apparatus appended and a brief curriculum vitae with office and home telephone numbers to: The Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN 37375.

ROBERT BRANNER FORUM FOR MEDIEVAL ART: FALL LECTURE SERIES. The first lecture will be delivered by Michael Cothren on “Suger’s Stained Glass Masters and their Workshop at Saint-Denis,” 29 September, at 6:30 P.M. in Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University. For further information call (212) 280–4505.

DUMBARTON OAKS FELLOWSHIPS IN BYZANTINE STUDIES

Dumbarton Oaks offers Junior Residential Fellowships for students working on dissertations in Byzantine Studies and regular Residential Fellowships for scholars with the doctorate who wish to pursue their own research. The maximum stipend for the former is $6750 and for the latter $9000 with $1250 added for each dependent
who accompanies the recipient and is without other means of support. The deadline for submission of applications is 15 November. See below for address.

Starting with the academic year 1978 Dumbarton Oaks will also begin a trial program of Prize Fellowships in Byzantine Studies intended to provide outstanding graduate students with a year of travel abroad and/or training away from their home institution. Candidates must be enrolled in a degree program leading to the Ph.D. at an American university and preferably be at the pre-dissertation stage. Prize Fellowships are for a period of twelve months and carry a stipend of $15,000 with travel and other expenses considered on an individual basis. Applicants must be nominated by their department or sponsoring committee. Nominations, including a full explanation of the proposed program of study or research and a financial statement, must be received by 15 November 1986. Supporting letters from three scholars familiar with the candidate’s work must be received by 1 December 1986. Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the Senior Fellows at Dumbarton Oaks in January, 1987, and the awards will be announced in early February.

Applications, nominations, and enquiries should be addressed to: Office of the Director, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20007.

THE GETTY ART HISTORY INFORMATION PROGRAM

An information service on automated projects in the history of art and related fields has been created through a cooperative agreement between the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa and the Getty Art History Information Program. The service, based in Pisa, will gather and disseminate data on projects using the computer as an aid to research in the arts. Named for the Scuola Normale/Getty, the SN/G: Report on Data Processing Projects in Art will provide detailed, indexed information in both outline and printed form.

To obtain a form for listing a project or for further information write either to Marilyn Schmitt, Getty Art History Information Program, 401 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90401; or to Laura Corti, Scuola Normale Superiore, Piazza dei Cavalieri 7, 56100 Pisa, Italy.

EXHIBITIONS

BIBLIOTHECA PALATINA, 8 July – 2 November, Heiliggeistkirche, Heidelberg. Some 40 manuscripts as well as printed books and bindings from the Palatine Collection of the Vatican Library. The manuscripts include such treasures as the Palatine Virgil, the Joshua Roll, the Lorsch Gospels and the Falkenbuch of Frederick II. The exhibition was organized to celebrate the 600th anniversary of the founding of the University of Heidelberg. A two-volume catalogue with over 300 color illustrations is available.

FLOWERS IN MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS, 2 September – 2 November, the Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City. A small exhibition of flower illustrations from manuscripts in the Library’s collections complementing the concurrent exhibition of Mrs. Delany’s Flower Collages from the British Museum.

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