

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

ARLIS/NA Canada Chapter

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2008 Chapter Officers

- Liv Valmestad, Chair (incoming)
- Marilyn Nasserden, Past Chair
- Cheryl Siegel, Secretary/Treasurer
- Vacant, Atlantic Region Representative
- Kenlyn Collins, Prairie Region Representative (incoming)
- Sylvie Alix, ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montréal-Ottawa-Québec) Chapter Representative
- Janet Muise, ARLIS/NA Ontario Chapter Representative
- Cheryl Siegel, ARLIS/NA Northwest Chapter Representative
- James Rout, Webmaster

2009 Incoming Chapter Officers

- Liv Valmestad, Chair
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- Melinda Reinhardt, Secretary/Treasurer
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- Kenlyn Collins, Prairie Region Representative
- Wolfgang Noethlichs, ARLIS/NA MOQ (Montréal-Ottawa-Québec) Chapter Representative
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Chapter website: www.arliscanada.ca

ARLIS/NA Canada Chapter Meeting:

- Held at the ARLIS/NA 36th Annual Conference, Denver, CO., Sunday, May 4, 2008.
- Seventeen Canadian members attended with Marilyn Nasserden presiding and then handing over to new the Chair to Liv Valmestad.
- Reports were heard from local Canadian chapters and regions.

The Chair of ARLIS/NA Canada Liv Valmestad also attended:

- ARLIS/NA Montréal-Ottawa-Québec Chapter Summer Meeting, Montréal, Québec, August 6-8, 2008.
- ARLIS/NA Canada meeting, Montreal, August 8, 2009.
- ARLIS/NA Canada Chapter Activities Summary

Canadian members presented a proposal to the ARLIS/NA Executive Board:

To translate documents into French (and Spanish)

- ARLIS/NA Board activities reported included: ARLIS/NA Ontario chapter proposed to host the 2012 Annual conference and this was accepted.
- The implementation of Canadian representation on the ARLIS/NA International Relations Committee and ARLIS/NA Public Policy Committee.
- Implementation of the new Chapters-Coordinator position
- Money was budgeted at mid-year for the publication of a tri-lingual brochure. This is still under development
- Selection of a new management from, TEI, from Wisconsin
- SEI to stay at same location for 2 years
- Communicated via e-mail, chapter listservs, chapter meetings and ARLIS/NA Canada website

2007/8 Melva J. Dwyer Award Winner:

The 2008 Melva J. Dwyer jury recognized the *Index to National Gallery of Canada exhibition catalogues and checklists, 1880-1930 = Index des catalogues et des listes d'exposition du Musée des beaux-arts du Canada 1880-1930* / Philip Dombowsky. Ottawa : National Gallery of Canada , Library and Archives = Musée des beaux-arts du Canada, Bibliothèque et archives, c2007.

The Index provides access to the contents of the early exhibition catalogues of the National Gallery of Canada, produced during the Gallery's first fifty years. The National Gallery of Canada is one of the preeminent institutions for holding material pertinent to the study of Canadian visual culture, especially holdings documenting the late 19th to early 20th century.

This publication provides invaluable information not only about the exhibition history of the National Gallery of Canada but also invaluable information about the artists represented in those exhibitions – information which was previously not easy to obtain. Over 10,000 works of art from 49 catalogues and 65 unpublished checklists are indexed.

An illustrated introductory essay with a bibliography provides a well-researched overview of the National Gallery of Canada's early exhibition history. A clearly written and laid out User Guide follows it. The chronological list of Catalogues and Checklists precedes the main section

of this work, which is the extensive index of artists and their works represented in those Catalogues and Checklists. An alphabetical listing of the collectors, owners and/or lenders of the art works is also included. The Artist Index is cross-referenced back to the list of Catalogues and Checklists by date and abbreviated catalogue heading while the Collector Index is cross-referenced back to the entries of the individual works of art in the Artist Index using a reference number.

For anyone doing research on early artists in Canada, this work will prove essential.

The jury members for the 2008 award were:

- Christine Sammon, Director, Library, Alberta College of Art & Design, Calgary AB
- Éleine Bégin, Bibliothécaire de référence, Médiathèque, Musée d'art contemporain du Montréal, QC
- Liv Valmestad, Art Librarian, Architecture/Fine Arts Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg MB

Marilyn Nasserden presented the award at the Convocation Ceremony at the ARLIS/NA 36th Annual Conference, May 2, Denver, CO.

Jury members for the 2009 Melva J. Dwyer Award were appointed in fall 2008 by Chair, Liv Valmestad.

The jury members for the 2009 award are:

- Larissa Beringer, Librarian, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, BC
- Cyndie Campbell, Head of Archives, Documentation and Visual Resources, Library & Archives, National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON
- Eva Revitt, Campus Librarian, Centre for the Arts and Communications Library, Grant MacEwan College, Edmonton, AB.

Calls for nominations for the 2009 Dwyer Award were made. The Award will be announced and presented by Liv Valmestad during Convocation ceremonies at the annual ARLIS/NA Conference in Indianapolis, April 15-21, 2009.