

President's Letter

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Dear Membership,

We are moments away from another annual meeting. This is my favorite time of year - I truly enjoy the WAAC annual meetings and am looking forward to seeing you all in Austin.

The annual meeting itself will be held at the Thompson Conference Center at University of Texas (UT)

at Austin. This is a conference center for the university departments and for non-profit organizations such as our own. In addition to spending the day together hearing great talks on conservation subjects we have two evening events planned: our opening reception at the Harry Ransom Center and our banquet at the Byrne Reed House, just off campus. The meeting and associated events will all be on and around the campus.

As part of the annual meeting we are pleased to offer separate tours of the labs on the UT Austin campus on Wednesday the 19th of October. On the registration form you will find the option to select a tour of the conservation labs at Harry Ransom Center, the architecture conservation laboratory of UT Austin, or the book and paper conservation labs at the School of Information. Space is limited for these tours and will be filled on a first registered first reserved basis. Feel free to list your desire for the tour in priority order.

Information about the labs, locations, and parking are on the WAAC website: <http://cool.conservation-us.org/waac/meeting/sched.html>. A hearty thank you to the conservators in those labs for their generosity of time in hosting these tours.

The annual Silent Auction will be held during the meeting and proceeds will benefit the preservation projects at an Austin based museum organization. Bring your extra tools, books, and other fun stuff to the meeting. If you can't come, but want to donate materials to the Silent Auction, just contact me: president@waac-us.org, and we will arrange a way to get your stuff to Austin.

Registration forms for the meeting were sent out in August via email and snail mail, depending on your selection on the 2011 renewal notice. If you've lost track of your registration form, you can find a copy online at our website.

We have received very interesting abstracts for talks in October. I am excited to have such a diverse group of papers at this conference- it looks like we will have nice representation from many specialties - and I expect to have a list of titles and speakers available on our website soon and possibly the schedule for the talks by early October.

See you all soon!

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