

AWARDS PRESENTATION AT FESTIVE EVENT

An evening to celebrate the festive season was held 6th of December at the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface. The occasion also provided an opportunity to acknowledge recipients of the Association's *Thesis of Distinction Award* for 2007.

The Award is presented to students of the Master of Archival Studies program who complete and successfully defend a thesis with a "passed with distinction" designation. Two students received this designation in 2007: Heather Beattie for *The Texture of the Everyday: Appraising the Values of Women's Diaries and Weblogs* and Katherine Timms for *Arbitrary Borders? New Partnerships for Cultural Heritage Siblings – Libraries, Archives and Museums: Creating Integrated Descriptive Systems*.

The Award was established in 1992 as the Thesis Prize. However, conditions for presentation and the name of the award were amended in 2004. Chair of the Board Carole Pelchat presented the award to Ms. Beattie. Ms. Timms currently resides in North York, Ontario and was unable to attend. In making her remarks Ms. Pelchat commented on the caliber of the Archival Studies program and noted that the award also was presented to two graduates in 2006.

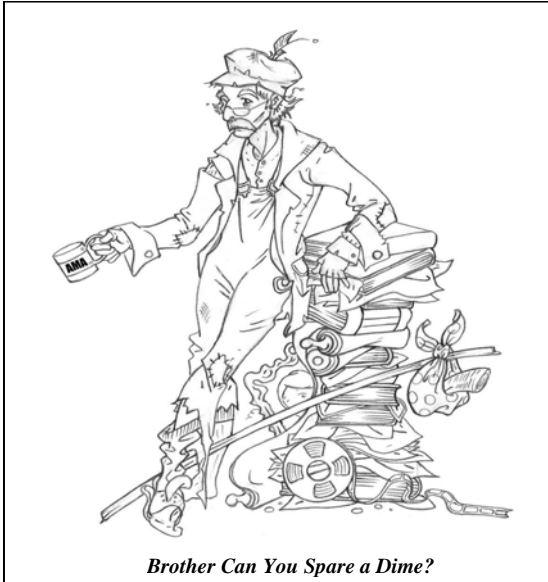


Heather Beattie, one of the recipients of the *Thesis of Distinction Award*, accepts the award from Carole Pelchat



Chair of the Board Carole Pelchat and past chair Gilles Lesage visit at Festive Event

Chair's Report to Members



Brother Can You Spare a Dime?

I take this occasion to wish all our members a most Joyous 2008! The AMA has been working diligently on finalizing its strategic plan. Board members met for an all day planning session on 22nd November at the Mennonite Heritage Centre. (Thank you to Conrad Stoesz and Alf Redekopp for being wonderful hosts). The Board considered its mandate and priorities for the next five years. Our goal is to have a well founded document which will support ongoing administration as well as advocacy and funding initiatives. This fall the Board was asked by the Canadian Council of Archives to comment on the NADP contribution program. I invite you to read the notes submitted by Jacinthe Duval, Chair of Finance and Grants.

As always, funding issues remain the main priority for 2007-2008. We will keep you posted on our progress.

A new brochure was developed for our 2nd annual fund development campaign... *Brother Can you Spare a Dime?* Thank you to Janet La France who created the cartoon figure which will become our "mascot" for the campaign. Thank you to those who have contributed. In the future we would like to broaden our campaign outside of the membership and ask the general public for support. However, we still need to figure out the details for creating such a campaign. Slowly but surely, we will reach our goal.

All the best in the New Year!

Carole Pelchat, Chair

Chair of Finance and Grants Report

Recently provincial associations were asked by the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) to share their impressions of the new National Archival Development Program. The Association welcomed this opportunity to contribute to the improvement of the program. The Board consulted with representatives of several member institutions which had applied to previous CCA grant programs to determine what information should be sent to the CCA. The following is a summary of the Association's reply.

After thanking the CCA Board for undertaking this initiative we first stated that the Board approved the recommendations of the *Blue Ribbon Panel on Grant and Contribution Programs* and felt that the conclusions reached by the panel should apply to the NADP program. As cited in the report summary, the panel came to the conclusion that the program should be citizen-focussed. Several of our members

have told us that they feel that the NADP program seems out of touch with the actual situation of many archives which are struggling to gain improved control over their ever-growing collections.

The second recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Report is of major concern. The panel recommended that reporting should be dramatically simplified. Several of our members have commented that the staff time spent on the application and reporting process outweighs the value of the grant. AMA members also have the impression that the evaluation process is not streamlined and question why an adjudication is held at three different levels. All members consulted believe that the application requires too much detail.

Some members expressed concern that the NADP is a contribution program rather than a grant program.

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WOMEN AND EDUCATION

The University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections, in conjunction with the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg Archives and the Service d'archives de la Société historique de Saint-Boniface (SASHSB), are pleased to announce the launch of its most recent digitization initiative: Women and Education.

Women have provided invaluable contributions to the development of Canada's education system. Through a brief examination of the history of women in education and the presentation of accompanying digitized archival material, this website is intended to detail the successes of women in the field of education, as well as the difficulties faced by many of these women in their chosen field, such as overcoming gender inequality in the workforce.

Approximately 3000 textual, photographic, audio, and visual records pertaining to the topic of women in education have been digitized for this site. In addition, an interactive component allows users of all ages to provide their own contributions to the history of women in education. Submit your own reminiscences, histories, or comments pertaining to women and education and help contribute to this relatively unexplored segment of Canadian history.

This project was made possible through the Canadian Culture Online Program of Canadian Heritage, Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives.

Access the website at: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/archives/womenandeducation/>

Please contact Brett Lougheed at (204) 474-8243 or lougheed@cc.umanitoba.ca for further information.

APPOINTMENTS AT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG ARCHIVES

The City Clerks Department, City of Winnipeg, is pleased to announce the following appointments:

Gerry Berkowski was appointed Assistant Deputy City Clerk in August 2007. This new position combines three key departmental functions: ongoing election planning, human resource management and information services. Gerry had served as the City Archivist/Records Manager since 2001.

Jody Baltessen was appointed City Archivist/ Records Manager in October 2007. Jody had been Senior Archivist for the City of Winnipeg Archives since May of 2002.

DIANE BOYD RECEIVES JAMES H. GRAY MEDAL

Congratulations to Diane Boyd who received the James H. Gray Medal in Prairie History for 2006. The medal is awarded to the student who, in completing with high standing the requirements for the degree B.A. General or Honours, or M.A., attains the highest standing in courses bearing on Western Canadian History and whenever possible, Prairie History. Diane's thesis *Franco-Manitoba Memory Online: « Au pays de Riel » as a Case Study in Archival Public Programming* received a thesis of distinction designation.

AMA MEMBER DISCOUNT AT CARR MCLEAN

Members of the AMA are eligible to receive discounts when ordering archival supplies from Carr McLean. The discount for the AMA is as follows:

\$100.00 to \$249.00 = 5% Discount	\$500.00 to \$999.00 = 10% Discount
\$250.00 to \$499.99 = 7% Discount	\$1000.00+ = 12% Discount

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Chair of Finance and Grants Report

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This has occasioned a surplus of work as their sponsoring body requires more paperwork for their participation in such programs. Although we are aware that this is probably out of the hands of the CCA, the fact that the applicant needs to match 50% of the contribution also keeps most of our institutional archives from applying as they do not have the funds to match. This requires another application to another program or funder to obtain the matching funds. This, again, increases the amount of work necessary to obtain a small amount of funds and deters many from applying. It is our experience that other funding programs

are more flexible, less demanding and more open-minded to project and deadline changes. Other programs also have much less complex application forms to fill out and are much less demanding in terms of information and time.

These were the major concerns outlined by the Association to the CCA. The Board believes that this was an important exercise. If the NADP program does not change, it may become difficult to get archives to apply in future years. Thanks to all institutional members who contributed to our brainstorming exercise.

Jacinthe Duval

DIGITISATION DECISIONS

Sixteen participants braved severe weather conditions on 13th December to attend the *Digitisation Decisions* workshop. Instructor Lorne Coulson explored the criteria, factors, specifications and standards that should be considered before investing in digital equipment.

Mr. Coulson used his working experience at Saint-Boniface Historical Society as a photographer, scanner, Photoshop user and consultant to help make some digitisation decisions. He has been involved in photography since 1970, having worked as photographer for

the Media Department at the University of Winnipeg and served as vocational instructor at the high school level for 26 years teaching photography and media production. Currently he is immersed in restorative, archival and fine art digital imaging and works as a consultant to the Société historique de Saint-Boniface. Mr. Coulson was an instructor in the Association's 2006 seminar *Introduction to Digital Imaging*.

Thanks to Susanne Sutherland of Parks Canada for her assistance in planning the session and for hosting the event.



ARCHIVAL STUDENTS STOP FOR LUNCH AT THE AMA OFFICE

On the annual tour of archival institutions, current students of the Master of Archival Studies program met with members of the Board for lunch at the AMA office. The goal of the event was to familiarise students with the Association and to discuss Manitoba's archival scene.



From left to right : Tom Nesmith, Graham Stinnett, Tara Sadler, Carmen Lowe, Josephine Sallis, Diane Haglund, Carole Pelchat

FOI ET PERSÉVÉRANCE/FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE

Le Salon Empire du Centre du patrimoine accueille une nouvelle exposition. Nous vous invitons à venir explorer l'univers des communautés religieuses féminines et catholiques du Manitoba par l'entremise de l'exposition *Foi et persévérance*. Le Salon Empire est ouvert au public du lundi au vendredi de 8h00 à 17h00 et le samedi de 9h00 à 17h00

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The *Salon Empire* of the *Centre du patrimoine* is now showing a new exhibit. We invite you to discover the world of Catholic female religious communities of Manitoba through the exhibit entitled "Faith and Perseverance". The *Salon Empire* is open to the public Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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