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From the desk of the Chair

2011 is passing quickly and from my perspective it appears the entire DVAG membership has been extraordinarily busy. DVAG has been involved with a number of events already this year, and I'm inspired by the commitment of the Planning Committee and the membership as a whole. As interests, expectations and number of graduates grow in the archives field, many local professionals have made efforts to support new archivists in a challenging economy.

DVAG has teamed with Drexel University's student chapter of the Society of American Archivists (DUSAA) to stay connected to areas of concern for emerging archivists and collaborate on mutually beneficial activities. Recent collaborations included:

- A tour of the Drexel University Audio Archives and visit with archivists from the Grateful Dead and Phish.
- A group discussion on internships.
- A career panel featuring local professionals talking about their work.

The internship discussion was masterminded by Vice-Chair Matt Herbi-son and took place at the Academy of Natural Sciences with archivist Claire Flemming hosting the large and enthusiastic group.

In another initiative responding to the growth of capable talent, several members of the DVAG Planning Committee launched the DVAG Interview and Resume Bureau. The Bureau's objective is to support emerging archivists in securing employment, through mentoring by experienced archivists from across the region. [Click here to learn more.](#)

In May, on relatively short notice, Member At-Large Valerie-Ann Lutz hosted a dozen archivists at the American Philosophical Society to participate in a SAA Web Seminar about Archon, the web-based archives management software. [Click here to learn more.](#) This was a great example of spontaneous interest and response: a few people expressed interest in the seminar, Val offered the APS and organized the event, and an educational opportunity was offered at a low cost and with a minimal amount of effort. We're working on DVAG providing more opportunities like this.

Upcoming events – watch listserv, website and facebook for more information:

SAA Workshop - Managing Electronic Records in Archives and Special Collections
– September 8-9, 2011

We are saying a premature farewell to our immediate Past Chair, Jordon Steele, who has left Philadelphia to become the University Archivist at Johns Hopkins University. DVAG has benefitted from Jordon's involvement for several years, and I thank him for his leadership and for being a living, breathing challenge to the model of archivist-as-recluse. Since he is not far away, I know we will continue to have opportunities to enjoy Jordon's professional insights and good humor.

Want to get more involved? Have an idea or issue you want addressed? DVAG exists for and runs on the energy of the membership. Elections are coming up in the fall, when we will be seeking candidates for Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Meanwhile, feel free to contact me with suggestions, concerns or proposals.

Margaret Graham

Did You Renew Your Membership?

If not, see page 9

Treasurer's Report

Balance on December 31, 2010 \$8172.87

Balance on March 31, 2011 \$9,043.66

	Budget	2ndQ	YTD
Income:			
Interest	50	10.10	19.97
Dues	1550	130.98	836.68
Donations	100	0	188.00
Other	0	0	0
Total:	1650	141.08	1044.65
Expenses:			
Web-site/Domain	150	44.75	77.53
Refreshments	600	0	0
Membership Dir	600	0	0
PO Box etc.	100	76.00	76.00
Misc. expenses	250	0	0
Scholarship	500	0	0
Workshop fund	500	0	0
Total:	2150	12-.75	11153.5393.37

Membership

Please join me in welcoming fourteen new members:

Samantha Slade, Lisa Mangiafico, Sara Borden, Allison O'Dell, David Staniunas, Maureen Callahan, Sarah Newhouse, Eric Schnittke, Ellen Mulligan, Peter Garavuso, Erin Rooney McLean, Todd Anselmo and Brian Marino.

I would also like to thank Robert Selvocki and Robert Plowman for their generous donations to DVAG this year!

If you have any questions about membership in DVAG or your membership status, please email Courtney Smerz at membership@dvarchivists.org.

American Philosophical Society

105 South Fifth Street | Philadelphia, PA 19106-3386

www.amphilsoc.org/library 215-440-3400

NEH Funds APS project

The American Philosophical Society Library (APS) anticipates the completion of an ambitious two year data salvage project in June 2011. With funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the APS has been working since July 2009 to create EAD finding aids using information from our card catalogs. Coming into the final months of the project, we have added over 150 EAD finding aids. Additionally, we have simultaneously re-processed over 30 collections.

We have taken an innovative approach to the use of legacy data to build EAD finding aids from the bottom up – starting with item-level descriptions and adding biographical and scope and content notes. This project has generated a growing interest in sister institutions and resulted in MARAC presentation last Fall, and an upcoming case study article.

Examples of finding aids for significant collections available online for the first time include:

[The Thomas Jefferson Papers](#)

[Peale-Sellers Family Papers](#)

Significant additions have been made to other important collections, including the [Darwin Papers](#)

Other finding aids can be found through our [search interface](#):

Full time archivists on the project have included Friederike Baer, Iren Snavely and Scott Ziegler. Part time help has been provided by Rachel Shuman, Tracey deJong, Mary Alice Cicerale and Megan Miller.

Hunterdon County Historical Society

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Hunterdon County Historical Society Releases Two New Manuscript Collections

The Hunterdon County Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of two new and significant manuscript collections. These collections are now available for research by Society members and visitors during open reference hours at the Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library. Credit for the arrangement, description, and production of finding guides for the collections is entirely due to the dedicated volunteer archival staff members who serve our Society so selflessly.

Survey of Hunterdon County Historic Sites; by Linda Hahola. This survey of historic sites in Hunterdon County was carried out primarily by Dr. Edward Johnson. Edward Johnson, Ph.D. (English) was a member of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. From 1960 to 1961 he was the Chairman of the Hunterdon County Committee on Historic Sites and Structures, and conducted this survey as a private endeavor paid for by D. Howard Moreau, solely for the good of the county. Dr. Johnson established his own criteria for site selection, which may help to explain the absence of several prominent historic structures. Johnson's survey was used in the 1970's as a source for the more formally funded historical survey conducted by the State and County.

The collection contains NJ State Historical Site Evaluation Worksheets and their supporting material. Forty-one sites have been evaluated, and each includes the worksheet, a map, and commentary. Photographs are included for many of the sites, as well as attendant negatives. All of the sites are in Hunterdon County. Dr. Johnson provided an index that divides the sites by category. There are twenty-seven possible categories; fourteen of which are represented. Interestingly, three have notes that they will be sent at a later date, but are not present in the collection.

The Records of the Kingwood Grange, No. 106; by John Matsen. This collection contains the records and papers of the Kingwood Grange (No. 106) of Hunterdon County, NJ from its formation in 1882 to 1987. The Grange played an important role in the life of rural communities; it was a fraternal, social, professional and lobbying organization in grand combination. These materials as preserved are important for a variety of reasons. They are a resource for general historical research in Kingwood and Hunterdon County; they provide a record of individuals in the Kingwood area for genealogical purposes; and they are a window into the sociology of rural America during the covered time frame.

Probably the most useful aspect of this collection from an organizational standpoint is the minute books of the Kingwood Grange. They are fairly complete from its founding in 1882 until the last entry in 1987 that noted the grange building was to be sold. The organization continued for perhaps a dozen more years, but with no home, records were not kept in a central location and were apparently scattered.

Also of interest to local genealogists and historians will be the Secretary's Quarterly Reports, the Membership Applications, and the Dimit lists. The grange family compilation may be of interest as well. Those interested in the history of grange activities may wish to consult the incoming and outgoing correspondence, as well as the reports of various levels of the grange hierarchy. The collection concludes with a small group of photographic images.

Both of these collections may be accessed for research purposes during the open hours of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. The Hiram E. Deats Memorial Library is located at 114 Main Street, Flemington, NJ, 08822, and is open from 12 PM to 4 PM every Thursday; 10 AM to 4 PM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month; and by appointment. Inquiries to the Society may be made at 908-782-1091 or hunterdonhistory@embarqmail.com.



HCHS Manuscript Collection No. 81, Records of the Kingwood Grange
Sergeantsville Degree Team
April, 1961, Hardenburg Photo

New Repository Announcement -- Radical Archives of Philadelphia

We are pleased to announce the formation of new repository, the Radical Archives of Philadelphia. The mission of the Radical Archives of Philadelphia is to collect, preserve and make available to researchers material related to individuals and organization involved in radical political movements in Philadelphia.

To date, the Radical Archives has acquired printed periodicals, manuscript collections and ephemera, and continues to receive donations from a variety of individuals and organizations. Much of the material currently housed with the Radical Archives was in immediate danger of being lost. This material shines light on an important facet of life in Philadelphia, and formation of the Archives was in direct relation to this need.

The Radical Archives was formed by a collection of librarians, archivists, and members of the Wooden Shoe Collective, and is currently housed in the [Wooden Shoe Bookstore](#).

In addition to maintaining and expanding the collection, the Radical Archives will be doing public events to inform the public about the importance of archives, the need to preserve radical literature, and the specific historical relevance of the materials in the collection.

As we continue to grow and develop we hope to become an important resource for the study of radical political action in Philadelphia. Please feel free to contact us at: radarchphila@gmail.com; and visit our catablog at: <http://radicalarchivesofphila.wordpress.com/>.

The Atlantic Digitization Database

Hello Librarians, Archivists, Curators, and Technologists: We here at The Atlantic Technology channel love archival collections that have been digitized. We think they help us situate ourselves in the present by giving us an unvarnished look into the past. We also think that your work doesn't get enough attention from the outside world. Reporting a recent story on the New York Public Library's digitization efforts, we realized that we wanted to create a conduit into our reporting system for you to let us know when you're working on an interesting collection.

So, that's what this form is. A self-service way to quickly ping us about the good work you're doing. Feel free to email any questions to me at amadrigal@theatlantic.com.

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhyVzZTZ3NIUkxBNUFRMzZtY2E2dXc6MQ>

Thanks,
Alexis Madrigal
Senior Editor, The Atlantic

CONSERVATION CENTER

for Art and Historic Artifacts

264 S. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

215.545.0613 www.ccaha.org

The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) is pleased to announce professional development opportunities throughout the rest of 2011. Registration for the following programs is open now! See <http://www.ccaha.org/education/program-calendar> for details. If you have any questions, please call our Preservation Services department at (215) 545-0613, or e-mail ps@ccaaha.org.

Integrated Preventative Pest Management & Mold

Location: Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Date: September 21, 2011

Speaker: Dr. Thomas A. Parker, President and Entomologist, Pest Control Services, Inc.

Fee: \$50

Caring for Paintings & Frames

Location: Rosenbach Museum and Library

Date: October 26, 2011

Speaker: Mark F. Bockrath, Paintings Conservator, Barbara A. Buckley & Associates
Painting Conservation

Fee: \$50

Caring for Three Dimensional Objects

Location: Rosenbach Museum and Library

Date: December 14, 2011

Speaker: Leslie Guy, Conservator, African American Museum of Philadelphia

Fee: \$60 (includes materials fee)

Coming in Fall 2011:

Risk Assessment & Disaster Planning: Programs in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

History and Preservation of Maps: An all new, two-day program in Philadelphia.

More information will be available soon ... check <http://www.ccaha.org/education/program-calendar> for details.

2011 NEW MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

Membership in the Delaware Valley Archivists Group (DVAG) is open to all individuals including regular and volunteer personnel of state and local historical societies; college and university archives and special collections; federal, state, and local archives and records centers; museums; libraries; business firms; educational, religious, and medical institutions; and other groups who collect, preserve, and make historical materials available for research use.

Dues for the 2011 January-December year are \$12.00. **Or you may pay for three years (January 2011-December 2013) for \$30 — a \$6 discount.** Please consider adding a few additional dollars to your check. A little goes a long way toward our goal of enhancing and expanding the benefits of your DVAG membership. **Now you may also pay online by credit card.** Go to the DVAG web site "Membership" page (<http://www.dvarchivists.org>) and follow the directions.

For more information, contact Courtney Smerz, DVAG Membership Coordinator, at membership@dvarchivists.org.

Contact information provided below will be included in the 2011 DVAG membership directory. The email address provided below, if different from what is currently in our records or on the listserv, will be changed in both locations unless noted otherwise.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

2011 dues \$12.00 OR \$ _____

2011-2013 dues \$30.00 \$ _____

Contribution (optional) \$ _____ **(contribution is not tax deductible)**

TOTAL \$ _____ **(check or money order payable to DVAG)**

DVAG would like to acknowledge members who make additional contributions with a notice in the DVAG newsletter, *The Archival Arranger*. If you prefer not to be listed by name, check here: ____.

Mail to: DVAG, P.O. Box 17162, Philadelphia, PA 19105-7162

The **Delaware Valley Archivists Group** was established in 1980 to provide area archivists the opportunity to exchange ideas and visit archives of all sizes throughout the region. DVAG holds quarterly meetings and offers periodic workshops for members at all levels of experience. Each meeting or workshop focuses on practical or professional issues, or the relationship of the profession to topics of current public interest. Subjects of past meetings have included space planning, new construction, conservation, micrographics and imaging, disaster preparedness, and records management. DVAG's publications include the *Directory of Archival and Manuscript Repositories in the Delaware Valley, 3rd Edition*, the DVAG Membership Directory, and *The Archival Arranger*, the newsletter of DVAG.

Membership in DVAG is open to all individuals including: students and regular and volunteer staff of state and local historical societies; college and university archives and special collections; federal, state, and local archives and records centers; museums; libraries; business firms; educational, religious, and medical institutions; and other groups who are concerned with collecting, preserving, and making historical materials available for research use. The Delaware Valley Archivists Group annual dues are \$12.00 for the membership year.

The Archival Arranger is published three times a year (fall, winter, and spring) and distributed to the members of the Delaware Valley Archivists Group. Deadlines for *The Archival Arranger* are:

Fall – Submissions due first Monday in August

Winter – Submissions due first Monday in December

Spring – Submissions due first Monday in May

Publication is three weeks after the deadline.

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