



**Mid-year Report 2013**  
**ARLIS/ Western New York**  
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**Meetings**

**National:**

- Seven chapter members were able to attend the national meeting in Pasadena.
- Tina Chan, Sherman Clarke and Leslie Vega were program participants.
- An informal chapter meeting, led by President Barbara Opar centered on fund raising and plans for a fall "retreat".
- Barbara participated in the Leadership meetings on behalf of the chapter.
- ARLIS/WNY sponsored a "basket" at the Silent Auction.

**Spring:**

- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in Rochester, New York.
- Hosted by Lu Harper of the Memorial Art Gallery and Rachel Stuhlman of the George Eastman House, the day included a tour of the MAG special exhibit entitled "From the Vault". After lunch, the group went on to view the George Eastman house and collection.

**Fall:**

- A day and a half meeting is scheduled for October 3-4, 2013 at the Watson Homestead, Painted Post, New York. The meeting will begin with lunch on Thursday. Following the business meeting, there will be a session of lighting rounds. The afternoon will end with a group discussion on the changing nature of reference, reference collections and reference desks. This session will be led by Stephanie Frontz. In the evening we will have a speaker, Paul Bartow, an artist, who will discuss his work and research on the Erie Canal. Friday morning sessions include presentations by Carole Ann Fabian, Vice President of ARLIS/NA and Nancy Turner from Syracuse University Libraries. Christopher McEvoy, an artist and professor at SUNY Oswego, will end the meeting with his presentation on the creative process. We hope the meeting will enable participants to engage in formal and informal discussions. The program can be viewed here:  
<http://arliswny.org/2013/09/06/arliswny-fall-2013-meeting-october-3-4->
- A planning committee consisting of Tina Chan, Stephanie Frontz, Beth Hylen, Amy Melton, Barbara Opar, Rose Orcutt, Ann Skiold, and Martha Walker worked to plan this upcoming meeting, each taking on specific tasks.

**Ongoing Activities**

- Listserv
- Website
- Facebook page
- Travel awards- national and Western New York

### **2013 Initiatives**

- State level tax exemption status was approved thanks to the work of treasurer, Amy Melton
- Fundraising activities were begun to bolster the treasury and allow for new initiatives. A cookbook was the first of these initiatives: <http://arliswny.org/type/image/> Two hundred copies of the cookbook were printed and we have begun to advertise and sell the book.
- A silent auction is being organized for our upcoming fall meeting. A planning group led by Martha Walker is taking the lead on this event.
- A name change is in the works. Vice President Yvette Cortes has proposed that the chapter be renamed ARLIS/Upstate New York to broaden our base of potential members. Currently ARLIS has two New York State chapters- one that serves New York City and the surrounding area and ours in Upstate- which should and does need to represent more than just "Western New York".
- Creation of a PayPal account, thanks to Amy Melton, treasurer. The PayPal account is being used for cookbook sales, the fall meeting registration and possibly for the payments for silent auction items.
- Leslie Vega is the new ArLisNAP chapter liaison.

**Submitted on September 19th by Barbara Opar**