

LONE ARRANGERS  
ROUNDTABLE MEETING  
AT SAA 2004

WHO ARE YOU?/WHO ARE  
WE?

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AUGUST MEETING

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The Newsletter of the  
Lone Arrangers Roundtable

## Lone Arrangers Roundtable

Colleagues,

Items for discussion, response, and contemplation:

### ☛ Lone Arranger Listserv

At the roundtable meeting last year at SAA in Los Angeles, interest was expressed in having a listserv for lone arrangers. The archives listserv is available, but it was felt that there are topics specific for lone arrangers and the archive listserv can seem intimidating to those in small repositories.

Listserv software can be found at no cost, however, there is a need to have an institution provide server space for the list and an individual to serve as the administrator. If you or your institution is interested in filling one or both of these needs, please let me know at [rgasero@aol.com](mailto:rgasero@aol.com).

### ☛ Roundtable meeting—we need YOU!

If you are attending the 2004 Boston SAA meeting in August, we need volunteers to serve as discussion leaders and recorders for our Roundtable meeting on Thursday August 5 from 5:30-7:00. This year, following a brief business meeting, we will break into small groups to consider several different topics. We need volunteers to coordinate discussion in each group—no specialized knowledge is needed, just a willingness to be the “sergeant-at-arms” and keep the discussion flowing and on topic. We also need someone to take notes of the discussion so that we can publish those summaries in our newsletter. In that way, everyone benefits from the wisdom and learnings of the entire roundtable.

☛ If you are willing to participate send your name to Nancy Freeman at [nancy.a.freeman@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:nancy.a.freeman@aphis.usda.gov).



## Who are you/who are we?

I'd like to have a few sentences about you—our roundtable members—and your particular areas of interest and specific areas in which you would like to learn more. I will combine this information for our next newsletter issue based on the responses received by the end of July. This will provide a basis for networking, as well as indicating individual strengths and needs as a step in finding and giving assistance.

Just briefly answer these questions and return them to me at [rgasero@aol.com](mailto:rgasero@aol.com):

Name:

Institution:

Two sentences about you (interests, hobbies, professional interests):

Professionally, what I like best about archives is:

I would like to spend some time learning about or working on:

Would you be willing to serve as a resource for other lone arrangers ( ) Yes ( ) No

Contact method:

Particular area of strength in which I can assist:



*I'll go first as an example:*

### **Russell Gasero, Archives of the Reformed Church in America**

I enjoy almost anything dealing with computers and computing from gaming to video production. I am especially interested in archival cooperation—pooling our strengths to make the task easier.

I enjoy the diversity of archival work—especially outreach. Nothing is more enjoyable than helping someone come to understand the true nature of archival work and why archives are important.

I would like to spend some time discussing the nature of archival work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Do we need to rethink the traditional foundations to remain relevant?

I would be glad to offer assistance at any time to others in need. I can be contacted at [rgasero@aol.com](mailto:rgasero@aol.com) or [rgasero@rca.org](mailto:rgasero@rca.org) or by phone (732) 246-1779 if you want to talk. I'm willing to share whatever I may know.

**Thank you very much for your input!**



*Find and give  
assistance to  
others in the  
roundtable*



## **Boston SAA Session sponsored by the Lone Arrangers Roundtable**

The Lone Arrangers Roundtable sponsored a session for the Boston SAA meeting. "From One to All: Lessons from Solo Shops for All Archivists" will present insights and practical solutions from "lone arrangers" relating to stress management, institutional "inreach," and developing relationships with colleagues. The session is on Friday August 6 from 4:00-5:30. Come offer your support and hear from fellow lone arrangers!



## **Starting Planning for 2005**

The roundtable would like to sponsor a session or sessions for the New Orleans SAA meeting in 2005. Start thinking of appropriate topics and make some contacts with others in the roundtable to participate in your session idea. If you would like some encouragement or someone to review your proposal, feel free to contact Nancy or Russell. If you can prepare a session prior to the roundtable, send a copy so that the roundtable can consider sponsorship of that session.



## *Lessons from Solo Shops for All Archivists*



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### Mission Statement:

To provide education, stimulate communication, and encourage support between archivists working in "lone arranger" settings. The term "lone arranger" includes those working alone or in small staff situations where they are the only archivist.



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