

# News Notes



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## News

### ***Libraries Organizational Structure Under Review; Library Faculty and Staff input sought:***

From Libraries' Director **Carol Diedrichs**:

*We are in the midst of constructing a strategic plan which will guide our efforts for the next 12 to 24 months. We also have an unprecedented opportunity to transact our business in a different way. One key question is whether we are positioned to deliver on these strategic directions and is our organizational structure aligned with that vision? Our current organization has existed since sometime in 2003 with some minor adjustments as we've gone along. Much has changed in that period of time and a reconsideration of how our current organizational structure is working is probably overdue. As I have had the chance to talk with some of you, there have been good ideas about how we might reorganize to better provide the expertise, insights and skills we need to be successful. With the help of the Executive Committee, I have constructed a number of high level models focused primarily on the assistant director level with some alignment of departments for clarity. They are not detailed at the level where we could answer the question of who reports to whom for everyone. Our key focus must be on discussing possible models and then moving to a decision. A decision on the model will enable us to draft assistant director job descriptions and proceed with recruitment.*

*I have made available two documents – a PDF explaining our plans and process, as well as the models and a PDF of the actual models. You'll note that the last model is a "build your own model" template. These PDFs are also online at:*

<http://library.osu.edu/sites/staff/admin/models.html>

*We have developed a process to elicit your thoughts, insights, and preferences for a new organizational model. The process and schedule for discussion and input on the organizational models follows:*

- March 29 – Executive Committee
- April 1 – discussion with Policy and Planning
- April 5 – distribution of models to the liball listserv
- April 5 – discussion with Staff Advisory Council
- April 13 – discussion at the Faculty Meeting
- April 21, 22 – discussion at the All-Staff meetings
- Weeks of April 12, 19 and 26 – Open focus groups facilitated by Human Resources
- May 1 – Deadline for submission of alternative or revised models
- May 1 – Deadline for response to survey questions
- May 11 – discussion of all feedback with Executive Committee
- May 25 – decisions reached

*Nancy O'Hanlon will be sending out more details on the focus groups and survey later this week. I look forward to your thoughtful insights and comments during this period of discussion.*

**All-staff meetings, Wednesday, April 21, 3-4:30 p.m., Thompson Library, Rooms 150 A & B; or Thursday, April 22, 9:30-11 a.m., Ackerman Tech Center, Room 5826:**  
The agenda for the meeting will include:

- Director's Report (including Carol's impressions after the first 100 days)
- Strategic Planning
- Facilities Update
- Culture Shaping

A reminder that these meetings are for all staff – meaning faculty, A&P and CCS employees.

***Interim OhioLINK Director Announced:*** Chancellor Eric Fingerhut has announced the appointment of John Magill, Chief Strategic Officer in the office of Policy Research and Strategic Planning for the Ohio Department of Development, as Interim Director of OhioLINK. John will assume his duties on April 1, 2010, and continue until the permanent director takes office.

Magill serves on the board of OARNet, is an OhioLINK user, a passionate library advocate, and is very knowledgeable about the role of technology in helping spread the availability of knowledge to all of our citizens. Fingerhut said Magill is well respected by the Governor, the Governor's cabinet, and legislative leaders, and by the leaders of the other educational technology agencies in state government with which OhioLINK partners.

Fingerhut said he was confident that Magill will be able to use these relationships and knowledge to aggressively advance the interests and needs of OhioLINK during this interim period.

**Steele Appointed Exec of Ohio Learning Network:** Dr. George E. Steele, former director of Educational Access for the Ohio Learning Network, is the new executive director of the organization. He assumed the post in February.

The Ohio Learning Network (OLN) was created as an initiative by the Ohio Board of Regents in 1999 as a means by which to promote the increased use of distance learning and other forms of technology-enhanced education. As the executive director, Dr. Steele will be responsible for overseeing OLN's involvement in assembling a single, integrated technology infrastructure for higher education among other elements outlined in Ohio's 10-year /Strategic Plan for Higher Education.

In his previous position as the director of Educational Access at OLN, Dr. Steele led the effort in creating incentive programs for content development, course redesign, and faculty learning communities. He also worked with Ohio's institutions to improve their delivery of e-student services through the use of the Center for Transforming Student Services (CENTSS) audit, in addition to offering numerous professional development opportunities to Ohio's higher educational faculties and staffs.

**Black Recipient of Research Excellence Award:** The Advisory Committee on Research is pleased to announce that **Beth Black** is the recipient of the 2009 OSU Libraries Annual Research Excellence Award for her book chapter, "Web 2.0 and Library 2.0: What Librarians Need to Know," in *Library 2.0 and Beyond: Innovative Technologies and Tomorrow's User*, edited by Nancy Courtney. (Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2007, pp. 1-14.) Although there were several worthy nominations for the award this year, the committee was impressed with the impact that Beth's chapter has had in the library profession, having been adopted as required reading in library science courses at five universities and singled out for praise in a number of book reviews. A formal presentation of the award will be made a later date.

There were no candidates this year for the OSUL "Distinguished Scholar Award."

**Executive Committee Summary for April 6:**

1. The group considered a question related to a request for rental of Thompson spaces for several consecutive days for an academic conference and agreed that since the conference would highlight materials in our collection and result in new resources for the Knowledge Bank, we would agree to provide space for the event, scheduled for autumn 2011.
2. Carol Diedrichs announced that John McGill has been appointed interim director of OhioLINK. The search for a permanent replacement for Tom Sanville is underway.
3. There was brief discussion of the Council on Libraries and Information Technology (COLIT) meeting that occurred on April 5. Carol made a presentation on *Print Retention and Withdrawal Guiding Principles* at that meeting, and will also share it with the Council of Deans and library faculty and staff at future meetings.

4. Carol discussed the OhioLINK shared depository project. Carol has had the opportunity to discuss this project with one of the university's lawyers and has also met with Dona Straley to discuss our approach and timeline for participating in the project.
5. The Vocera project was discussed briefly. Jim Bracken presented a report from Sarah Murphy to the group and plans to engage in further discussion next week, to determine support for another grant proposal related to extending Vocera usage. The committee noted the importance of seeking participant feedback at various stages of the project.
6. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the latest draft of the Libraries strategic plan. Because this must be submitted to the university by April 15, there has not been much opportunity for broad discussion of the plan. The draft submitted on April 15 will be shared with Libraries faculty and staff and work on the plan will continue until June.

***Vocera Users Forum, Thursday, April 28, 2-4 p.m., Thompson Library, 150A:***

Current users of Vocera and anyone who may be interested in the product and would like to learn more it are invited to this Vocera Users Forum. Topics to be discussed include Vocera's role at OSUL; how to maximize the utility of the communications badge; Phase 2 plans and a discussion of the experiences with the system at the Science and Engineering Library and the Thompson Library.

***Spring Quarter CMS Training Schedule for Spring Quarter:*** Content Management System training is continuing this spring. Registration is required for ALL classes. Please use our sign up [form](#) to register. Space is limited to 14 participants per session.

All sessions are held in Room 390 of the Science and Engineering Library.

- **Introduction to the CMS:** covers how to use the CMS to create pages and a short portion on the navigational structure. Each session includes significant hands-on practice time. This class is REQUIRED in order to create pages using the CMS.
- **Carmen Library Link and Subject Pages:** covers the Carmen Library Link (CLL) editor and the connection from that system to the CMS for the creation of Subject pages using Carmen Library Link widgets. This session will also cover the changes to the CLL editor, so even those using it for a while are encouraged to attend.
- **Open Lab:** Come with your questions and/or work in SEL 390 with helpers standing by, it's up to you. If you have a particular question, please share it on the registration form so we can be prepared to answer it. These require registration so we can be sure to have enough helpers.
  - Thursday, April 15, 10 a.m. – noon, Carmen Library Link/Subject pages
  - Wednesday, April 21, 1-3 p.m., CMS Open Lab
  - Wednesday, April 28, 1-3 p.m., CMS Intro
  - Thursday, May 13, 10 a.m.- noon, CMS Intro
  - Tuesday, May 18, 1-3 p.m., CMS Open Lab
  - Wednesday, May 19, 2 – 4 p.m., Carmen Library Link/Subject pages

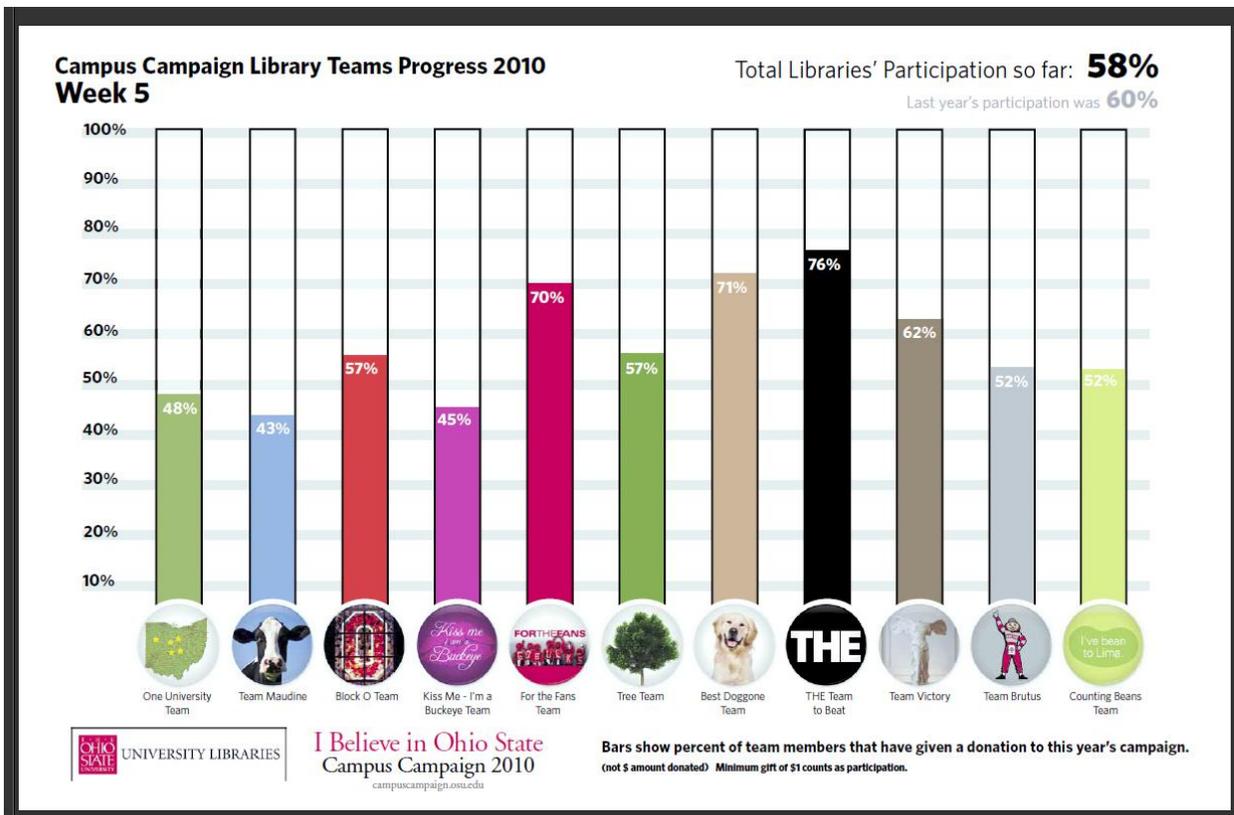
- Thursday, June 3, 1-3 p.m., CMS Intro
- Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m. – noon, CMS Open Lab

**Campus Campaign Update:** The libraries increased participation again this week and we are now up to 58% total participation! Last year's ending participation total was 60%, so you are doing a great job! Remember, just \$1 is the minimum donation to be counted. Giving online is easy at <http://qiveto.osu.edu/areas/campuscampaign/index.asp>

**Regina Patterson** is the winner in this week's drawing. She has won gift certificates to Dairy Queen & Jersey Mike's Subs.

It's a very tight competition at the top. First place team will win lunch served by Exec on the 11th Floor. 2nd and 3rd place teams will also win a prize. Keep your team in the competition!!

Thanks! *Kathryn & Diane*



**On display at the Thompson Library, Spring Quarter, Third Floor, Southeast Reading Area, Room 315:** The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Brasilia, 1960-2010. Contact **Ted Riedinger**, [riedinger.4@osu.edu](mailto:riedinger.4@osu.edu), for additional information or see <http://library.osu.edu/sites/latinamerica/BSB50.htm>.



**American Sign Language Introductory Workshop: Wednesday, April 21, 10 a.m – noon, Thompson Library Room 150B:** Claudia Kinder, the Interpreter Coordinator in the Office of Student Life (Disability Services) will be conducting the workshops. Space is limited to 20 participants in each workshop, so reserve your spot by emailing Deidra Herring at [herring.44@osu.edu](mailto:herring.44@osu.edu). Please put "ASL Workshop" in the subject line, and include your full name, email address, office phone number and the date/location you prefer. Sponsored by the OSUL Diversity Committee.

**“Evaluating the Teaching and Research Performance of Faculty Who Use Digital Media,” Tuesday, April 27, 4-5:30 p.m., Thompson Library, Room 165:** An increasing number of college and university faculty are basing their research and teaching on digital media projects for which standards of evaluation are only beginning to be defined. Join the OSU Senate Council on Libraries and Information Technology (CoLIT) for a forum on how university reward structures of promotion and tenure can meet the challenge of these forms of academic work. Speakers include:

- **Doug Danforth**, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Susan Delagrange**, Assistant Professor of English
- **Susan Fisher**, Professor of Entomology
- **Ann Pendleton-Julian**, Professor of Architecture
- **Lewis Ullman**, Associate Professor of English

- **Susan Williams**, Professor of English and Vice-Provost for Academic Policy and Faculty Resources

For more information, contact Anne Fields, [fields.179@osu.edu](mailto:fields.179@osu.edu)

***Vacation Donation Option:*** The Ohio State University strives to recruit and retain a world-class faculty and staff and to stand out as an employer of choice. Our goal is to create a community that supports employees and their families and regards family care concerns as legitimate and important. The university recognizes that supporting faculty and staff as they balance career, childbirth, and family life ultimately benefits the faculty, staff, and institution alike. The purpose of vacation donation is to provide financial assistance during approved unpaid leaves related to life-threatening illness or injury of self or immediate family members, for childbirth, adoption and foster care placement or death of an immediate family member. This policy visibly demonstrates the university's commitment to work/life integration. Check this link for more information: [Vacation Donation Policy](#) If you have any questions, contact [Toni Morrison-Smith](#), 292-5917.

## University News



***Spring issue of Resources is now online:*** The spring issue of *Resources*, the Office of Human Resources' quarterly newsletter, is now on the web at [hr.osu.edu/resources](http://hr.osu.edu/resources). This issue includes articles on factors that influence a child's personality and other attributes, OSU's new "Excellence to Eminence" web site, and the incentives that go along with *Your Plan for Health's* Personal Health Assessment, plus more information about work, life, and health.

***April 13 discussion of educational digital media systems at OSU:*** Join the Digital Media Collective from 11 a.m. – noon on Tuesday, April 13 in the Campus Reading Room, 11th floor of the Thompson Library for "Digital Media Systems at OSU: What are they and how can they help?" Presenters representing Media Manager, streaming media services, the Knowledge Bank, and Carmen will be followed by discussion of these systems and other systems that are needed by faculty, staff, and TAs to assist with educational digital media. Contact: <mailto:mcallister.50@osu.edu>

***"Preparing Associate Professors for Promotion workshop," April 14:*** "Preparing Associate Professors for Promotion" a workshop for department chairs, school directors, deans, associate deans, and assistant deans, will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14 in Room 090 in the Science & Engineering Library. Registration is required. Contact: 247-1847. Register online: [http://hr.osu.edu/ohrc/od\\_leadershipdevelopment\\_academicleader.aspx](http://hr.osu.edu/ohrc/od_leadershipdevelopment_academicleader.aspx)

# People



From AD Rai Goerler: **Jason Thompson**, Systems Integration Coordinator, will be leaving the OSU Libraries at the end of April to join his wife Rebecca, who has accepted a new position in Arizona. His last day at OSU Libraries will be April 23. The Libraries has benefited greatly from Jason's knowledge and efforts in managing information technology and will continue to do so in the near future. A contract has been developed for Jason to monitor and trouble-shoot library systems remotely for a time. In addition, the OSU Libraries is working with the Chief Information Officer to recruit a temporary appointment that will be the person to work with Jason and to work with librarians and staff on site.

These measures will allow for the continued oversight and support of IT processes for the Libraries as it considers strategies for the long-term.

All of us wish Jason and his family well in Arizona and are grateful for his years of conscientious service and his willingness to continue to help us temporarily.

Helen Roecker, the mother of colleague **Fred Roecker**, died last weekend in California. Services are scheduled for Tuesday, April 13. Our condolences to Fred and his family.

**Amy McCrory**, Digital Imaging Specialist in the Libraries' Preservation Department, co-authored an article with Cara Gilgenbach and David Gaj of Kent State University Libraries. Published in the journal *Archival Issues*, v31, n2, "The OhioLINK EAD Factory: Consortial Creation and Delivery of EAD" describes the design and implementation of a system for online searching of archival collections in the state of Ohio.

## **Personnel Report**    *Provided by the OSU Libraries Human Resources Department*

*To comply with University procedures, employees applying for listed vacancies must complete a Promotion/Transfer Request (form 8931, Rev 9/97) during the week of the first listing of the vacancy in the University Personnel Posting (green sheet). To ensure awareness of all vacancies which have been posted, applicants should consult the weekly green sheet rather than relying on the listing in NewsNotes Online and are encouraged to attach a resume and/or other supporting documents to the form. Prospective faculty and staff applicants who are absent during the 5-day posting period and wish to apply should see Toni Morrison-Smith.*

*Library personnel can also review university employment opportunities at:*  
[www.jobs.osu.edu](http://www.jobs.osu.edu)

OSU Libraries' 6th Annual  
**Cake Auction**

Benefiting the 2010 Campus Campaign

**Tuesday, April 13**

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Room 165 Thompson Library



Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Most beautiful • Most chocolatey
- Most creative • Best Buckeye theme • Oops!

Wes Boomgaarden is back as auctioneer, Betty Sawyers as Vanna.  
Auction is open to all Faculty, Staff, Students, and Patrons.  
Benefits Renovation fund - Tech Center & SEL.



# Exhibits



## ***Celebrating Scientific Discoveries, Achievements and Global Exploration***

*The Byrd Polar Research Center,  
50th Anniversary (1960-2010)  
Thompson Library Exhibition Gallery  
1858 Neil Avenue  
April 5-May 28*

This exhibit features artifacts and printed materials from the collections of the Polar Archives and the Goldthwait Polar Library, illustrating the history of the Byrd Center from its inception in 1960 and its continuing research in the polar and global arena. The substantial contributions to polar research by members of the Center, both past and present, are highlighted.



As we celebrate the Center's 50th anniversary, we also acknowledge the heroic polar explorers who paved the way for our scientists and explorers. Included in this exhibit are rare books, published narratives, and artifacts selected from the Polar Archival Program and the Goldthwait Polar Library, representing our favorite icons of polar exploration. Through these special collections, the Archival Program and the Library bring the struggles and human endeavors unique to the history of polar exploration to life in vivid detail.

Through 50 years of research excellence, the Byrd Polar Research Center (formerly the Institute of Polar Studies) has earned an international reputation as a premier polar and alpine research center with an expanding focus

on global environmental issues. Its mission is to conduct multidisciplinary research, offer enhanced educational opportunities, and provide outreach activities that build and strengthen The Ohio State University's program in polar processes, earth system sciences and environmental sciences.

Over the years, the scope of research at the Byrd Center has broadened significantly and now encompasses geological sciences, glaciology, paleoclimatology, meteorology, paleoceanography, satellite hydrology, remote sensing and mapping, and geochemistry. These scientific foci are complemented by the Byrd Polar Research Center Archival Program and the Goldthwait Polar Library.

Though the techniques and tools of conducting research have changed significantly over the years, the goal remains the same: quality interdisciplinary research in the world's polar, alpine, and tropical regions.

*Exhibit curated by Laura Kissel, Polar Curator, Byrd Polar Research Center Archival Program, and Lynn Lay, Librarian, Goldthwait Polar Library*

## ***Let the Games Begin: A Century of Sports Cartoons***

*An Exhibition at the Reading Room Gallery*

[Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum](#)  
27 West 17th Avenue Mall

*Through April 9*

More than 50 sports cartoons will be on display as part of the exhibition *Let the Games Begin: A Century of Sports Cartoons*, on view at The Ohio State University's Billy Ireland Cartoon Library

& Museum through April 9. The exhibition features original drawings by some of the most prolific and influential cartoon artists of the past century and includes likenesses of a wide variety of sports figures including Jack Dempsey, Dizzy Dean, Ted Williams, Willie Shoemaker, as well Ohio State athletics.

Editorial cartoons have a long history but the sports cartoon, as we know it now, evolved as a fixture on the sports page as athletic endeavors became more and more of a ubiquitous form of popular entertainment. Before television and higher-speed photography, sports cartoons were an important way for a commentator to communicate to the public the personalities on the field or to sum up an achievement or brewing controversy.

The cartoons featured in *Let the Games Begin: A Century of Sports Cartoons*, span the 20th century from a time when boxing and horse racing captured the nation's undivided attention to the end of the century and beyond, long after any remaining shreds of purity and innocence had been stripped from the public's collective perception of the athletes it followed and admired. Drawn from several of the Cartoon Library's collections, the works featured in this exhibit were published in newspapers from all over the United States. Artists featured in the exhibition include Willard Mullin, Arnold Roth, William Summers, Karl Hubenthal, the Columbus *Dispatch's* Jeff Stahler, and more.

"Historic sports cartoon provide a wonderful window into the past. We are fortunate to have such rich holdings of these works in the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum," stated Lucy Shelton Caswell, Professor and Curator of the Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum.

*Let the Games Begin: A Century of Sports Cartoons* was co-curated by Caswell and David Filipi, Curator of Film/Video, at the Wexner Center for the Arts. The exhibition was funded in part by the operating endowment of The Ohio State University Billy Ireland Cartoon Library & Museum. A free exhibit brochure featuring an essay by David Filipi is available upon request. Caswell and Filipi co-curated the exhibition *Jeff Smith: Bone and Beyond* at the Wexner Center for the Arts in 2008.

*Let the Games Begin: A Century of Sports Cartoons* is in conjunction with *Hard Targets*, an exhibition at the Wexner Center for the Arts from through April 11, 2010.

### ***Flora in Fashion***

*Campbell Hall, Snowden Galleries  
1787 Neil Ave.*

*Access to the Snowden Galleries in the Geraldine Schottenstein Wing is easiest through the arched entrance from the north side of the building.*

#### *Hours:*

*Wednesday and Thursday:*

*11 a.m. – 6 p.m.*

*Friday and Saturday:*

*12 – 4 p.m.*

*Also open by appointment*

The exhibit celebrates the beauty of botanical images, and the value of botanical materials in artifacts of dress and adornment. Flowers, plants, ferns, vines and leaves, have long served as the design inspiration for textiles, garments, hats, gloves, shoes, purses, jewelry and buttons. An amazing array of plant fibers, stems, woods, nuts, fruits and berries provide substances from which clothing and accessories are fabricated.

The Historic Costume & Textiles Collection is a rich trove of such artifacts, many of which have never been displayed. We've delved into our gloves, shoes, hats, purses and jewelry, as well as our textiles and garments, to find the antique, the modern, the rare and the beautiful – all of which will be represented in this show.

A special feature of *Flora in Fashion* will be the display of a large selection of buttons from the Rudolph Button Collection. For the past two and a half years, volunteers from the Central Ohio Button Collectors Club (who provided the title for this exhibition) have sorted, identified, cleaned, repaired, cataloged and mounted buttons. A significant portion of the Rudolph Collection is now ready for public viewing.

#### ***“F in F” Special Events***

*Button Show, April 17-18, Presentation:* The theme for the Annual Spring Show of The Buckeye State Button Society, April 17-18, is “Flora in Fashion” (the group generously offered to share that theme with this exhibition). Hosted by the Central Ohio Button Collectors, Friends of the Collection are invited to join the Button Collectors in Campbell Hall Auditorium on Saturday evening, April 17, for a lecture and reception in Campbell Hall Auditorium, with guest speaker, Dr. Mary Kathryn Whitson, Chair of the Department of Botany at Northern Kentucky University.

*HCTC Spring Symposium, Saturday, May 22:* The Historic Costume & Textiles Collection will again host a Symposium, with guest speakers from a variety of academic areas who will share their expertise on topics related to Flora in Fashion.