Annual Meeting 2003

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the National Museum of Language was held on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the University of Maryland University College Inn and Conference Center. The program began with a reception and silent auction at 5:30 p.m.; the auction netted the Museum over three hundred dollars. The Museum was honored to have in attendance James C. Rosapene, former Ambassador to Romania and former member of the Maryland House of Delegates, currently serving as a Regent of the University System of Maryland, and his wife, television journalist Sheila Kast. The two main events were the presentation of a plan for an interim museum building, and a lecture by Everett Jordan.

Eric Feiss, of David H. Gleason Associates, Inc., gave a multimedia presentation showing what a prospective building for the Museum might look like. Feiss took as his inspiration a line from T.S. Eliot, using the spiral shape to represent constant change and increase. The design uses contrasting shapes and textures both for aesthetic purposes and symbolically to represent change. The building plan emphasizes the effective use of space. As Feiss noted, in considering the size of a likely proposed lot (approximately 10,000 square feet), he tried to think in terms, not of a shortage of space, but of an efficiency of space. The virtual tour showed the flow from one space to another, and the use of architectural features such as internal windows to connect various parts of the museum. The result is a building that looks attractive from the outside and fits well into the kinds of architecture currently in use in museums, while, on the inside, the building welcomes visitors into an area from which they can move easily through the building. The virtual tour illustrated possible exhibit spaces with various uses to which they might be put, a substantial video theater area for educational programs, and a research and resource area for scholars. Mr. Feiss did this work pro bono for the Museum thanks to the good offices of Richard Wagner, Ph.D., a resident of College Park, and a partner in David Gleason Associates. Further information on the proposed Museum design will be included in the Museum’s Prospectus, currently in preparation.

Everette Jordan, Director of the newly-established National Virtual Language Translation Center, and former Senior Associate at the National Foreign Language Center at the University of Maryland, gave the keynote address, “Is America up to the Foreign Language Challenge?” Jordan began by noting, as he put it, that “language doesn’t behave.” That is, issues of translation go far beyond what most people think of as linguistic knowledge. Translators are aware that simple book knowledge is insufficient to enable one to communicate in a foreign language. Unfortunately, Americans in general “don’t get it” when it comes to understanding what it takes to learn a language. As a result, language training is under-funded and poorly organized, and the teachers themselves are poorly paid. Language skills themselves do not command much prestige or money, and knowledge of foreign languages is considered a “soft skill,” in contrast to the (more prestigious and better-paid) “hard skills” of math, computer science, and engineering.

The question Jordan posed was: Are we up to the challenge of seeing things from the perspective of other countries? That is, are we up to the challenge of sending soldiers overseas to help people purify their water and manage their infrastructure? As he observed, we do not know what languages will be required in the future, but at present we are not even asking the right questions. Old paradigms about what language is and how it operates, as well as our old habits of misunderstanding what it means to “know” a language are holding the United States back in the international arena.

In part this is due to the lack of national leadership on language teaching and learning. But our leaders are also as ignorant as the average American about just what is needed in terms of language skills, and what is meant by “understanding a language.” Historically, the government has thought of language learning as an intelligence activity. Jordan suggested that Congress needs to be aware that language skills are required to be effective in agriculture, business, politics, etc. He noted as well that, historically, the jobs of translation and analysis were done by different people, and argued that what is really needed is translator-analysts, who can analyze concepts from one worldview and put them into another worldview. The evening closed with the presentation of four Presidential Citations. The Presidential Citation, inaugurated with this annual meeting, is an award given to those who, in the opinion of the President, have rendered extraordinary service to the Museum over the past year. Recipients were Nikoleta Dineen, Kathleen Miller, Joseph Page, and Whitney Reed. Mr. Feiss was honored with a collection of essays about America’s museums, and Mr. Jordan received a one-year family membership in the National Museum of Language.

—Linda K. Coleman

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the eve of Thanksgiving, as I began thinking about what I would say in this column, I realized that not only have we grown as an organization, but also we have become a family. As in all families, members come and go. Yet there is a core of those who carry on, who keep us going, who maintain the structure, who strengthen and ensure the base. We have a sense of mission, of purpose, and we are confident of success. There are many unknowns that we face daily, and problems to be solved.

It is the custom in some families at this holiday season to send greetings in the form of news about all members of the family. In a sense, this issue is indeed such a letter. The pages of this Newsletter bring to you, our members and friends, an account of much that we are accomplishing, and tell about the people who are involved. Family newsletters always tell of the big events. For us, these were the Annual Meeting and the Oktoberfest. At our highly successful Annual Meeting our own special audience came to hear Everett Jordan, a professional linguist, speak of his personal knowledge and concerns about the language field and the study of language in America today. At the Oktoberfest, on the other hand, we addressed a very different audience—the general public. We told the story of the National Museum of Language, and presented a linguistic and cultural display that gave meaning to the Oktoberfest itself.

Two invitations to Vice President Reed and myself indicate an increasing recognition of the success of NML. At the opening of the National Cryptologic Museum’s first language exhibit, we were impressed by the introductory remarks of Renee Meyer, which we are able to bring to you. And again, as guests of the National Security Agency’s Crypto-Linguistic Association at its Annual Banquet, we were pleased to meet with former colleagues.

Several gifts to NML are described in our letter. To be chosen to receive a major portion of the language library of the distinguished scholar Allen Walker Read is a feather in our cap, and a fine beginning for the collections that must form the basis of the Museum. Other gifts, for which we are most grateful, will help us in our everyday work.

The creation of a National Advisory Council is a necessary and long-planned step forward. We seek your support in this task, since it is essential if we are to establish and achieve recognition as a world-class museum. This is but one of the accomplishments of our busy committees. Membership on a committee is an excellent way of learning more about the Museum, and, even better, to help shape its future. As a volunteer, as an intern, as a committee member, there is a role for everyone.

Our Holiday Reception represents still another major advance for us. What better way to celebrate the season than to present to the public language displays that are necessarily modest because of our limited space, but are precursors of tomorrow’s work. We welcome you now and in the days to come, and extend our best wishes to all for the coming year.

Amelia C. Murdoch
Silent Auction a Success

A new feature at the 2003 Annual Dinner was the Silent Auction that preceded the dinner itself. A variety of items contributed by local businesses and several anonymous donors were presented around the reception room, along with other displays.

The auction, inspired by NML intern Staci Rosen, was organized and presented by Fran Reed, assisted by Anne Page. Reed, an experienced hand at arranging such auctions, contacted local businesses, many of which were referrals from Amelia Murdoch and former NML Director Anna Owens. Then, accompanied by husband Vice President Whitney Reed, she collected the various items or certificates.

The auction proceeded smoothly and successfully due to the impeccable planning which is always characteristic of projects organized by Reed. She was delighted to report that profits from the auction were great enough to cover expenses of the dinner not covered by dinner reservation fees, such as the microphone.

We at the National Museum of Language are most grateful to the following businesses for their cooperation and generosity. All addresses are in College Park, unless otherwise noted:

- Bagel Place
  7423 Baltimore Avenue

- Golden Bull Restaurant
  9107 Riggs Road
  Adelphi, Maryland 20783

- Lupo’s Italian Chophouse
  7416 Baltimore Avenue

- Plato’s Diner
  7150 Baltimore Avenue

- Wood’s Flowers and Gifts
  9223 Baltimore Avenue

- College Park Exxon Servicenter
  7110 Baltimore Avenue

- Kevin Nails
  4431 Lehigh Road
  Memories of Finland
  9225 Baltimore Avenue

- REI (Sports Store)
  9801 Rhode Island

—Amelia Murdoch

Oktoberfest 2003

On October 19, 2003, the University of Maryland’s Ritchie Coliseum was alive with the spirit of Oktoberfest. NML participated for the third year with its largest display yet at this colorful celebration, which is cosponsored by the City of College Park and the University of Maryland. Whitney Reed’s explanation of the origins and evolution of the Oktoberfest tradition was attractively printed and given to all attending the event. Jim McFadden and Manuel Guevara were responsible for a two-table display of information about the museum, a display of selected books (from Whitney Reed), and the views of the architect’s concept for an interim building for the Museum. At an adjoining display, Fran and Whitney Reed provided Oktoberfest memorabilia such as books, beer steins, and the legendary Wolperdinger, which saved the Bavarians from the Roman soldiers. The display included a brief account of the Wolperdinger tradition and a comparison of the Plattdeutsch and Baliris dialects, both by Whitney. Fran and Whitney’s contributions were a crystal and pewter mas (beer stein) that was raffled off, with the proceeds benefiting NML.

In addition to the Reeds, McFadden, and Guevara, the exhibit was staffed by Joseph and Jane Page, Yuk Onoe, and Amelia Murdoch, who greeted visitors and discussed the exhibits and the NML with them.

Four bands, two dance groups, and the College Park Youth Choir provided entertainment, and the University catered the food and drink. At least 35 people visited the NML display and expressed their interest in our mission. NML directors and associates are already planning our participation in next year’s Oktoberfest with a goal of increasing attendance and thereby generating new museum memberships.

—James E. McFadden

Holiday Reception

We are pleased to announce that we have made significant progress in reconfiguring our office space so that we now have several areas that may serve as exhibition space. To publicize our new look and increased access, our Holiday Reception on Sunday, December 14, will enable us to provide a preview for our members and friends, who have been invited to join us in the afternoon for light refreshments, fellowship, and information.

A better working environment, a pleasanter atmosphere, and linguistic displays are the result of long-term planning and much concentrated effort on the part of many volunteers over the past few months. The preview heralds our effort to extend our activities and achieve even more of our goals as a museum.

The next issue of the Newsletter will carry a full account of the reception and office conversion. We also plan to announce at that time a regular schedule for when the office will be open to the public on a part-time basis. We will therefore need more volunteers who can serve as docents. They will be asked to explain to visitors the goals and plans of the Museum, its current activities and needs. Some docents will serve as linguistic guides, both in relation to whatever linguistic exhibits that are on display and about language in general. Anyone interested in helping in this capacity is invited to contact us by telephone (301-864-7071), email (nmluslang@uno.com), or regular mail (National Museum of Language, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 202, College Park, Maryland 20740).

—Amelia Murdoch

—Amelia Murdoch
National Cryptologic Museum:

First Language Exhibit

On September 15, NML President Murdoch and Vice President Reed were privileged to attend the opening of the first language exhibit to be offered by the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade, Maryland. In her introductory remarks, Renee Meyer, Senior Language Authority for the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Central Security Service (CSS), addressed problems all too familiar to professionals in the language field. Her concerns deserve a larger audience, and we would like to thank NSA/CSS for permitting us to share her thoughts with you.

National Cryptologic Museum Language Exhibit Opening
September 15, 2003

This represents one of the greatest days ever for language analysts at NSA, the day we formally unveil an exhibit entirely devoted to foreign language in our cryptologic museum. The deplorable state of American foreign language education and resources has been well documented, particularly since the September 11th attacks on the United States. There are not enough qualified language specialists who really understand the significance of things that are said or written. Our nation is at risk because of this deficiency. There is an urgent and every-growing need for higher levels of language competency among professionals who will join federal agencies, but in many cases the qualified people just aren’t there to hire. The very structure of foreign language education in our country must be changed in order to build the language power we need now and in the future for our national security.

Our adversaries do not speak English, and they never speak directly about what they mean. But foreign languages are hard to learn and understand. Schools continue to cut their foreign language programs, and really competent language specialists are few and far between. Elementary knowledge of a foreign language is not enough. It's the nuances, the unsaid but intended messages, the stuff between the lines and even beyond the lines that signifies the highest levels of language use. NSA has always stood as a shining example of the community's and our country's commitment to human expertise in language. Underpinned by rigorous testing metrics and standards that prove language performance, the NSA language cadre provides a strong, sustained, and focused language power that is second to none.

This most timely new exhibit is a tribute and testimony to NSA's commitment to foreign language and to the courageous NSA men and women, military and civilian, who have dedicated their lives to the study and applied practice of foreign language for their country. These language analysts understand the nuances, intentions, and unstated messages even though they are not the intended recipients of the messages. The analytic, language, and subject matter expertise required to successfully perform this kind of work is extraordinary.

In the end, it isn't about technology and the wonders of machines. It's about understanding other people and cultures and thereby protecting our country. Our language analysts make direct and lasting contributions to the work of the highest-level policy makers and law enforcement officials. These contributions enable these leaders to save American lives here and abroad, make the right decisions, protect our country from terrorist attacks, prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the wrong hands, shut down drug deals, and many other heroic acts.

—Renee Meyer
NSA/ CSS Senior Language Authority

The NML Allen Walker Read Collection

We owe it all to Kathleen (Katy) Miller, chair of the NML Programs Committee. Katy put the NML in touch with representatives of the Institute of General Semantics (IGS) in Dallas, Texas, which had been named executor of the estate of the late Dr. Allen Walker Read. Dr. Read was a Rhodes scholar and was awarded a B.Lit. and a D.Litt. from Oxford University. After several teaching positions, he taught at Columbia University from 1934 to 1974 and retired as Professor Emeritus of English. As a linguist, lexicographer, folklorist and historian, much of Dr. Read's research was focused on naming. Before his death, he served as President of the American Naming Society. As executors, the IGS offered to donate to the NML any books (other than books on semantics) NML chose from Dr. Read's library.

After traveling to New York City and searching through Dr. Read's extensive library of over 3,000 volumes, Vice-President Whitney Reed and Member Burton Scheiner brought back 13 boxes of books, which ultimately yielded 311 books. These books have now been cataloged by author and by title. The books fall predominantly into four categories: 1) general linguistics and language; 2) dialects; 3) slang; and 4) place names. The collection will be on permanent display in the NML office starting with the December 14 NML Holiday Reception. It is planned to send copies of the catalogues to local universities and colleges offering scholars at those institutions an opportunity to come to the NML office and use these books for research.

—Whitney Reed

Annual Dinner 2003

Display at Oktoberfest 2003
A National Advisory Council

Our goal of establishing a National Advisory Council is soon to become a reality. The Board of Directors has approved guidelines providing for the creation and governance of such a body, and a nominating committee has been appointed to prepare a list of possible nominees. Director Glenn Nordin, Chair, and members Director Herman Bostick, Director DeCamp, Associate Kathleen Miller, and Associate Margaret Reynolds will welcome suggestions for possible appointees to the Council. Submit your suggestions by email to nmslan@junio.com or by regular mail to Glenn Nordin, Chair, Nominating Committee, National Museum of Language, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, Maryland, 20740. Names submitted should be accompanied by a regular mailing address. Our limited staffing will not permit us to research such information.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF LANGUAGE
National Advisory Council - August 14, 2003

I. Purpose
A National Advisory Council (NAC) is hereby established for the National Museum of Language in order to provide the Board of Directors with a body of advisors representative of the many fields for which language is of primary interest, and who shall also assist in communicating the goals and activities of the Museum to a broader public.

II. Members
A. Basis of selection
The Advisors shall be distinguished and prominent in their fields of endeavor, thus ensuring the confidence of the public in the quality of their work and the value of their judgement. They shall be chosen from such fields as Language, Education, Government, Diplomacy, Philanthropy, Business, Science, Technology, and Museum Management.

B. Number
There shall be a minimum of twenty and a maximum of 30 Advisors.

C. Method of appointment
1. Nomination
   The nominating committee shall be a standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be comprised of five members: three Directors and two Associates.
2. Selection
   The Nominating Committee shall submit a list of nominees to the Board of Directors, which shall select, invite, and formally appoint the members of the NAC.

III. Term of Office
A. The term of office shall be three calendar years.
B. Initially, for the first year, Advisors shall be appointed to terms of 1, 2, or 3 years in order to ensure an orderly succession of experienced members. Advisors are eligible for reappointment.

IV. Privileges and responsibilities of members of the National Advisory Council
A. Advisors may be asked to advise the Board or various Committees on specific questions.
B. Advisors are invited to submit recommendations or suggestions as they deem useful and appropriate.
C. Advisors are urged to express support for the Museum and to use their various spheres of influence to persuade others to join in supporting the Museum.
D. Advisors are urged to contribute to the Museum and to persuade others to do likewise.
E. Advisors shall receive copies of the Annual Report and the Newsletter.

V. Recognition of members of the National Advisory Council
A. Advisors shall be recognized in the Annual Report and in other documents as may be appropriate.
B. Advisors shall serve without compensation.
C. Advisors shall receive invitations to attend the Annual Dinner.

—Amelia Murdoch

Guidelines for Committees Approved
In order to ensure smooth and efficient operation of the standing committees that do the work of the NML, the Board of Directors approved the following guidelines at its September meeting:
1. The Board of Directors will appoint the chair(s) of each committee.
2. The chair(s) of each committee will determine the optimum number of members on that committee and is (are) encouraged to recruit new members as needed. The names of committee members will be published in the NML Newsletter and the Annual Report. While committee membership should ideally come from among NML members, actual membership in the NML is not mandatory for participation in the work of the committees.
3. Each committee will prepare a general mission statement to be approved by the Board of Directors.
4. Each committee will meet at least once a month and, through a chair-appointed Secretary, will prepare minutes for each meeting, which shall include the name of the committee, date and place of the meeting, members present and absent, and actions proposed or taken. A copy of the approved minutes will be provided to the Board of Directors for insertion into an appropriate file at the NML office. Committee members will receive a copy of the last meeting’s minutes approximately two weeks prior to the next meeting.
5. Committee members should receive a written proposed Agenda prior to each meeting.
6. Committee chairs are given broad discretion over the selection of members, appointment of a vice-chair, attendance, terms of service, establishment of quorum, establishment of sub-committees and the like.
7. Each committee member will be provided with an NML information packet prepared by the Board of Directors.
8. The chair(s) of each committee will provide a brief summary of the committee’s activities for publication in each issue of the NML Newsletter.
9. Committee expenditures shall be reimbursed from NML funds. Committees may approve the expenditure of up to $50 in incidental expenses each quarter without further approval. Expenditures of more than $50 per quarter will require approval of the Board of Directors.
10. At the end of each calendar year, each committee will submit a proposed budget for the next year to the Board of Directors for approval. Any actions or activities proposed by committees that entail the expenditure of funds not included in the annual budget shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.
11. During the first quarter of the year, each committee will identify to the Board of Directors its need for interns to assist them in their work. The Board of Directors will then direct the Administration Committee to attempt to recruit such interns. Each committee will be responsible for supervising the work of any interns assigned to it.
12. The Board of Directors shall provide each committee with priority guidance as to all proposed activities and actions within the mission of the committee.

—Whitney E. Reed
Report from the Committees

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee worked in conjunction with the Programs Committee in making preparations for the Annual Dinner, and provided a list of possible guests for the event. In accordance with the new Guidelines for Standing Committees (which had been drafted by the Administration Committee), the co-chairs established the number of authorized active voting members on the committee as a total of 10. The current members are Amelia Murdoch and Whitney Reed (co-chairs), Herman Bostick, Rachel Liu, James McFadden, Yuki Onoe, Jane Page, Joseph Page, and Frances Reed.

After several meetings, the Committee agreed on the text to be submitted to the Board of Directors for establishment of a National Advisory Council (NAC). Herbert Fochler had contributed to this effort by submitting many useful suggestions. The Board has appointed Glenn Nordin to serve as chair of a Nominating Committee to propose candidates for the NAC. Also named to serve with Nordin on this committee were Herman Bostick, Jennifer DeCamp, Kathleen Miller, and Margaret Reynolds.

In September the Intern Sub-Committee selected intern applicant Veronica Segovia to work on a program to extend NML membership to various foreign embassies located in Washington, D.C. Segovia is performing her internship through the University of Maryland’s Department of Communications (Julie Gowin, Outreach Coordinator). In October, members of the sub-committee attended an Internship Fair sponsored by the Department of Communications at the University of Maryland. Segovia also participated by explaining the internship program to interested students. Through our attendance at the April 2003 Internship Fair, Zee Okediji, a University of Maryland student, has joined our ranks as a volunteer and is researching grants.

As a part of the museum outreach effort, the Committee agreed to participate in the Oktoberfest sponsored by the University of Maryland and the City of College Park on October 19. President Murdoch and Vice-President Reed attended the dedication of a new language exhibit at the National Cryptologic Museum as guests of the curator, Jack Ingram. Murdoch and Reed were also guests at the NSA Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA) luncheon presided over by CLA President-elect Anita Kulman, who is a member of NML.

Committee members Joseph Page and Whitney Reed delivered the Name Game Traveling Exhibit developed by Dora Kennedy and Isaac Yehiel to the Paint Branch Elementary School in College Park on a long-term loan basis. Arrangements for this loan were made by Page.

The Committee agreed to add sections on Collections and the Website to the Prospectus. Yuki Onoe has been assisting Amelia Murdoch on the layout of Prospectus articles. Further work on the Prospectus was deferred temporarily so that the Committee could continue with urgent planning for the office conversion so it can be completed in time for the December 14 Holiday Reception. Once the office conversion has been completed and the Holiday Reception is over, it is planned to open the NML office to the general public on a part-time basis.

The Administration and Programs Committees joined forces to complete the office conversion and to prepare for the Holiday Reception to be held on December 14 at the NML Office. This has involved the big job of repainting the NML office suite (the painting crew consisted of James McFadden, Manuel Guevara, Whitney Reed, Zee Okediji and Amelia Murdoch), planning and producing specific language exhibits for the office, obtaining and installing new bookcases to house the collection acquired from the estate of Dr. Allen Walker Reed, arranging for a loan of artifacts from the Radio and Television Museum in Bowie, Maryland, preparing a list of local members and guests to be invited, sending out invitations, and planning for refreshments. Jane Page and Frances Reed volunteered to obtain the refreshments for the Reception. A local merchant has agreed, through Joseph Page, to donate new carpeting for the office. Acquisition and installation of the carpeting will take place after the New Year.

—Whitney Reed

Programs Committee

After the success of the 2003 Annual Dinner and the Oktoberfest, members of the Programs Committee assisted with the office conversion and preparations for the Holiday Reception. Natalie Schilling-Estes developed the exhibit on dialects for the Reception Room. Kathleen Miller prepared two displays: one on Allen Walker Reed and one on Frederic Cassidy – for presentation in the Board Room. Zemaye Okediji contributed designs and signs for the office. Hopefully, the conversion will make the office a great space for welcoming the public.

Plans are underway for the 2004 Annual Dinner, which will feature Joan Houston Hall, editor-in-chief of the Dictionary of American Regional English (DARE). As our keynote speaker. This year's dinner is going to be bigger and better than ever. Under the direction of Frances Reed, we will be offering a longer silent auction with more items than last year. Joseph Page has led negotiations with the University of Maryland University College Inn and Conference Center and has obtained a much larger room, one which will accommodate twice the audience we had last year, when we had to turn away a number of potential guests for lack of seating capacity. With the help of the staff of DARE, the Programs Committee hopes to have materials and displays that do honor to both the Dictionary and NML.

After the Holiday Reception, and once the plans for the Annual Dinner are well underway, the Committee will prepare plans, including an outline for a grant proposal, for the "Conversations With..." series.

—Kathleen E. Miller

WEB Notes

Thanks to Director Dr. Jennifer DeCamp, the National Museum of Language is currently in negotiations with MITRE Corporation, a not-for-profit business with headquarters in McLean, Virginia, to permit the Museum to use the MITRE server for the NML website for the coming year. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter.

—Amelia Murdoch
Acknowledgements
We are grateful for several recent serendipitous gifts that have helped improve our office environment. Director Jennifer DeCamp has contributed a monitor for our second computer, and longtime friend of the Museum Marian Jenkins has contributed a table. We have now consolidated our office equipment in a single room, thus making our reception room available for exhibit purposes. And Wills Interior Decorating of Beltsville, Maryland, assisted with the cost of painting the entire office.

MEMBERSHIP
According to the American Association of Museums, a museum should have at least a 10% increase in membership each year in order to be considered viable by foundations and major donors. We are pleased to report that the NML has achieved this goal for calendar year 2003. Much of the increase was realized through a decision of the Board of Directors to offer free one-year memberships to all members of the defunct Society of Federal Linguists (SFL). Using an address list provided by former SFL President Everette Larson, letters offering free NML membership for 2003 were sent to all members of the SFL registered at the time the SFL was disbanded. Unfortunately, many of the addresses were no longer valid; however, eight former SFL members did accept the NML offer. We hope that when NML membership renewal letters for 2004 are sent out that they will continue as members.

In the meantime, we urge all NML members to help us by recruiting new members. Please use the membership form included in this Newsletter and approach your relatives, friends and colleagues. You might even consider giving a gift membership. These are wonderful ways in which to show your continuing support. If every NML member could recruit at least one additional member, we could double our membership next year and have a 100% increase instead of a 10% increase.

—Whitney Reed

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Revised January 2000

Amelia Murdoch & Kathleen Miller
Helen Carpenter, Timothy & Frederick Pouring
Eric Feiss
UPCOMING EVENTS

**NML MEETINGS**

**Board of Directors**
February 12
April 8

**Museum Programs Committee**
TBA

**Spring Workshop**
TBA

**Executive Committee**
January 8
March 11

**Administration/Prospectus Committee**
January 15
February 19
March 18

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