

Among Friends

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Friends of
Mabee Library
at Washburn

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2003 ANNUAL MEETING December 10, 2003

The Friends of the Mabee Library will hold its 2003 Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2003, in Room 105, Mabee Library. The meeting will include election of officers for 2004 and a reception honoring Friends and donors. Please come and let us show you our appreciation .

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LIBRARY AMONG SPONSORS OF BOOK ARTS SEMINAR

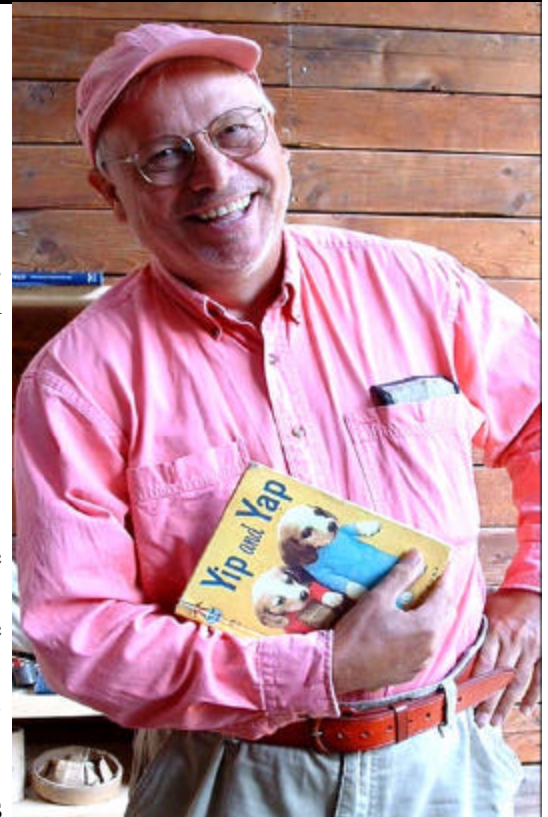
BOOK ARTS SEMINAR Thursday, February 26 & Friday, February 27, 2004

by Marguerite Perret

The book as an art form and artifact is inherently interdisciplinary in both form and function. Book arts studies draw on the fine arts, art history, cultural studies, world history, computer science, English, religious studies, library science, anthropology, sociology and communications. In keeping with the priority placed on interdisciplinary initiatives at Washburn, the Art Department, Mulvane Museum, Friends of the Mabee Library, and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a two-day book arts program on the Washburn campus. It will be free and open to public. Location TBA.

Among the highlights are presentations and hands-on workshops by visiting artists as well as demonstrations and a panel discussion featuring local scholars and artists. Visiting artists Emily Martin and Gary Frost are both faculty members at the influential University of Iowa Center for the Book.

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*Book Arts Speaker
Gary Frost*

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Book artist and educator Martin publishes her handmade and letterpress artist books through the Naughty Dog Press. The Naughty Dog Press is named for Gomez, Martin's 11 year old Jack Russell Terrier and studio companion.

She has presented lectures and workshops at the San Francisco Center for the Book, the New York Center for Book Arts, and the Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild. She has exhibited her work in solo and group exhibitions in New York, Oregon, Texas, Chicago, Seattle, Canada, Ireland and Mexico. To view samples of her work visit <http://www.emilymartin.com/>

Gary Frost is a nationally recognized book and paper conservator, fine bookbinder and scholar of the historical structure of the book. Highlights of his 30+ year career in the book arts include: Conservator at Chicago's Newberry Library; faculty member in the Preservation and Conservation Studies Program at the University of Texas, Austin; and Conservator at the University of Iowa where he teaches a practicum course on the structure

of the book.

Frost has presented papers, lectures and workshops nationally and internationally. His subjects include bookbinding techniques, the history of the book, the future of the book in the digital age, and careers in the book arts. His fine binding work is in several important collections including the American Museum of Craft in New York. Frost's Web site is: <http://futureofthebook.com>

Participants from the University of Kansas include: Conservator Whitney Baker, Rick Clement, Head of Special Collections at the Spencer Research Library, who will speak on the history of the book; and Steve Goddard, Curator of Prints at the Spencer Museum of Art, who will discuss collecting artists books. Marguerite Perret and Mary Dorsey Wanless, Washburn Art Professors will conduct a book-making workshop and jointly teach a one credit course that incorporates the two day seminar.

For more information call Marguerite Perret at 785.231.1010 extension 1771 or email: marguerite.perret@washburn.edu.

Schedule

Thursday, February 26 1:00 -3:00 PM

Hands On Workshop: An Exploration of Historical Book Structures and Contemporary Artist's Books
Emily Martin & Gary Frost
5:00- 6:30 PM

The Book as Locus for Interdisciplinary Studies: Panel Discussion
Rick Clement, Steve Goddard, Whitney Baker, and Washburn Faculty (TBA)

6:30 -7:00 PM

Light Refreshments—Reception sponsored by the Friends of the Mabee Library

7:00 -8:00 PM

Choosing Book Arts: Careers Opportunities —Gary Frost

8:00 - 9:00 PM

Reception: Light Refreshments and desserts —Sponsored by the Friends of the Mabee Library

Friday, February 27 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Hands On Workshop: An Exploration of Historical Book Structures and Contemporary Artist's Books
Emily Martin & Gary Frost

1:00- 3:00 PM

Hands On Workshop: Creating Sculptural Book Forms

Mary Dorsey Wanless & Marguerite Perret

5:00 - 5:45 PM

Pot Luck Dinner (Art Building)

6:00-7:00 PM

Emily Martin: The Relationship of Format and Content in the Artist's Book, Visiting Artist Slide Lecture

**University Libraries Develops
New Strategic Plan**

by David Feinmark

With the successful completion of the Libraries' 2000-2003 Strategic Plan, the University Libraries met on July 17, 2003 to begin work on the second Strategic Plan (2003-2006). Daryl Youngman, Interim Assistant Dean at Kansas State University, facilitated an all-day planning session that included all library staff, other Washburn stakeholders (representatives from Informational Technology Services and the Faculty Library Committee), as well as Bob Richmond and Betty Casper representing the Friends of Mabee Library. Everyone participated in discussions that focused on the current and future direction of higher education and of academic libraries.

Dr. Ron Wasserstein, Washburn's Vice President for Academic Affairs, joined the group and outlined the "Academic Plan for Washburn University". With this in mind the University Libraries' staff developed a succinct 2003-2006 Strategic Plan. This Plan is given below as well as being posted on the Libraries' Web site at: http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/stratplan/Strategic_Plan_2003_2006a.pdf.

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**UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES' STRATEGIC PLAN
2003-2006**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Washburn University Libraries is to provide user-centered support for teaching and learning within the context of the University academic plan.

GOAL 1: INFORMATION RESOURCES. Improve breadth, depth, and accessibility of information resources and library collections required to support instruction and research.

GOAL 2: SERVICES. Develop and deliver services that support teaching, learning, discovery, and the exploration of ideas.

GOAL 3: ASSESSMENT. Continue to assess the effectiveness and impact of library collections and services in meeting user needs and take steps to ensure continued success and improvement.

Its time to Renew your 2004 DUES

FRIENDS BOARD MEMBER

Larry Peters

Named 2003 Alumni Fellow

by Martha Imperato

Larry Peters, Friends of Mabee Library Board Member, was honored recently during Washburn's Homecoming Weekend as a 2003 Alumni Fellow. Each year the Alumni Association and the University deans recognize alumni who have distinguished themselves in their career field. The purpose of Alumni Fellows is to bring successful alumni back to campus to meet with students, faculty, and other alumni to share their expertise formally and informally in the classroom and other campus settings.

The College of Arts and Sciences selected Larry Peters, bfa'62, for his significant accomplishments and contributions to the visual arts of Topeka and the Mountain Plains region. As gallery director, Peters is

credited with establishing the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library's reputation as a place of excellent collections and outstanding presentations of art. Peters' many personal contacts have resulted in gifts made to the Library's collection in all mediums. The Library is considered to have one of the best collections of contemporary clay and pottery in the Midwest.

Throughout his career as an artist, his work has been included in numerous invitational and juried exhibitions. Special honors include the creation of a bird ornament for the 2002 White House Christmas tree, participation in the U. S. State Department "Arts in the Embassies" program, and the 1990 Governor's Art Award. He also served on many area art boards, councils and associations.

Peters was born in Topeka and graduated from Topeka High School. He majored in ceramics at Washburn and then earned a master's of fine arts in 1965 from Southern Illinois University with an emphasis in ceramics. That same year

he joined the Topeka Library as a reader's adviser in the fine arts department. He became the gallery director in 1974. He retired in September 2003 and enjoys having more time to devote to art, consulting and traveling.

From an article in the Fall 2003 *Washburn Alumni Magazine*



As a member of the Friends of Mabee Library
your gift will help the library:

- Acquire new and important works for its collections.
- Preserve and restore materials with lasting value held by the Library.
- Remain accessible for everyone who wants to use it—today and in the future.
- Enhance its services to its constituents.
- Sponsor lectures and other activities.

Donations in any amount for library materials (books, videotapes, etc.) can be made in your own name or in the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize. Requests for items in specific subject areas can be accommodated. Every item purchased with such donations can include a bookplate with the name of the donor and/or the person who is being honored by the gift.

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Subject

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