

FELLOWSHIP OF AMERICAN BIBLIOPHILIC SOCIETIES

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From the Chairman

THERE are over 3300 individuals associated with FABS through membership in seventeen bibliophilic clubs located across the country. Each of these clubs is different in its own way, but each is similar in its various concern, appreciation, and celebration of the book in its various manifestations and capacities to please the mind of man.

This mutual interest links all of us in an informal organization. We share our programs, publications, and activities. We join together at bookfairs and in visits to each other's cities and to find pleasure in a bookish and stimulating atmosphere.

The first half of 1998 offers two events, one in New York City and the other in Philadelphia and Delaware. Both are more fully described in this issue of our newsletter. We also anticipate a gathering in San Francisco early next year. I hope many of you plan to participate and enjoy the camaraderie and pleasure of these occasions.

Finally, we are happy to announce that this newsletter is now edited and produced by Scott Vile, Baxter Society member, and the Ascensius Press. His effort and time are appreciated.

LAWRENCE N. SIEGLER

FABS Organization Meets In Chicago

ON October 16, 1997, the Fellowship of American Bibliophilic Societies held its fall meeting in Fellows Hall of the Newberry Library, Chicago. Members attending included: L. N. Siegler, R. H. Jackson, J. F. McClatchey, B. McKittrick, E. Holzenberg, A. S. Cheslock, J. Cole, G. Cole, S. Gatteño, L. Collins, A. Brewer, R. Carreno, S. Carreno, R. Cotner, and K. Skubish.

FABS Reception Preceding

The New York Book Fair At The Grolier Club

MEMBERS of FABS are cordially invited to a reception to be held at the Grolier Club, Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 pm. The reception will precede the opening of the New York Antiquarian Book Fair. This event will provide an opportunity to meet members of the Grolier Club and other members from around the country who are in New York for the fair. Past receptions in New York and San Francisco were warm and enjoyable occasions.

FIRST ANNUAL FABS EXPEDITION: MAY 7-10, 1998!

THE First Annual FABS Book Expedition will visit the Philadelphia area from Thursday, May 7 to Sunday, May 10, 1998. Concentrated on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the main activities include visits to libraries, hosted receptions, dinners with local book clubs, an after-dinner lecture, and a Symposium on book collecting. Complete hotel accommodations and local transportation arrangements are part of the package. The schedule is tentatively as follows:

Thursday Evening, May 7

- Welcome and Registration, (Philadelphia) dinner at the hotel

Friday, May 8

- University of Delaware Special Collections (Newark, DE)
- Winterthur Museum (Winterthur, DE)
- Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square, PA)
- New Castle Delaware Museums (New Castle, DE)
- Reception at Oak Knoll Books (New Castle, DE)
- Dinner at the *Arsenal on the Green* with the Delaware Bibliophiles (New Castle, DE)

Saturday, May 9

- American Philosophical Society (Philadelphia)
- University of Pennsylvania Special Collections
- Lunch at the *Palladium* (University of Pennsylvania Campus)
- Rosenbach Museum and Library
- The Library Company of Philadelphia
- *Reception at the Library Company* sponsored by Local Booksellers
- *Dinner and Lecture at Bookbinders*, 15th Street, with the Philobiblon Club, and *Lecture* by New York Collector Dr. William Helfand: "The Doctor Dismissing Death"

Sunday, May 10

- *Symposium* "What's Hot and What's Not: Trends in Book Collecting." Papers will be presented on changing fashions in books—new fields of collecting, new types of collectors and innovations in marketing books—followed by round-table discussions.
- *Lunch*; Closing Remarks and Appreciations

THIS IS A GREAT TRIP.

For our maiden voyage, participation is limited to ninety people (bus capacity); so *please act promptly* when you receive the subscription brochure with the detailed itinerary near the end of February.