

Dear Archivists and Librarians,

We welcome you back to Cleveland! Hard to believe it has been 17 years since the ALHHS met in the Best Location in the Nation. We look forward to hosting the 2009 meeting and hope for the same wonderful weather we had in 1991.

The conference hotel is the Cleveland Clinic InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center located in the heart of University Circle, Cleveland's cultural center. This one square mile area is home to The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Orchestra, Western Reserve Historical Society, Museum of Contemporary Art and, of course, the Dittrick Medical History Center. There are numerous dining experiences to be had as well. The official website of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of Greater Cleveland can be accessed at the following address: [www.positivelycleveland.com](http://www.positivelycleveland.com). Here you will find information about everything CLEVELAND!

As a preamble to the meeting, the ALHHS will be invited to visit the rare book collection at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will also be treated to a tour of the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glass House, an up-close and personal look at the Spiny Desert of Madagascar and the Rainforest of Costa Rica. (<http://www.cbgarden.org/Visit/Glasshouse.html>) Later that evening ALHHS and members of the Medical Museums Association will meet at Nighttown for dinner, Cleveland style, with a little Irish flair.

The annual meeting of the ALHHS will be held on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Ford Auditorium at the Allen Memorial Medical Library. The ALHHS program promises to be enlightening with several morning sessions, a luncheon with members of the Medical Museums Association in the Cushing Reading Room, followed by a panel of local museum professionals sharing their experiences with unusual formats in libraries and archives. This year's featured speaker is Howard Kramer, Director of Curatorial Affairs, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, who will discuss collections issues and solutions.

Conference hotel information is available on the ALHHS website, as is airport information, our agenda, a map and the registration form. Please print the registration form and return it to Brooke Fox. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about meeting arrangements. If I can't answer off the top of my head I will certainly do what I can to find the answer.

Hope to see you in April 2009.

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