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## FROM THE CHAIR

This *base line* issue includes the schedule for the MAGERT meetings at ALA in Washington at the end of June. I hope to see many MAGERT members there. The reception on Friday will include our Honors and Awards presentation. Also, the Geography & Map Division is tentatively scheduled to be open from 6 to 8 PM on Saturday 27 June just before the start of the ALA All-Conference Party at the Library of Congress. Also, the Library of Congress will be giving tours of many divisions, including the Geography & Map Division, on Monday 29 June between 10 and 11:30 AM. The space is limited to 50 people and registration is required. Please see the website at <http://lcweb.loc.gov/ala/alahome.html#rr> and you will find information and registration forms (or follow the links from the ALA homepage). Thanks go to Ralph Ehrenberg, Betsy Mangan, Barbara Story, and the entire G & M staff for arranging the G & M events.



For those staying through Tuesday 30 June, there will also be a visit to the exhibition *Mapping the Early Modern World* at the Folger Shakespeare Library beginning at 1 pm.

Other exhibitions of interest include *A Collector's Cabinet* at the National Gallery of Art, West Building, Dutch Cabinet Galleries. This exhibition recreates a seventeenth-century "collectors cabinet" of art and artifacts, natural objects, and scientific instruments and includes globes from the Geography & Map Division.

For those traveling through Baltimore, a exhibition from a recent gift to the Society opens at the Maryland Historical Society on 25 June: *Mapping Maryland: the Willard Hackerman Collection*.

The Program on Geography and Sustainable Development has been canceled, so some will have a free afternoon in Washington. I hope that everyone will have an opportunity to take advantage of the cultural and historical wealth of the City in addition to the many events at ALA.

— *Karl Longstreth*

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I'm hoping that this issue of *base line* will be distributed in time for ALA Annual in Washington. We've reprinted the MAGERT meeting schedule, now including the room numbers. Much of this issue is devoted to a memorial to the late Nancy Vick Edstrom, among whose many jobs had been as cataloging editor of *base line*. Many map librarians have contributed reminiscences of Nancy, who will be greatly missed.

— *Mark Thomas*



## ALA MAGERT Annual Conference Program Schedule, Washington, DC 1998

➤ Please refer to the MAGERT web site, to Maps-L, and to the final ALA Conference program for any final changes.

<b>MAGERT Reception</b>	Friday 26 June	7:00pm - 9:00pm	St. James Hotel
Executive Board I	Saturday 27 June	8:00am - 9:00am	WCC-Rm. 6
<b>Program:</b> Issues in Map Cataloging: Form/Genre & Digital Materials Publications Committee	Saturday 27 June	9:30am - 12:30pm	WHIL-Lincoln W
Research Libraries Collection Management Group	Saturday 27 June	2:00pm - 4:00pm	WHIL-Grant
Membership Committee	Saturday 27 June	4:30pm - 5:30pm	WCC-Rm. 36
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ALCTS/CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group	Sunday 28 June	8:00am - 9:00am	CRT-Oak Rm.
Cataloging and Classification Committee	Sunday 28 June	9:30am - 11:00am	CRT-Oak Rm.
Education Committee	Sunday 28 June	11:30am - 12:30pm	CHIL-Mass.
<b>Program:</b> Geography & Sustainable Development	Canceled	Canceled	Canceled
Program Planning Committee	Sunday 28 June	4:30pm - 5:30pm	WCC-Rm. 9
Federal Spatial Information Discussion Group	Monday 29 June	8:30am - 9:30am	WCC-Rm. 22
GIS Discussion & Geotech Committee	Monday 29 June	9:30am - 11:00am	WCC-Rm. 21
<b>Program:</b> Building the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Metadata Catalog: The Librarian's Role	Monday 29 June	2:00pm - 4:00pm	CHIL-Federal B
Executive Board II	Tuesday 30 June	8:30am - 11:00am	WCC-Rm. 14
<b>General Membership Meeting</b> (meets with Executive Board II)	Tuesday 30 June	9:30am - 11:00am	WCC-Rm. 14
Visit to the Exhibit <i>Mapping Early Modern Worlds</i>	Tuesday 30 June	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Folger Shakespeare Library

CHIL—Capital Hilton; CRT—Washington Courtyard by Marriott; WCC—Washington Convention Center; WHIL—Washington Hilton and Towers



## MAP AND GEOGRAPHY ROUND TABLE ELECTION RESULTS—1998

The following election results, along with the elections from other ALA Round Tables, may be found at the ALA web site at [www.ala.org/alaorg/election98/roundtables.html](http://www.ala.org/alaorg/election98/roundtables.html). Congratulations to the winners. — *ed.*

Vice-Chairperson (Chairperson-Elect)	Winkler, Joseph M. Write-In Candidate	62 ELECTED 1
Treasurer	Rogers, Stephen W. Christian, Gayle R.	34 ELECTED 32

Members of the ALA Election Committee met at ALA Headquarters on April 29, 1998, and certified that the above results are a true report of the election.

ALA Election Committee: Mary Sue Brown; Sarah Caltvedt; Veronda Pitchford; Donna O. Dziedzic, Chair

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### ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

#### **New Publications, a Completed Retrospective Conversion Project, and Discussions on Maps-L: Miscellaneous Events in Map Cataloging**

Once again we are between meetings of ALA. With the Annual Conference coming up in about a month, and with my report on the Midwinter meeting having appeared in the April *base line*, it feels like a quiet time in the map cataloging world. Of course, there are a lot of things going on behind the scenes—all the continuing activities that we will be updated on in Washington D.C., for those who attend the Annual Conference, and in my next cataloging column for those who are not able to be there. For this issue I'll try to take note of events and items of importance that have come to my attention since the Midwinter meeting, mostly through Maps-L, and also take a look back at what map catalogers have been discussing on the net.

Congratulations were posted on Maps-L in December to the University of California, Berkeley, on the completion of their retrospective conversion project for map records. They actually finished the conversion in July, but notice of it was received on Maps-L when the issue of *WAML News & Notes* (the Western Association of Map Libraries' newsletter) containing an article on the completion of the project was posted to the list. The project converted 33,000 records between 1980 and 1997, finding copy for only about 20% of the maps.



In late January it was announced that the Federal Geographic Data Committee had published *The Framework Introduction and Guide*, the result of a collaborative effort to put together a summary of the most common themes of geographic data.

I became aware of a publication that could be a useful reference book for some map catalogers through an announcement posted to Autocat, the cataloging and authorities discussion list, in January. (I don't know if this also appeared on Maps-L.) The book is *Fire Insurance Maps, Their History and Application* by Diane L. Oswald, published by Lacewing Press of College Station, Texas.

It was announced at the end of February that the Special Libraries Association Geography and Map Division had published *Map Cataloging Bibliography: Selectively Annotated*, edited by Glenda Jo Fox Hughes and Constance Demetracopoulos. This is the division's *Special Publication* number 4.

Also in February, OCLC issued guidelines to assist catalogers in creating records for electronic resources. The guidelines adopted the definition of "electronic" used by the Library of Congress in its *Interim Guidelines for Cataloging Electronic Resources*, and also the change in the usage of record type m for computer files, which greatly restricted its use. As cartographic materials in electronic formats were already being coded as type "e" for the cartographic content rather than for the electronic carrier, this has little effect on the cataloging of these materials on OCLC. The guidelines also discuss the option of using separate records for electronic and non-electronic versions of an item versus creating a single record for both formats, stating that the use of separate records is preferred.

In an item of some interest to map catalogers, it was announced in late May that MAGERT was posting to its web page the first of a new series of electronic publications, an updated version of Mary Larsgaard's "Helpful Hints for Small Map Collections." The text encapsulates in six pages the essentials of establishing a map collection, including several good reasons to catalog maps and a strong recommendation to classify the collection using the LC Schedule G. A subsequent message to Maps-L from Mary Larsgaard thanked David Allen for updating the piece and putting it on the Web, and asked that Katherine Rankin be added as an author in recognition of the work that she had done in getting this out.

Running through my collection of cataloging related messages posted to Maps-L since mid-November—the last time I reported on this—I would note that activity is once again sporadic and light. In roughly chronological order there have been the following requests for map cataloging information: for help in determining the date of an old map of Scotland; for opinions on whether to use SuDoc classification for U.S. government maps to be retrospectively converted using Marcive records; on how to handle the publisher data on an item that had the name of one



publisher on the map and the name of another on the cover in which it was enclosed; for help in cataloging an old aerial photograph; for help in determining the dates for several maps published by A.J. Nystrom; for providing subject access to the map of a town that was proposed and platted but never built; for help in determining the publisher on another map containing conflicting publisher information; for clarification of why USGS changed the title of its "I" series; on where to find the list of OCLC numbers for GPO's "mother" records for each state for the 7.5 minute topographic maps; for advice on training staff in the copy cataloging of maps; for guidance on whether to catalog a sheet map and a microfilm copy of same using the one record approach; for help in locating map records in OCLC Export Format for use in a project to convert MARC formatted records to FGDC metadata format; and for information regarding the setup of map cataloging work areas.

At least three questions appeared on Autocat, dealing with physical description and map coordinates. The problems involved how to describe two different maps with different titles that are on the same sheet; and a map with an accompanying pamphlet, both in an envelope; and whether to extrapolate when recording coordinates.

It can be seen that many of the questions on Maps-L have involved specific problems relating only to the map-in-hand. The Autocat questions were all of more general applicability and elicited some useful suggestions. The questions relating to determining the publisher of a map can be answered in part by noting that maps originally published by one entity are frequently republished by someone else, or one publisher's map may be used as a base map to which additional data are added by another corporate body. One good suggestion for the city that was never built was to add "(Proposed)" as a qualifier to the name of the city, although I don't believe it was ever verified that this was allowed under the subject cataloging guidelines associated with LCSH. The two maps on one sheet problem is clearly analogous to the more general case of any two different items being issued together, more commonly illustrated by two works being bound together in the same physical book without a collective title. The problem of a map and accompanying material in an envelope did not seem to have a definitive answer. The main disagreement was about whether to put "in envelope" in subfield ꞑc or subfield ꞑe or both. The decision on whether to extrapolate map coordinates to the edges of the map rather than using the first and last coordinates encountered in each direction is clearly optional.

Well, that's about it for the quiet time before the next ALA meeting. My next column will be back to the more usual content of ALA meeting reports.

— *Mark Crotteau*



## NANCY J. (VICK) EDSTROM: A MEMORIAL

Compiled by Mary Lynette Larsgaard  
Map and Imagery Laboratory, Davidson Library  
University of California, Santa Barbara

Edited by James Edstrom

### Introduction

Lawrence Durrell's *Alexandria Quarter* presents the same event—if I remember correctly, a murder—from four different points of view, and is a fascinating study of how each of us observes and interprets the world differently. The following memorial to Nancy may well tell you just as much about her friends and co-



workers as it does about Nancy; for example, I discovered I was just one of many fortunate souls whom Nancy invited to stay at her apartment while they were visiting UI—she was nearly running a Home Away From Home for Roaming Map Librarians! As I read over persons' contributions, I became more and more aware of the many facets of Nancy. This is, if you will, a resumé of sorts—with the letters of recommendation interspersed throughout, rather than all being at the end.

A special thanks to Ellen Caplan for suggesting that we needed to have a memorial to a much missed friend.



## 1958-1990

Nancy was born May 19, 1958 in Belleville, Illinois.

### EDUCATION

Master of Science in Librarianship, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (April 1982).

Bachelor of Science, Distributive Education (major) and Library Science (minor), Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (April 1981).

### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Student Assistant, Documents and Maps Department, Waldo Library, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (January 1980 - September 1982).  
Duties: Provided reference service for patrons; processed and shelved United States and United Nations government documents; cataloged, processed, and filed maps.

Senior Catalog Librarian, Map and Geography Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (December 1984 - June 1986).  
Duties: Original cataloging of all Spanish and Portuguese language cartographic materials; assisted junior catalogers in cataloging English language materials; supervised student employees who input cataloging records into the OCLC database; compiled cataloging statistics for Title II-C grant reports.

Assistant Map and Geography Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois (June 1986 - December 1990).  
Duties: Original and difficult copy cataloging of all cartographic materials and monographs; assisted in quality control for the OCLC database and enhanced records input in the Maps Format; provided reference assistance for patrons; assisted in the hiring, training, and supervision of student employees and the Library Technical Assistant; supervised production of *biblio*, a quarterly acquisitions list; compiled monthly and year-end statistics, assisted in the compilation of reference aids; designed an informational brochure about the Map and Geography Library.

#### **Arlyn Sherwood, Illinois State Library:**

"I met Nancy after she became the map cataloger at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We were both trying to catalog maps at libraries only 90 miles apart in the same state. She had taken cataloging in library school and loved it—wanted to be a cataloger!! (Quite a different path from how I got there!) She knew all the cataloging rules—and could interpret and understand them! So



she was the first one I'd call with my cataloging questions and I was the first one she'd call. I usually got an answer and she usually got 'I don't know.' Nancy became an OCLC Maps Format Enhancer too, so we had a little corner on the market here in central Illinois. Nancy was a cataloger 'par excellence.' She went 'above and beyond' often. She created a list of Cutters for Illinois townships; she created a list of Cutters for Latin American administrative divisions; she worked with John Schroeder of LC G&M on procedures for cataloging microforms; she co-wrote an article on rare map cataloging. Nancy would always share with me this new information.

"Nancy and I worked on several projects together. We co-taught the ILLINET/OCLC Map Format workshop in Chicago. I taught the 'basic' in the morning session and Nancy taught the 'advanced' in the afternoon session. She had to leave Champaign during a snow storm that had left the town without power to get to Chicago, but she did it. She helped me and Mary Anne Waltz host the MOUG (Map Online Users Group) conference in Atlanta. Nancy navigated while I drove our state Cavalier all the way to Atlanta and back, with all the boxes of handouts. Nancy also initiated what we came to call the "IDOT project." Both of our libraries had the Illinois Department of Transportation's street maps for all Illinois towns, uncataloged. Nancy searched OCLC for all records already in the database for these maps so that we could Enhance them, had corrected all records on our consortial online catalog, and we had both made handwritten lists of our collections, so that she could catalog A-L and I could catalog M-Z and have each others' data, since we didn't have the same years. Although we spent a lot of time giving birth to this project, you won't see much evidence in OCLC. It's still on my list of projects to do someday.

"But while working on the IDOT project and sometimes attending other meetings in Champaign, I'd stay overnight at Nancy's apartment. I can't say that I shared her love of cats, but the five of them and I would tolerate each other long enough for one overnight stay for Nancy's sake."

**Ellen Caplan, OCLC Inc.:**

"While Nancy was at Illinois she participated in OCLC's Enhance Program, upgrading and correcting records on the Maps Format. She participated from December 1987 until she left Illinois (sorry—I do not exactly remember when that was). (We recently found out that Illinois never had Nancy's authorization deleted and just had it deleted last winter). The Enhance Program was introduced in 1983 to help increase quality control efforts in OCLC. Libraries apply to enhance full-level records in particular formats. If their cataloging is of high quality they are then given authorization to replace full-level member records in OCLC's WorldCat.

"Because Nancy was working on a retrospective cataloging project at Illinois she was able to upgrade records for all sorts of cartographic materials. She also



reported many duplicate records that we then merged at OCLC. I think her efforts really helped improve map records on OCLC.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with Nancy. She really knew her stuff and thoroughly researched what she did not know. I know I learned quite a bit about map cataloging in discussions with her.

"I am not sure what else I can say. I counted Nancy as one of my friends and we kept in touch sporadically after she left Illinois. I missed her for professional reasons when she left Illinois and now I miss her because she is no longer here. I know that sounds corny but it is true."

**Paige Andrew, Pennsylvania State University:**

"I originally met Nancy over the telephone in 1987 when she was still Nancy Vick. I was in the formative phase of learning to catalog maps and Nancy was an established map cataloger and one of a couple of OCLC Enhance participants for the Maps Format at the time. Needing some guidance on how to describe a map correctly Ellen Caplan referred me to someone who she knew could, and would be willing, to help. It is through day-to-day connections such as this that our lives are forever made better, even in small ways, and Nancy was one of many individuals over the years that helped keep my career moving forward.

"I recall Nancy's positive and helpful tone on the telephone, and from that day forward I knew I had a friend in Illinois I could turn to if needed. At that point in my training Nancy not only helped me with answers to specific questions, but she also instilled in me the confidence I would need to master the art of cataloging cartographic materials."

**James (Jim) Edstrom, Nancy's husband, on first meeting Nancy and getting to know her:**

"It seems fitting, somehow, that Nancy and I should have met in a library. It was Tuesday, August 23rd, 1988, and she and David Cobb were interviewing me for a position as Library Technical Assistant at the University of Illinois's Map and Geography Library. I remember thinking how quietly dignified she seemed and how self-possessed.

"We spent a great deal of time together the first few weeks of my tenure at the Map Library. It was clear to me that she took real joy in her work; maps to her were things of beauty and majesty. Her enthusiasm was truly infectious. In looking back, I can see now that it was the realization that we shared such an appreciation that brought us together.

"Nancy was a sensitive, artistic person. As a cataloger, she saw the items she worked with as living, breathing entities. Every map she cataloged, every book she repaired, every photograph that she preserved had a story to tell. I have read



somewhere that the true artist gazes upon an undifferentiated block of marble and visualizes the sculpture locked within. Nancy had this almost magical quality. Maps that were once unfathomable mysteries awoke and told their tales under the force of her contemplation; torn, crumbling documents were healed and made whole at her touch.

“Nancy constantly encouraged me to better myself and to take chances; everything I am today is because of her influence. Were it not for her, I doubt I would ever have tried to become a cataloger; certainly I could never have conceived on my own of enjoying it. It was at her urging that in 1989 I applied for and (much to my everlasting astonishment) was hired for a position with the Illinois Newspaper Project. It had to be hard for her to leave the maps and atlases that she loved so well, but it allowed us to truly and finally devote our lives to one another. We were married on May 26th, 1990.”

**Donna Koepp, University of Kansas:**

“A note to Nancy: It’s hard to believe that you’re gone, that we will never talk again. I’m sorry your time here was so short. I thought there would always be another day.

“But we had fun, and it is fun remembering our adventures. Your family of cats were wonderful, and you and they welcomed me to your home when I visited Champaign. I loved our train trip to Chicago for a weekend of shopping and a visit to the Art Institute.

“How many times did we pile four to a room at ALA? Lots, I’m sure, and we always managed to have a good time. Our driving trip to Dallas for ALA Annual was a highlight. It speaks loads that we had such fun even over the Interstates across Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

“I feel especially honored to have shared the happiest day of your life as your matron of honor in your wedding. You were such a beautiful bride, and as radiantly happy as I ever saw you. And I treasure the time that I spent with you and your mother when your mother was making my dress, and we were making plans for your wedding day. We had such a good time that weekend. Your mother made me feel as welcome in her home as I would have felt in my own mother’s home.

“Be peaceful. You are fondly remembered.”

**More from Paige Andrew:**

“It would be about three years later that I finally got to meet Nancy in person, at an ALA pre-conference workshop titled ‘Remote-sensing Imagery: Identification, Control, and Utilization’ [June 22, 1990]. Nancy (now Nancy Edstrom!) was one of five workshop organizers and presenters. It is always fascinating and exciting



to meet someone personally after getting to know only their voice, and Nancy was not an exception. It's like seeing a long-lost friend, and to this day I consider Nancy one of my family of map cataloging friends, as well as a personal mentor.

"Nancy was one of those rare individuals: open, friendly, accepting, caring, professional, fun, honest, helpful, and most of all, a person with a positive attitude. She was special to me, I miss her dearly. I know others from the map community will miss her too. She was a treasure here on earth; I know for certain that she is a treasure in heaven above as well."

**Li Hunt, University of Southern California:**

"Several words and phrases come to mind when I think of Nancy Edstrom. Of course, professional colleague and cataloger come to mind. But there are many others—lover of animals, friend, counselor, counselee, teacher, and co-conspirator to mention a few.

"As a cataloger Nancy was one of those rare individuals who could conscientiously follow the rules and yet never lose sight of the purpose of accessibility. I came to deeply respect her accuracy and her emphasis.

"She was a dedicated lover of animals of all kinds. I occasionally slip and say that she was the 'mother of my goddog'—a tiny, sick, starving barking waif who quickly became a healthy and confident (downright sassy) barking waif.

"As a teacher, counselor, and counselee, she was always both practical and honest. As a friend she was absolutely consistent, sincere, straight-forward, and low-key in a way that made it easy to relax and 'be real.'

"As a co-conspirator she was visionary (with exactly the right blend of practicality).

"As I write this I am sad. At the same time, I find myself chuckling a little now and then over fond memories. And as I close these memories for the moment, I find I am smiling. I am glad I had the chance to know her."

**1991-1997**

Contractual Worker, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Illinois (May 1991 - August 1991).

Duties: Inventorying and processing prints and photographs in the Lincoln Collection; preparing records of serial holdings for inclusion in a state-wide online database.



**Jane Ehrenhart, Illinois State Historical Library:**

"I knew Nancy as a co-worker in the Illinois State Historical Library, and as a personal friend of hers (and of Jim's). I was a cataloger in the Cataloging Department when I first met Jim—he was engaged to Nancy, and when they moved from Champaign to Springfield, Nancy began working at the Historical Library as a contractual employee. With her extensive library background, she was able to 'plug into' any department here and immediately learn and help with any special project. For instance, she began and completed a project in which she listed our library's periodical holdings, to be added to the Illinois SILO database of statewide libraries."

Cataloging Assistant, Illinois State Museum Library, Springfield, Illinois (September 1991 - November 1991)

Duties: Original cataloging of library materials; searched online library catalog for bibliographic records for library materials.

Cataloging Assistant, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Illinois (April 1992 - July 1992).

Duties: Assisted in alleviating backlog of uncataloged materials by cataloging maps and atlases; assisted with library binding project.

Assistant Historical Documents Conservator, Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Illinois (August 1992 - September 1996).

Duties: Cleaned and repaired flat paper items such as documents, maps, and broadsides; repaired books by mending pages and covers, reattaching loose pages, resewing signatures, and recasing in new or repaired covers; provided protective enclosures for book and paper materials by using Mylar encapsulation, acid-free binders and folders and custom-made boxes; assisted in preparing books for commercial binding; assisted with the mounting of items for exhibits.

**Bonnie Parr, Illinois State Historical Library:**

"Nancy worked with me in the Conservation Laboratory of the Illinois State Historical Library for four years, beginning in 1992. We came to know each other very well, probably because of the intensive nature of the work. Certainly during that time, we shared many opinions, frustrations, and aspirations.

"She was a fountain of ideas and had formidable creative talent, expressed best when she had a problem to solve or a new technique to learn. When a project required them and we didn't have them, she built tools—a book-measuring device, a vacuum aspirator to remove mold from books damaged in the 1993 Mississippi River floods, and a marvelous wooden sewing jig. To the repertoire of in-house conservation treatment capabilities she added repair techniques for leather-bound books and designs for exhibit mounts. Her finest contribution, and I think her favorite work, was in the designing of boxes to house unusual historical materials.



Our favorite 'show and tell' item is a slipcased box which opens to reveal a small three-shelf bookcase housing a collection of miniature books. Nancy designed and built the enclosure to solve the problem of keeping the books from getting lost on the shelf. Her initiatives to improve laboratory operations—introducing the use of the computer as an essential lab tool, designing a statistics form for conservation work, and compiling a prototype of the in-house training manual—are also part of her legacy here.

"Nancy's interests were wide-ranging, and her enthusiastic immersion in a subject always rubbed off on those around her. Even now, when I run across some tidbit about bookbinding, boxmaking, Michigan, pets, or a favorite television show, I'll think, 'Oh, Nancy would have been interested in this.'

"The lasting impact of the work she accomplished here was not only physical preservation of important historical materials, but also how she showed us through her unique talents to see the possibilities in 'impossible' problems."

**More from Jane Ehrenhart:**

"On a personal level, Nancy's love for paper (of any kind) rubbed off on me. She was excited about finding a book about 'paper creations in three dimensions,' and she shared it with me in her typically quiet but infectious manner. Another time she introduced me to a paper zoetrope that she found in a catalog, and later she printed instructions for me about 'pop-up' greetings cards to make, from an Internet listserv to which she'd subscribed. Because I'm an art-major-turned-librarian, I rarely have a chance to use that artistic, creative part of me, and Nancy renewed my interest. I remember I developed a library display of antique gardening catalogs a few years ago. I wound up making some paper garden insects out of paper for the display that represented insects native to Illinois. As it turns out, staff members here liked the bugs so much, they're still using them as a craft for a nineteenth-century children's fair that we hold annually at the Old State Capitol. Nancy was responsible for fostering my creative side, at work and at home.

"Nancy was one of those people who affected others so unobtrusively that they probably weren't aware of what a profound influence she had on them at the time. She was a natural teacher. And her gift to me was encouragement and inspiration."

**More from Arlyn Sherwood:**

"After Nancy and Jim decided to move to Springfield (so that Jim didn't have to commute 3 hours a day), Nancy joined the Illinois State Historical Library staff. She did some map cataloging for them, but became their assistant preservation librarian. Once again, of course, she did a thorough job. I loaned her a map detached from a Michigan geological bulletin for her Isle Royale paper, and when she returned it, the map was preserved, deacidified and encapsulated.



“When Nancy felt she had been detached for too long from the map cataloging world, she cleaned out her files and I was the beneficiary of lots of materials, including those from the remote-sensing cataloging pre-conference. She had long ago given me permission to adopt wholesale her advanced map format workshop materials.

“I saw Nancy for the last time at a lunch party for Jim just before they departed Springfield for the Chicago suburbs.”

Co-owner, *Handled With Care*, Springfield, Illinois (October 1994 - March 1996).

Preserved and restored damaged and aging books and documents for customers.

Managed finances and business logistics. Cleaned and repaired flat paper items such as documents, maps, and broadsides; repaired books by mending pages and covers, reattaching loose pages, resewing signatures, and recasing in new or repaired covers; provided protective enclosures for book and paper materials by using Mylar encapsulation, acid-free binders and folders and custom-made boxes. Under contract with Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, repaired books and other materials housed at Fort de Chartres damaged by Mississippi River flood of 1993.

**Alyce Scott, co-owner with Nancy of *Handled with Care*:**

“How does one eulogize a friend? There are so many things I could say, but none of them can make you hear the sound of her laughter. I knew Nancy both professionally and personally. Our common professional bond was a love of preservation work, which led us into a business partnership. From that partnership blossomed a close friendship.

“Nancy and I worked very hard to establish our small business. We suffered the frustrations and the triumphs of providing preservation services to our clients. However, we were successful, in part, because Nancy had an unerring instinct for designing the most ingenious and elegant solution to the problem at hand.

“Working side-by-side in the basement of Nancy’s home, we shared both the joys and sorrows of our personal lives. Mostly, we laughed ... a lot.

“I find it difficult to think of Nancy in the past tense. Because each time I pick up my X-Acto knife or choose the perfect marbled paper for a project I remember her generosity, her dedication, her artistic talents, and the fun we had. All the things I will miss the most.”

**More from Jim Edstrom:**

“Nancy was no ivory-tower professional. When she and Alyce Scott were running a business to repair books and documents, they were hired by the State of Illinois to restore some books that were damaged by the Mississippi River floods of 1993.



The books were kept in an office next door to the tomb of Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. I remember her coming home one day and telling me how she had been looking out the window toward the tomb as she worked. 'You know, Jim,' she remarked, 'I kept thinking how lucky I was to be working to preserve history in a place where so much important history has occurred. We really take it too much for granted.' She never lost her sense of awe. She spent much of her time contemplating the beauty around her, whether it was watching the blue jays, cardinals, finches, and mourning doves who congregated outside our front window, or admiring our dogwood tree heavily laden with pink blossoms, or cuddling her beloved cats and dogs."

Cataloger, Library Integrated Network Consortium, St. Charles, Illinois (November 1996-December 1997).

**Carol J. Dawe, Library Integrated Network Consortium**

"I have only been with LINC 2 years, and of current staff, I have been there the longest. LINC is only 5 years old and the turnover in the 1st three years was amazing. Nancy's death hit us hard, because we all joined together to clean up an almost sinking ship, and we feel that we have lost an important, vital, intelligent member of the crew. I hope these reminiscences will be helpful to your column.

"LINC, the Library Integrated Network Consortium consists of 9 west suburban public libraries in the Chicago metropolitan area. We serve a population of 225,000 and circulation was at approximately 2.4 million in FY 96/97. We have over 1.6 million records in the database. We use Data Research Associates as our automation vendor and provide cataloging, acquisitions, OPACs and circulation. We have 162 consecutive users on the system and approximately 90 additional Internet connections, as well. We are hoping to have a Web-based public access catalog up and running in the next 2 months.

"LINC has a staff of 3 full time and 3 part-time. Nancy was our cataloger/database clean-up specialist. She worked 30 hours a week and was in our employ for 13 months before her untimely death on December 1st. The LINC libraries share cataloging and work together on formulating policy and procedures to keep the database clean and user-friendly.

"Jim and I had gone to library school together in 1983/84 at the University of Illinois. When Nancy's resume came across my desk, I immediately sensed that there was a connection. I was very pleased to learn that Jim was Nancy's husband but I wanted a real cataloger and planned to put all the candidates through their paces. Nancy came in for an interview and it went like this: I said, 'Nancy, why don't we look at a few of the database records and you tell me your opinion.' Nancy viewed the screen of a record that was very non-LC compliant but in subtle ways. She said, 'Oh, my gosh! This is terrible. Why did this happen and what are all of these and why don't we do this and oh, my this is a mess.' I didn't even wait



until they returned home to Springfield. I left a message on her machine 30 minutes after she left, offering her the job. (I had to run it by a board member first). She pointed out every error AND offered solutions to each problem. What a find!

“Nancy was an excellent cataloger. She knew the rules and knew why we followed them. This was a problem in the consortium. Many individuals didn’t think being LC Compliant was important. Between Nancy and me, we beat it into them. She, with the help of Sandy Hill, a part time cataloger for LINC and the head of technical services at one of the member libraries, would create marvelous cheat sheets, charts and rule explanations and then I would reiterate everything she said. She and Sandy were the brains and I was the brawn. It was a good match and we miss it. Nancy was very convincing in her quest for LC compliancy because she could show endless example of good and bad practice. She taught by examples and left personalities out of it. It is very difficult to get 9 librarians from 9 different libraries to agree on anything, let alone cataloging procedures! Nancy made it happen.

“When the LINC libraries converted from CLSI to DRA, a lot of records were lost in the shuffle. Nancy cleaned up 30 screens of Harvard Classics by analyzing each edition statement and matching records to the proper edition. A huge job and she did it effortlessly. She cleaned up hundreds of subject headings and developed a program with our system operator to ‘purge pesky punctuation’ on a quarterly basis. This alone helps prevent entries from filing on different lines and makes it much easier for patrons to understand what is actually a separate entry.

“I can’t say enough about Nancy. I miss her. She was a very quiet person who seemed to be coming out of her shell right before she became ill. It saddens me that our work relationship and friendship was cut so short. So much to offer and contribute and yet her time was taken from her. All of us at LINC are honored to have worked with and learned from Nancy Edstrom. Her legacy is a cleaner database and librarians who now have a strong sense of what is good cataloging. They learned easily and comfortably from one of the profession’s best.”

**Mary Larsgaard, University of California, Santa Barbara:**

“In May of 1997, I sent Nancy an email, asking her if she’d be interested in doing contract original map cataloging at some time in the very indefinite future, for my map collection. She immediately and positively responded: ‘I think it would be fun to work with you again, too. I can’t believe you think I’m a better cataloger than you. After all, you’re the queen of map librarianship! I still remember how I was in awe of you when I first met you because I had read your book in library school.’ Amazed, I came back with: ‘Yes, you were in awe of me until you met me, then, it was, is this all there is? (sigh)—the bloom was off the rose or something :)’ Nancy said, ‘Not hardly! At first I was surprised that you walked on the ground like us mortals. Then I couldn’t believe that little ole me was actually a professional colleague.’ Her dry, kind wit—gently poking fun at life—was so



delightful. And the kind lie—her cataloging was far better than mine—was typical of her.”

In August of 1997, she was diagnosed as having leukemia.

**Closing thoughts from Jim:**

“When Nancy was in the hospital, it was very hard for her to conjure up very much interest in anything except getting well. I was gratified when one day I came back from attending a workshop on cataloging remote electronic documents and she listened very attentively to what I had learned at that seminar. She held forth at great length her opinions on issues of access and collection development in this evolving subject, when all of a sudden she stopped and remarked, ‘I’m thinking and talking about professional issues again!’ I take a great deal of pleasure in reflecting that Nancy had the opportunity of indulging her professional enthusiasm one more time in spite of her illness.

“Nancy was one of the most courageous people I have ever known. When she knew that there was no hope, she made the very brave decision to stop treatment. I don’t know how she managed to face the knowledge that she was going to die. She did so with great sensitivity and love to those around her, with great courage and dignity, and, I hope, with joy in the hope of fathoming other mysteries.”

She died December 1, 1997, of leukemia.

**HONORS**

Beta Phi Mu, Kappa Chapter

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES**

American Library Association, Map and Geography Round Table

Executive Board: Member (July 1986 - June 1993).

Cataloging and Classification Committee: Chair (July 1989 - June 1991);  
member (July 1987 - June 1993).

Liaison to the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services,  
Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (July 1989 - June  
1991).

Liaison to the Anglo-American Cataloguing Committee for Cartographic  
Materials (July 1989 - June 1993).

**LIBRARY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Cataloging Editor, *base line*, bimonthly newsletter of the Map and Geography  
Round Table (October 1987 - December 1990).

Co-arranger of exhibit, “Cartographic Miscellanea: Maps, Maps Everywhere”  
(November 1989 - December 1989).



Regional Editor for Illinois and Michigan for the second edition of the Guide to U.S. Map Resources, published by the American Library Association.

Co-arranger of exhibit, "Early Images of Terra Sancta: Maps of the Holy Land" (December 5, 1987 - February 10, 1988); (December 1, 1988 - February 28, 1989).

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

"Island Wilderness: Isle Royale National Park." 10 p. ms. Presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, June 25, 1989, Dallas, Texas.

"The Online Catalog in the State of Illinois." 45 minute demonstration. Presented at the Map Online Users Group Conference, October 27, 1987, Atlanta, Georgia.

"A Map of Dutch Brazil: A History." 10p. ms. Presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference, June 27, 1987, San Francisco, California.

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## NEW MAPS

### **“You Just Can’t Resist Touching Them!”**

So says the slogan for the raised relief maps produced by Hubbard Scientific. The three-dimensional maps of “vacuum formed vinyl” use shaded relief to represent altitude gradation and topographical diversity. Just released are state raised relief maps for Tennessee, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin. In addition to state maps Hubbard also offers regional maps, based on USGS 1:250,000 maps, covering an area of 2 degrees by 1 degree, or about 70 x 105 miles. All of the western states and much of the east are available. Hubbard also offers a series on the national parks, and some satellite images. Prices vary slightly by size, but are around \$23 unframed, and \$46 to \$77 framed. Hubbard Scientific is now a part of American Educational Products, Inc., Fort Collins, CO 80522, 1-800-523-5485. More information and some images of the maps can be found at their web site: <http://www.amep.com>.

The Hubbard maps are also available from OMNI Resources, and if you suffer from excessive tactility and raised relief is your thing, OMNI offers over a hundred such maps from all over the world. See their extensive listing at <http://www.omnimap.com/catalog/access/relief.htm>.

### **Trekking in Nepal**

Several vendors, including OMNI Resources, are now offering large scale topographic maps of Nepal, an area for which little mapping was previously available. The maps are issued by the Nepal Survey, but produced under contract by the Finnish Survey. The country is being covered at 1:25,000 for southern Nepal and at 1:50,000 for the northern part, using the same grid and numbering system. About half of eastern Nepal is now available, including the well-known national parks and Mt. Everest. The maps are in English, and priced at \$9.95 per sheet from OMNI. OMNI offers the entire set of 352 available maps at \$2464, and has also prepackaged some sheets covering the most popular areas. Sample maps, the index sheets, and pricing details can be found at their web site: <http://www.omnimap.com>.

Nepal is very popular with trekkers (hikers with an attitude, as someone once tried to explain the difference), so these maps should prove useful to those folk. For armchair travelers without the energy or wherewithal for a trip to Nepal, a vicarious experience can be obtained from the “Trekking to Everest” CD-ROM, an “interactive photographic guide to the Kathmandu Valley and the trek up to Kala Patar, generally regarded as the best point from which to view the great peak.” The CD-ROM includes over 500 photographs, notes describing the route, and a



native Nepalese guide who “speaks the names of villages, mountains and rivers passed along the trail.”

All this for £24.95, from Elstead Maps in the UK. For systems requirements and more information visit their site: <http://www.elstead.co.uk>

### **Road Warriors**

Of the making of road atlases, there is seemingly no end. While one can argue the merits of the latest Rand-McNally vs. the National Geographic, there are some foreign road atlases which have set higher standards. One of the best is *Philip's Navigator Road Atlas of Britain*, a new edition of which was issued in April. With its ultra-large scale of 1½ miles to one inch and over 300 pages of maps based on the latest Ordnance Survey data, the Navigator has more detail than most road atlases. The graphics are especially clear, roads and even country lanes are marked, and the publisher claims that over 75,000 towns, villages “and other settlements” are named, including many individual farms and larger houses in rural areas. Numerous tourist attractions and historic sites are also marked, and 52 town and city plans and a 40,000 name index complete this impressive work, worth its £20 price tag.

For those who can't drive 55, Haupka has issued an Autobahn Map of Germany (*Autobahnkarte Deutschland*). At 1:500,000 scale, in German, the two-sheet map highlights the autobahn system and includes information on each exit including services available. \$15.95 from OMNI.

### **Historic Places**

Treaty Oak now carries a series of maps from the National Register of Historic Places. Each of the maps offers information on National Parks, National Landmarks, and other sites on the National Register of Historic Places, with brief historical essays, photos, and self-guided tours of each site. The four maps available cover the California Coast, Georgia-Florida Coast, South and West Texas, and the American Southwest. \$6.95 each from Treaty Oak, P.O. Box 50295, Austin, TX 78763-0295; e-mail [maps@treatyoak.com](mailto:maps@treatyoak.com).

### **Mozambique**

The Cleveland Map Company has recently issued a Transportation Infrastructure Map of Mozambique. Published in English and Portuguese, it shows roads, ports, railroads, airports (and all domestic and international flights to any Mozambican airport). 12 x 18", flat not folded, in full color. Particularly useful for travelers, but a useful acquisition for all collections since little mapping exists for this coun-



try. \$17.95, and available directly from the Cleveland Map Company ([www.clevelandmap.com](http://www.clevelandmap.com); 1-800-784-9786). (ISBN 1-889748-05-6)

### **Architectural Delights**

Although not really new, another interesting set of maps is the "Pictorial Map and City Guide" series published by the Australian firm Anthony Harvey Pictorial Maps. The 15 available maps, which feature architectural landmarks of important world cities, such as Amsterdam, Barcelona, and Florence, were produced between 1994 and 1996. The "map" on these Pictorial Maps is rather small (1:18,000) and centered on the roughly 16" x 23" folded sheet, but surrounded by illustrations of architectural landmarks. They are useful for the tourist with architectural interests, attractive for display, and inexpensive at \$2.50 each. Available from the MapQuest MapStore, which also has examples on their web page: <http://www.mapstore.com>.

### **Scandinavian Antiquarian**

A "New Maps" column wouldn't be complete without some mention of antique map reproductions. A new discovery (for me) is the Swedish dealer Map Gothia AP which specializes in reprints of antique maps and sea charts focusing on Scandinavia. Their web site describes nearly 100 color facsimiles priced at \$15 and up: <http://user.tninet.se/~cke1231/index.html>.

### **Cut the Cards**

Almost every book or exhibit of "cartographical curiosities" seems to include the playing cards with maps of British counties produced by William Bowes in 1590 and Robert Morden in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Apparently Bowes realized that the number of counties in England and Wales (52) corresponded exactly to the number of cards in a traditional English deck. This doesn't quite work for the U.S., but 50 is apparently close enough for a similar product.

A Galaxy of Maps of Ft. Lauderdale is offering a traditional playing card deck "showing all 50 state maps." Besides the map, which seems nicely done, each card shows the state flag, motto, bird, flower, and tree. The cost is \$6.95 per deck for these "Museum Quality Playing Cards" (whatever "museum quality" means in regard to cards). Examples can be seen at their web site, <http://www.galaxymaps.com>. If you haven't discovered this site before, check it out. It's huge, colorful, and guaranteed to distract you from your more important work duties.

— *Fred Musto*



## NEW BOOKS AND ATLASES

Black, Jeremy. *Maps and Politics*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997. \$35.00 ISBN 0-22605-493-4

Brotton, Jerry. *Trading Territories: Mapping the Early Modern World*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998. \$35.00 ISBN 0-80143-499-8

Cormack, Lesley B. *Charting an Empire: Geography at the English Universities, 1580-1620*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997. \$23.95 ISBN 0-22611-607-1

*Directory of Geoscience Libraries, North America*. 5th ed. Alexandria: Geoscience Information Society, 1997. ISBN 0-934485-25-9 (contact Publications Manager, GIS, 4220 King St., Alexandria, VA 22303)

Geoscience Information Society. *Crossing the Bridge to the Future: Managing Geoscience Information in the Next Decade: Proceedings of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Geoscience Information Society, November 5-8, 1995, New Orleans, Louisiana*. Ed. Nancy L. Blair. Alexandria: Geoscience Information Society, 1996. ISBN 0-934485-26-7

Geoscience Information Society. *Expanding Boundaries : Geoscience Information for Earth System Science: Proceedings of the Thirty-First Meeting of the Geoscience Information Society, October 28-31, 1996, Denver, Colorado*. Ed. Barbara J. DeFelice. Alexandria: Geoscience Information Society, 1997. ISBN 0-934485-28-3

— *Mark Thomas (substituting for vacationing Anita Oser)*

CHIL—Capital Hilton; CRT—Washington Courtyard by Marriott; WCC—Washington Convention Center; WHIL—Washington Hilton and Towers

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**No. 2** Margaret Brill, *Electronic Maps and Geographic Information Systems*



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### **Guide to U.S. Map Resources, 2nd edition**

1990, \$65.00 (ISBN 0-8389-0547-1)

*Available from: American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.*

### **The West Indies and Florida to 1900: An Annotated Carto-Bibliography**

1995, \$25.00 (ISBN 0-8389-0547-1)

*Available from: Jim Coombs, Maps Library, Southwest Missouri State University, 901 S. National, #175, Springfield, MO 65804-0095*

### **Circulars**

#### **No. 1 — Cartographic Citations: A Style Guide**

1992, \$10.00 (ISBN 0-8389-7581-X)

#### **No. 2 — Index to the Library of Congress "G" Schedule: A Map and Atlas Classification Aid**

1996, \$25.00 (ISBN 0-8389-7821-5)

*Available from: Jim Coombs, Maps Library, Southwest Missouri State University, 901 S. National, #175, Springfield, MO 65804-0095*

### **Occasional Paper Series**

#### **No. 1 — Exploration and Mapping of the American West, Selected Essays**

1986, \$20.00 (ISBN 0-932757-01-4)

#### **No. 2 — A Guide to Historical Map Resources for Greater New York**

1988, \$15.00 (ISBN 0-932757-02-2)

#### **No. 3 — Mapping the Transmississippi West, 1540-1861: An Index to the Cartobibliography**

1992, \$35.00 (ISBN 0-932757-03)

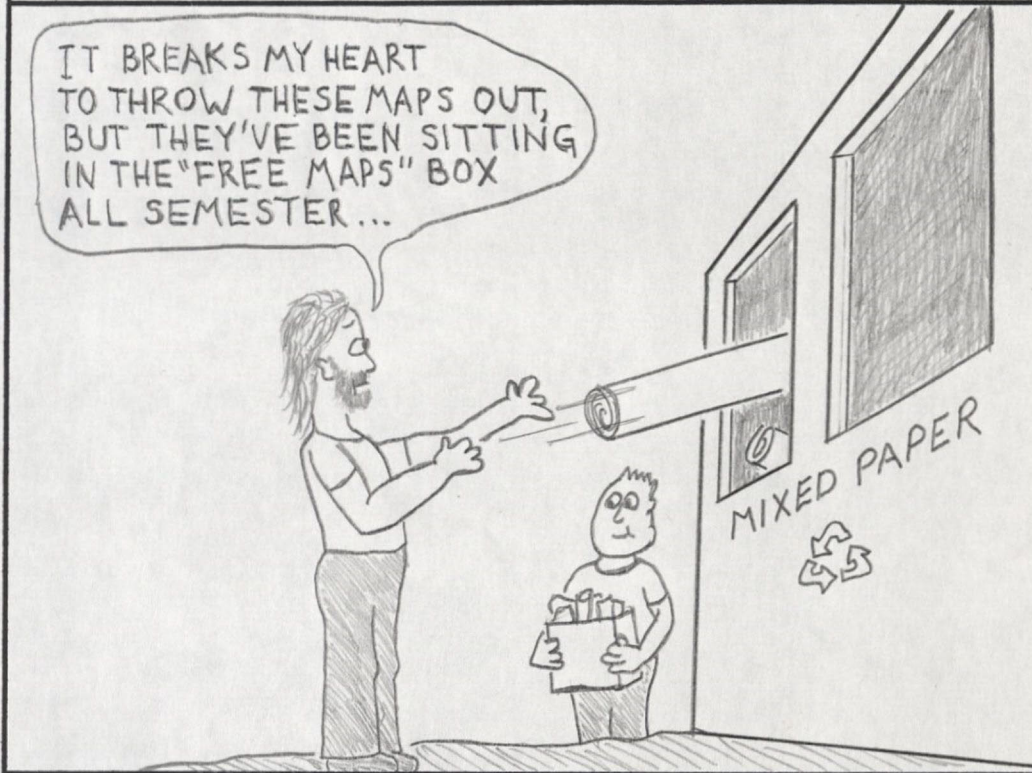
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