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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ronald L. Lewis

The ASA Steering Committee and Program Committee met at the Cultural Center in Charleston, WV on June 4, 1994. The two committees broke for separate discussions in the morning, and then in the afternoon held a combined meeting.

The Program Committee recommended novelist Denise Giardina as the banquet speaker at the March 1995 ASA Conference in Morgantown, and she has agreed. As many of you know, Ms. Giardina has published several novels, including *Storming Heaven* (1987) and *The Unquiet Earth* (1992), which explore life in the Central Appalachian coalfields. At this writing, the Call for Papers for the 1995 Conference has been mailed. Those who wish to submit individual paper or session proposals, or are willing to either chair a session or to be a discussant, please send your proposals to Ken Sullivan, The Cultural Center, West Virginia Division of Culture and History, 1900 Kanawha Blvd., East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300.

Mark your calendars early: the 1995 Conference will be March 17-19, 1995 in Morgantown, WV.

The wheels of change in the administrative structure of the ASA are in motion. During the process of approving these changes, it was pointed out that a vote for establishing a permanent headquarters and a new arrangement for the journal would require a few changes in the by-laws so they would reflect the new procedures. Those sections of the by-laws to be amended relate to how the journal is published, the role of the Program Chair/Editor, methods of fiscal accounting, and some of the duties of the Treasurer. The membership will be asked to approve these amendments during the business luncheon at the 1995 Conference. Arrangements have been discussed with the WVU Foundation to serve as the ASA's fiscal agent, and to provide periodic accounting reports to the ASA.

With regard to the journal, the 1994 volume will be included in registration packets for the 1995 ASA Conference, but plans are progressing for a Fall 1995 number under the new journal arrangement. As proposed, we plan to expand and open the journal for submissions with the Fall issue. I want to take this opportunity to encourage all members who receive *Appalink* to submit articles for consideration, and to spread the word among graduate students and colleagues. We intend to continue the current practice of publishing a "proceedings" number, not only to provide a publishing outlet for some of the many fine papers which are presented at the Conference each year, but also as a way to promote the ASA and the Conference.

Please submit article manuscripts for consideration to Ronald L. Lewis, Editor, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, Regional Research Institute, P.O. Box 6825, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee of the Appalachian Studies Association calls for nominations for the following officers and committee members:

- (1) Vice President ('96) / President-Elect ('97)
- (2) Secretary / *Appalink* Editor (2 year term)
- (3) Conference Program Vice Chair ('96) / Chair-Elect ('97)
- (4) Three Steering Committee Members (2 year terms)
- (5) Four Program Committee Members (1 year terms)

The Nominating Committee Chair is John Inscoe (University of Georgia). To make a nomination, send the nominee's name, address and phone number, a statement indicating the nominee's willingness to serve, and a short biographical sketch by November 1 to

John Inscoe
Department of History
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia 30602
(706) 542-6300
FAX 706-542-2455

Nominees should be current members of the Association. For information on the duties of the officers, committee members, and terms of office, refer to the Association by-laws reprinted in the Summer 1994 issue of *Appalink*.

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Davis & Elkins College
Elkins, WV 26241
(304)636-1903

Call for Papers and Presentations
The 18th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference
City, Town and Countryside: Appalachian Community in Change
West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia
March 17-19, 1995

A call is extended for individual papers, multi-paper sessions, roundtable or group discussions, panels, or performances which explore some aspect of the conference theme -- City, Town and Countryside: Appalachian Community in Change.

Historical and contemporary perspectives in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences on the theme are encouraged. Presentations related to the theme will be given preference, but other topics will be considered.

Proposals should be limited to two pages to include (1) a cover sheet showing title of presentation, presenter's name, address and telephone number; a one-paragraph biographical sketch; and a description of audiovisual needs or other special requirements; and (2) ten copies of a one-page abstract of the paper or description of the presentation (including title, but without the presenter's name).

For panels and multi-paper sessions, please include names, addresses, and biographical information for everyone involved. Proposals should be submitted no later than September 30, 1994 to the Program Chair:

Ken Sullivan
Division of Culture and History
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25305-0300
FAX: 304-558-2779

Guidelines

Because of the growing number of proposals, individuals may be restricted to one presentation. Individual presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Papers may be submitted for publication in the *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* following the Conference. Papers to be considered for publication must be presented in 10 or fewer typewritten (double-spaced) pages, including notes and bibliography. All documentation must be as defined in *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

The *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association* will accept manuscripts on 3.5" disks in IBM-compatible Wordperfect, with accompanying hard copy.

Student Paper Competition

The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Competition is open to students in two categories: (1) middle and high school, and (2) undergraduate

and graduate.

Student papers must adhere to the same guidelines and subject matter as other conference papers and will be considered for *Journal* publication.

The deadline for submission of completed papers is January 15, 1995. Mail to Ken Sullivan at the address above.

The author of the winning paper will receive a \$100 cash award and the opportunity to present the paper as part of a conference session. Costs of attending the conference are the winner's responsibility.

The Eighth Annual Appalachian Youth Conference

For the past seven years, teachers and students have had the opportunity to participate in a valuable learning experience at the Appalachian Youth Conference. Past participants have met and exchanged ideas with others from the region and showcased their own projects.

An invitation is extended for student projects, performances, panels, and teacher presentations which explore some aspect of the theme -- City, Town, and Countryside: Appalachian Community in Change.

Sessions are encouraged to examine issues relating to Appalachian culture, religion, politics, education, economy, health, arts, and environment.

Proposals should be submitted in the form of a one-page typewritten abstract, five copies please. Include name, institutional affiliation, address, telephone number, and title and type of presentation.

Please describe fully any audiovisual equipment needs. Abstracts should be submitted no later than September 30, 1994, to the Youth Conference Chair:

Sandy Wimbish
2112 Breezy Drive
Charleston, WV 25311
304-345-6224

A limited number of scholarships are available for community and youth participants. For information, contact John Inscoe, Department of History, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, (706)542-6300.

The Youth Conference will be held in conjunction with the Appalachian Studies Conference on March 17-19, 1995 in Morgantown, WV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS of FALL EVENTS

Appalshop Events

Two Music Workshops and Concerts sponsored by Appalshop, Whitesburg, Kentucky: Singer/Songwriter Day on Sept 10 and Banjo Day on Oct 22. For information, call (606) 633-0108.

Workers' Workshop

Workshop on Alternatives to Plant Closings, a workshop to teach people how factories that are threatened with closure can be kept open will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee on Saturday, Sept 10. For information, call the Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network at (615) 637-1576.

Appalachian Teachers' Network

Fourth Annual Appalachian Teachers' Network Conference. Saturday, Sept 24, 1994. Radford University. Join guest speaker Gurney Norman, Appalachian author, and other conference participants to explore ways of incorporating Appalachian Studies into all classroom levels. Sessions include a study of Appalachian literature, the Scots and Celtic influence in Appalachia, banjo history, Appalachian linguistics, coal mining, the use of local history in the classroom, and more. For more information, call Christi Leftwich, Program Coordinator, Radford University Office of Continuing Education at (704) 831-5483. Or contact her at Box 6917, Radford, VA 24142, FAX: 703-831-6061, or through internet e-mail at "cleftwic@ruacad.ac.runet.edu".

The NAPPS Storytelling Festival will be held in Jonesborough, Tennessee, October 7-9.

Leadership Development Conference of the Pennsylvania Environmental Network. October 21-23. For information, contact PEN at P.O. Box 732, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108.

Celebration of Traditional Music

Berea College will hold its 21st Annual Celebration of Traditional Music on October 28-30. Concerts of Festival Musicians begin each evening at 7:30 in Phelps Stokes Chapel. Dancing is at 10 nightly in the Alumni Building. Admission for evening concerts is \$6 (Adults) and \$3 (Youth aged

10-17). Tickets for the Ralph Stanley Concert (Sunday 2-4 p.m.) are \$8 (Adults) and \$4 (Youth 10-17). Contact Berea College Appalachian Center, CPO 2336, Berea, KY 40404 (606) 986-9341, ext. 5140.

Now & Then Invites Submissions

The next issue of *Now & Then*, due out Sept 15, reports on Celebrations and Rituals in Appalachia. *Now & Then* invites submissions (essays, articles, interviews, poetry, short fiction, photo essays) for the next two issues. Upcoming themes are the Environment (deadline Nov 1, 1994) and Music-Folk & Fine (deadline Feb 1, 1995). Please send submissions and queries ASAP to Editor, *Now & Then*, P.O. Box 70556, ETSU, Johnson City, TN 37614-0556, (615)929-5348.

Jeff Daniel Marion Literary Festival

Emory & Henry College announces its Literary Festival honoring Jeff Daniel Marion on Nov 3-4. For information, contact John Lang at Emory & Henry College, P.O. Box 947, Emory, VA 24327-0947, (703) 944-4121.

Thursday, November 3, 1994

2:30-4:30 Presentations by Lynn Powell of Oberlin College and Don Johnson of East Tennessee State University
8:00 p.m. Reading by Jeff Daniel Marion

Friday, November 4, 1994

2:30 p.m. George Ella Lyon on *Hello, Crow*
3:00 p.m. Presentation by Ernest Lee of Carson-Newman College
3:30 p.m. Interview with the poet conducted by Stephen Marion.

Conference on Women in Appalachia

The Ninth Annual Conference on Women in Appalachia will be held on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY, November 3-5. For information, call (606) 257-4852.

CORA Meeting

The 1994 Fall Meeting of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia will be held in Black Mountain, NC, Nov 10-12. For information, call (615) 584-6133.

Southern Historical Association Meeting

The Southern Historical Association will hold its annual meeting at the Galt House in Lexington, KY, on Nov 9-12. A number of sessions will be of particular interest to scholars of Appalachia: "Rural Women and Progressive Reformers" focusing on case studies in western Virginia and north Georgia; "New Vistas on the Old Kentucky Frontier"; "New Perspectives on Cherokee Women"; and "Tourism and the Sense of Place in the American South," including a paper entitled "Appalachian Tourism and the Image of the Hillbilly: The Marketing of a Regional Identity."

For more information contact Professor Will Holmes, SHA Secretary-Treasurer, Department of History, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (706) 542-8848.

SAMLA Honors James Still

James Still will be honored by the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Baltimore at the annual conference. Following a session on his works, he will present a reading from 3:15-4:50 on Saturday, November 12. For information, call (615) 471-3282.

CNC Honors Helen Lewis

Carson-Newman College will present Helen Lewis with the 1994 Award for Educational Service to Appalachia on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about the program and reception, call (615) 471-3431.

**Appalachian Studies Award Offered
by UP of Kentucky**

The University Press of Kentucky announces the Appalachian Studies Award for the best original manuscript about the region. The study may deal with any aspect of Appalachia -- the land, people, history and culture, politics, economics, literature, arts and crafts, and folklore. Manuscripts should be approximately 60,000 to 100,000 words and must be the original work of their authors. No significant portion of the manuscript may have been previously published. The award carries a \$1,000 cash prize and the winning manuscript will be published by the University Press of Kentucky. Entries should be submitted by November 15 to Nancy Grayson Holmes, Editor-in-Chief, University Press of Kentucky, 663 South Limestone Street, Lexington, KY 40508-4008, (606) 257-8434.

Funding Opportunities

The Appalachian Community Fund is a community-controlled foundation that provides grants to groups in the Central Appalachian region, funding organizations run for and by low and moderate income Appalachians in east Kentucky, east Tennessee, southwest Virginia, and all of West Virginia. ACF invites grant proposals for the 1995 General Fund Cycle by December 1, 1994. "Seize the Moment" grants of up to \$500 are also available to help produce quick action on issues that arise outside of ACF's regular grant cycles. For information about eligibility or application processes contact: Appalachian Community Fund, 517 Union Avenue, Suite 206, Knoxville, TN 37902, (615) 523-5783.

1995 Creative Writing Conference

Eastern Kentucky University's 1995 Creative Writing Conference will be held June 12-16. Visiting writers will be poet and *Wind Magazine* poetry editor Steven R. Cope; poet and fiction writer James Baker Hall, Director of the Creative Writing Program at the University of Kentucky; and novelist and short-fiction writer Mary Ann Baker-Hall. Contact Harry Brown, Wallace 217, EKU, Richmond, KY 40475-3133, (606) 622-5861.

Interested in an Appalachian newspaper?

For information about receiving or contributing to *The Appalachian Reader: An Independent Citizens Quarterly*, write P.O. Box 533, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606) 633-3968.

The next issue of *Appalink* will appear in January. Please send announcements or advertisements by NOVEMBER 15, 1994 to:

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ASA NEWS by Sandy Ballard

- The 1995 ASA Conference at WVU in Morgantown, WV, sessions will begin Friday, March 17, at 1 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Program Committee is scheduled for the afternoon of October 22, 1994 in Morgantown, WV.
- Because of the recent majority membership vote for the new Administrative offices, the West Virginia University Regional Research Institute will be handling the ASA mailing list for future newsletters and journals. You should send corrections or changes in your mailing address to

**Appalachian Studies Association
Regional Research Institute
P.O. Box 6825
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV 26506.**

If you would like to become more active in ASA, please note that this issue of the newsletter offers a number of opportunities for you to increase your involvement in ASA:

- * submit a proposal for the next Conference
- * volunteer to chair a session or serve as a discussant
- * nominate people to serve as officers or committee members
- * submit an article for the new Fall 1995 issue of the Journal
- * nominate someone for the Cratis D. Williams Service Award, an annual award presented by the Appalachian Studies Association to one who has made exemplary contributions to the region and/or to our organization (see the nomination form inside the back cover of this newsletter)

MORE NEWS & NEW BOOKS by ASA MEMBERS

Howard Dorgan recently received the 1993 Thomas Wolfe Literary Award for his book *Airwaves of Zion: Radio and Religion in Appalachia* (University of Tennessee Press, available from Chicago Distribution Center, 11030 S. Langley, Chicago, IL 60628).

Kathryn M. Borman and Phillip Obermiller, eds. *From Mountain to Metropolis: Appalachian Migrants in American Cities*. Order: Bergin & Garvey, 1-800-225-5800.

Sidney Saylor Farr. *What Tom Sawyer Learned from Dying*. Hampton Roads Publisher, 891 Norfolk Square, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association. *Hiking Trails of the Smokies*. Eds. Don DeFoe, Beth Giddens, & Steve Kemp. 115 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738, 615-436-7318. (ASA member Ted Olsen contributed trail descriptions.)

Wilburn Hayden, Jr. "Black Families: Forgotten People in Appalachia" in *A Resource Guide for Human Service Professionals: Sociocultural and Service Issues in Working with Rural Clients*, Shirley Jones, ed. Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, NY University at Albany, 1993.

Wilburn Hayden, Jr. "Chapter 10: African- American Appalachians: Barriers to Equality" in *Social Work in Rural Communities*, Leon L. Ginsberg, ed. Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria, VA, 1994.

Verna Mae Sloan. *Rennie's Way*. A novel with a foreword by Wade Hall. Univ. Press of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40508-4008.

David E. Whisnant. *Modernizing the Mountaineer: People, Power and Planning in Appalachia*. A revised edition with a new intro. Univ. of Tenn. Press, Knoxville, TN 37996-0325.

ASA MEMBERS: please let me know about your new and forthcoming books (and how to order them). Contact Sandy Ballard, Editor, *Appalink*, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760.

**Nomination for
The Cratis D. Williams Service Award
of the
Appalachian Studies Association 1995**

This award will be given to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia and/or the Appalachian Studies Association. In most cases, the recipient is likely to be a member of the Association; however, in the event of a significant contribution by an individual outside the Association, the Steering Committee reserves the right to present the award to that individual.

The Award winner will be selected by the Service Award Committee (appointed by the President) from nominations submitted by the membership with the presentation to be made at the annual conference. The committee reserves the right not to present the Award if no suitable nomination is made.

The nomination should be made no later than December 1, 1994.

Nominee's name _____

Address _____

Affiliation _____

ASA Member? Yes No If yes, specify length and type of involvement in the Association:

Please complete a narrative which included the nominee's field of endeavor; specific examples of his/her contribution(s); the number of individuals affected by the contribution and/or the geographic area served; and any other relevant information. In addition, please submit at least two supporting letters from other individuals acquainted with the nominee's work.

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Affiliation: _____

Please send this form, the narrative, and supporting letters to the ASA President:

**Ronald L. Lewis
Department of History
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV 26506**