

VIEWS: *The Newsletter of the Visual Materials Section Society of American Archivists*

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IT'S POLITICS AS USUAL IN WASHINGTON

Now is the time to start planning for the annual SAA meeting! This year we'll be in the hot and humid center of the East Coast, Washington, DC. Plan for weather in the high 80s, if not the 90s. Humidity will be in the 80s as well!

There is a jam-packed events calendar (see box at the right) of interest to Section members. Of course the big event is the Section dinner, to be held this year at America. Meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 30, in the Hilton lobby.

And, of course, don't forget to order your tee-shirt. Chair-elect Miriam Meislik has worked hard to bring you another wonderful souvenir. Order forms were mailed in early July. If you didn't receive one, please contact Miriam at <miriam+@pitt.edu>.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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Recently, the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, in association with the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, cooperated on an exhibition called *Light! The Industrial Age 1750-1900. Art, Science, Technology & Society*, which was accompanied by a magnificent catalog of the same name, published by Thames & Hudson in 2000. The co-curators, Andreas Blühin and Louis Lippincott, did a terrific job in examining a subject that, surprisingly, had been sorely neglected from both an art-historical and a scientific perspective. I was pleased to see that one of the first, and major sources which the authors acknowledged were the rich archives of the Artificial Light in Art Foundation, located in Eindhoven, Netherlands. Their other sources were right and varied, from museums, galleries, universities, archives, and private collectors all over the world, as they wove together a fascinating story of the history of light in the Industrial Age.

Lest, however, the reader thinks I am writing a book review, I will not further describe either the

ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO VM FOLKS

Wednesday, August 29

9:00–1:00 Standards Committee

Thursday, August 30

3:30–5:00

17. *Photograph Albums and Scrapbooks: Wherefore and Whereto?*

6:30 ANNUAL SECTION DINNER see Miriam's column, p. 2, for the details.

Friday, August 31

8:00–10:00 Visual Materials Section Meeting

10:30–12:00

25. *What Else Do You Need? Beyond Traditional Description Metadata for Audiovisual Digital Content*

1:30–3:00

36. *You Can Run But You Can't Hide: Meeting the Challenges of Access to Nontraditional Archival Records*

38. *Archival Practice and the Authenticity of Photographs*

Saturday, September 1

8:00–9:00

Architectural Records Roundtable

Visual Materials Cataloging and Access Roundtable

10:00–11:30 [ok, why are there 4 sessions here and only 1 session on Thursday afternoon?]

44. *Storage and Management of Color Slides and Transparencies*

45. *Data Storage and Migration*

49. *Marketing and Promotion: Raising Community Awareness of Moving Image Archives*

50. *More is Not Necessarily Better: Appraising Modern Architectural Records*

11:45–1:15

52. *Moving Archival and Special Collections Materials*

54. *Beyond Architectural Documentation: Beyond the Blueprint*

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be found at:**

<http://www.gsu.edu/~libpjr/vm.htm>

exhibition or the catalog. What I want to say relates more to the spirit, rather than the substance, of such research. As we all perform our day-to-day work in our archives, museums, research centers, and other institutions, we can become complacent, even bored, by the tasks which we are all called on to perform. But why do we work with visual materials? Because they have the power to bring new ways of seeing the world to everyone, especially to those who are unfamiliar with the past and who need to know about it. A 14 year old confronted by a television with a dial channel-changer will express amazement that an era before remote controls existed, just as a 60 year old may be unfamiliar with the concept of a magic lantern show. But we are among those whose jobs it is not only to guard the past, but also to illuminate the past and make it palpable, understandable, and visible to all. We can do that by thinking beyond the bounds of our everyday existence, and constructing new ways of presenting old ideas, subjects, and everyday life, and Blühin and Lippincott have done that. This is why we are together as members of a Visual Materials Section, to share our knowledge, our experiences, and ideas, not only among ourselves, but with our colleagues, and with the greater public and humanity whom we serve. The several sessions of this year's SAA conference will provide us with one means of sharing our research, our outlooks, and our experiences, and I hope that those of you in attendance in Washington will be able to attend all of the sessions which VM either sponsored or cosponsored (although I again lament the fact that some of the VM sessions have been placed in direct opposition with one another). At the same time, I hope the business meeting, the various roundtables, and special events, and the social aspects of the Conference itself will provide everyone with the opportunities to exchange ideas and information in both formal and informal settings.

The Chair-elect, Miriam Meislik, already has done a great job in the Section's Web site on digital images, preparing the Section tee-shirt and arranging for dinner at the Annual Meeting; and Laurie Baty, the Newsletter editor (who does so much else) has been her usual terrific and dynamic self. I thank everyone who helped me out this year—although I feel somewhat guilty at having done so little as the Section Chair. I hope you'll forgive me for that. We have two excellent candidates for Chair-elect, Laurie Baty and Mark Martin, and I encourage everyone to take the time to exercise their democratic right for the election! I look forward to seeing all of you in DC and hope that you will all continue to be inspired by the work that you do, and by the materials with which you work. Take care, and all the best for the future of the Section.



FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

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This year we will be eating our way across America! (The America Restaurant, that is.)

Dinner will be on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Hilton for a ride on the Metro's Red Line. A sign up sheet will be available on the message board, or if you know you will definitely be there, email me at <miriam+@pitt.edu> and I will add you to the list. If you RSVP before the meeting, please do so before August 23. A menu will be provided for your viewing pleasure next to the sign-up sheet or you can go here for a preview: <http://www.americarestaurant.com/our_restaurants/washington/america/index.cfm>

Washington, DC, here we come!

ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS ROUNDTABLE

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With the SAA annual meeting around the corner, here are some highlights. The main show for the Roundtable will begin at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, 1 September. In addition to the business meeting there will be a presentation "Collaborative Approaches to Collecting American Architectural Records," by Sherry Birk, Director of Collections, The Octagon, the Museum of the American Architectural Foundation. At the business meeting portion, Mary Woolever (Art Institute of Chicago) will be stepping down, so a new co-chair will be selected. Please consider volunteering for this position. Sarah Turner (AIA) will be the continuing co-chair. The Roundtable also will entertain any proposals for joint sessions with the Visual Materials Section.

On Wednesday, August 29, at 4:30 p.m., there will be an open house at the Octagon, hosted by Sherry Birk and Sarah Turner, Archivist & Records Manager at the AIA. The open house is at the American Institute of Architect's Library (1735 New York Ave., NW) Sarah and Sherry will give a tour of the archives and give an overview of the AIA's archival collections and the Octagon's prints and drawings collection. Wine and cheese will be served after the tour. Please RSVP to Sarah Turner by Monday, August 27, either e-mail <sturner@aia.org> or telephone (202) 626-7496. This is open to Visual Materials Section members as well.

There are two sessions of note for Roundtable members, both on Saturday. The first is Session 50, 10-11:30 a.m., *More is Not Necessarily Better: Appraising Modern Architectural Records* addresses appraisal issues for today's large architectural records collections. Following that, at 11:45 a.m. is Session 54; *Architectural Documentation: Beyond the Blueprint* explores the use of photographs, institutional records,

and postcards as sources of architectural and historic preservation information. Both of these feature Roundtable members.

As we realize that no one is immune to the headaches of preserving electronic records, there are several sessions on electronic records that may be of interest. They do not deal specifically with electronic architectural records, but they may relate in a general way: Session 16 *Real-World Strategies for the Management and Preservation of Digital Records* (Thursday, 3:30–5 p.m.), Session 23 *Emulation as a Digital Preservation Strategy: An Empirical Test* (Friday, 10:30 a.m.–noon), Session 45 *Data Storage and Migration* (Saturday, 10–11:30 a.m.). Another session of interest is Session 22 *Privacy, Confidentiality, and Ethical Considerations in Dealing with the Historical Records of Active Businesses* (Friday, 10:30 a.m.–noon).

In other news, the MassCOPAR (Massachusetts Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records) announces the availability of printed proceedings from its 1999 program "Blueprints to Bytes: Architectural Records in the Electronic Age." The proceedings are \$15.00 each, postage included. You can send a check, payable to MassCOPAR, to MassCOPAR, Box 425129, Cambridge, MA 02142-0004.

AMIA Cataloging and Documentation Committee Report

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The *AMIA Compendium of Moving Image Cataloging Practice* was published by the Society of American Archivists (SAA) in June 2001; see the new SAA Publications Catalog at: <<http://www.archivists.org>>. The Compendium copyright is held jointly by SAA and AMIA. An appendix of cataloging examples will be simultaneously published on the AMIA Website.

Grace Agnew, consultant to the Cataloging and Documentation Committee's National Cataloging Project Subcommittee, has prepared her report on the AMIA Moving Image Gateway (formerly the National Moving Image Cataloging and Information Center Project). This project represents an ambitious effort to provide universal access to the world's moving-image collections. As originally envisioned, it includes a union catalog, a federation of distributed databases (a virtual union catalog), and a Web directory of moving image repositories, and incorporates education, training, research, and outreach components. The project promotes use of several metadata standards, includes a training center and information clearinghouse to coordinate and advocate for standards, and provides support to assist archives in the organization and management of their catalogs

and collections. The Committee will be reporting on the current status of the Project and next steps at the Portland conference.

The new AMIM (*Archival Moving Image Materials: a Cataloging Manual*, 2nd edition), *AMIM2*, is now available from the Library of Congress' Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS).

Valarie Schwan <vschwan@cinema.usc.edu> has been appointed Liaison Coordinator, to improve the coordination and reporting of liaisons to other organizations.

The Committee is exploring ways to improve and extend its cataloging education activities. Among things considered is extended cataloging training beyond the cataloging portion of AMIA's Basic Training (pre-conference) workshop. Plans are underway for a program in Portland; the Committee also has discussed holding workshops throughout the year, and workshops in collaboration with other organizations, such as SAA. These would be in addition to the annual conferences' Basic Training workshops.

The Committee has been working with Artesia Technologies to create a prototype Web-enabled database designed to illustrate how use of cataloging standards can optimize access to moving image collections. The prototype is hosted inside a Digital Asset Management (DAM) system, which utilizes MARC records from the National Moving Image Database (NAMID) and selected clips from the UCLA Film and Television Archive to show how use of cataloging standards can allow clear and convenient access to bibliographic records and the moving images themselves. The project is intended to explore and to invite commentary on the issues that must be understood in order to make collections available onsite and over the Internet. The prototype includes a subset of 20 essential MARC fields. Jane Johnson has created a draft white paper, "Making Moving Image Collections Available on the Web," which is available from <jdj@ucla.edu>.

The Committee is exploring ways to bring together representatives of the Cataloging and Digital Assets Management worlds, and in order to do so has established a liaison with the Digital Assets Management Interest Group (DAMIG). AMIA 2001 is scheduled to include programming co-sponsored by both groups. The Committee is also considering making presentations at DAM vendor conferences.

The Web site Subcommittee is working to revise the Committee's pages on AMIANet.

AMIA's eleventh annual conference will be held November 6-10, 2001, in Portland, Oregon.

For more information on the conference, AMIA projects, or AMIA in general, visit the AMIA website at <<http://amianet.org/>>, or contact me, Jane Johnson, Cataloging and Documentation Committee Chair. I

welcome input about the Committee's work, future projects, etc. Please do not hesitate to send your questions and comments.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

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The Standards Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 29, between 9 and 12 during the annual meeting. All are welcome! Although the agenda is not yet final, topics of interest to Visual Materials section members may include the NISO draft standard, Data Dictionary: Technical Metadata for Digital Still Images and the ISAAR (CPF): International Standard Archival Authority Record for Corporate Bodies, Persons and Families. The Standards Committee encourages your participation!

MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND GATHERINGS

August 18-23. *Preserving Photographs in a Digital World*, sponsored by the George Eastman House, Rochester Institute of Technology, Image Permanence Institute. \$1,295. For more information contact Laura Brown, education Department, at (716) 271-3361 x 234 (voice), <Education@geh.org>, or see the Website <<http://www.rit.edu/IPI/>>.

December 3-5. *School for Scanning*, sponsored by the Northeast Document Conservation Center. Delray Beach, FL. \$325 before October 19, \$400 after. For more information see NEDCC's Web site at <<http://www.nedcc.org>>.

NATIONAL GALLERY ACQUIRES NEW WORKS

Earl A. Powell III, director of the National Gallery of Art recently announced a number of acquisitions approved by the Gallery's board of trustees.

Two "exceptional" etchings by Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) are among the new acquisitions. One of the finest known impressions of *The Great Jewish Bride* (1635), portrays his wife Saskia posed as a figure from history. *The Goldweigher* (1639), the last of Rembrandt's highly pictorial etchings, depicts the tax collector Jan Uytenbogaert (a friend and art patron), at his counting table receiving payments. This second etching is a very rare artist's proof that survives in only a few impressions. Additional acquisitions and gifts include a "monumental" early woodcut of *The Deluge* (c.1580) by Andrea Andreani, four etchings by Félix Buhot from the 1880s, including extremely rare impressions in color, a cubist etching *Table d'echecs* (1920) by Jacques Villon.

The newest addition to the Gallery's collection of early printed books is a "rare and exquisite" German

Bible (1483) with 108 woodcuts, printed in Nuremberg by Anton Koberger. This particular copy is colored by hand with added gold highlights and is still in its original Nuremberg bindings. Additional major illustrated books include a gift of a second German *Bible*, printed in Frankfurt in 1570, with 144 woodcuts by Jost Amman and other artists; an apparently unique copy of Friedrich Beuther's 1824 book on stage designs with color aquatints; and a rare complete set of Charles Hullmandell's early lithographs *Twenty-four Views of Italy* (1818).

The Joshua Smith Collection of 197 photographs, five portfolios, two bound volumes, and one sculpture by 82 American and European photographers of the Twentieth Century, also has been acquired. The collection focuses on works made from the 1940s through the late 1970s and is remarkable for its breadth, depth, and quality. The strength of the collection lies in its holdings of rare, vintage prints of the so-called New York School of photographers who worked shortly before and during World War II. It also contains rare examples of European photographers who worked after the war and an excellent survey of American photographs from the 1960s and 1970s.

Seventy-six silver gelatin photographs and one assemblage by Ilse Bing were donated to the Gallery by Bing's estate.

For more information, please contact Domenic Morea at (202) 842-6358 or <d-morea@nga.gov>.

IN PRINT

The Review

- Naef, Weston (Editor). *In Focus: Eugene Atget*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Trust, 2000. 144 p. ISBN 089236601X (paper) \$17.50.
- Naef, Weston (Editor). *In Focus: August Sander*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Trust, 2000. 144 p. ISBN 0892365676 (paper) \$17.50.

Reviewed by Wendy Welker, Photography Archivist, California Historical Society.

The first time I leafed through a volume from the *In Focus* photographers series published by the J. Paul Getty Trust, I didn't think much of it beyond its pleasing compact shape and clean design -- the *In Focus* volumes are the Chiclettes of photography books. But how good or useful could skinny 6"x7" books be for conveying any kind of an impact? That first volume I looked at was on Carleton Watkins and I wondered, why bother looking at what are originally large format photographs that have been forced into the confines of very small pages. And besides, there wasn't much text. Upon first impression, I wrote it off as a *Readers Digest* version of a photography book, an ephemeral souvenir of the collections from the Getty Museum. After taking the time to really look

through and read it, however; I changed my mind. The little book packed a punch. I read the volumes on August Sander and Eugene Atget for this review and they continue to provide readers with an excellent entry into the world of major photographers.

Each *In Focus* book contains approximately 50 plates selected from the often hundreds of images that the Getty Museum owns of each photographer. The books open with three to four page introductions on the photographers' life and work that, despite their brevity, manage to set the stage for the work that follows. Photographs are accompanied by two to four paragraphs of commentary printed on facing pages. Following the plates, each book offers a transcription of a colloquium in which various curators, scholars, professors and others participated. It is within the pages of the transcriptions that the *In Focus* series serves up something meaty. In discussing the intentions of the photographers and comparing images (usually two at a time), the participants posit a variety of theory and opinion and often engage in emphatic disagreement and debate. The resulting swirl of interpretation is a dynamic approach to supplementary text that stimulates and activates the readers' own ideas and opinions.

In the introductions and discussions of both the Sander and the Atget books it is remarked upon that each photographer was quite enigmatic and ultimately unknowable to those studying their lives and work. Sander and Atget were vastly different photographers, yet both were conscious of documenting ways of life that were evaporating or transmogrifying. They both witnessed the changes brought on by the transition to an industrialized society. Sander's focus was Germany during the early decades of the twentieth century and Atget aimed his lens at Paris of the late 1800s and into the new century. Both photographers' careers began in a conventional vein. Sander started as a traditional commercial portraitist and Atget created pictures of animals, plants and landscapes for artists needing preparatory images. Interestingly, Sander and Atget used antiquated equipment and both viewed their images as part of one large interconnected whole. They created encyclopedias of sorts: Sander with his inventory of German types and Atget with his catalog of buildings and spaces of Paris.

The photographs in the Sander volume center primarily on his portraits of his fellow citizens from peasant to politician. His work has been described as a monumental physiognomy of his time. Sander called his life-long project, *Citizens of the Twentieth Century* and he spent his time adding to and organizing the body of work which he considered to be an honest depiction of the existing social order. The colloquium participants delve into the complex contradictions in Sanders work and come up with some intriguing insights, one of which concerns the

provocative often-reproduced image (and the book's cover shot), *Wife of the Cologne Painter Peter Abelen*. It is an image of a small and slender woman in men's white bohemian garb. She has a cigarette extending from clenched teeth and she's about to strike a match. This photograph presents an image of the new Weimar woman, and yet we discover that the subject of the photograph was the creation of her husband. Whether in front of the camera or not, Peter Abelen orchestrated every aspect of his wife's appearance, from designing her clothes and cutting her hair to the seductive pose itself. Also layered into this image is the fact that social identities were slipperier than Sander may have realized and his photographs could actually run counterpoint to the human classification system that underlaid his work. As one colloquium participant said, "Rather than confirm that the typical German was still accessible to interpretation, it proved that he did not exist."

In the introduction to the Atget volume, curator Gordon Baldwin writes that the *In Focus* survey of Atget might best be thought of as a highly eccentric guidebook to Paris. That is pretty much how this book approaches Atget's work. There is not much analysis or debate over these images in comparison with the Sander volume. The text that directly accompanies the photographs is concerned less with interpretation than with historical facts. We are told what has become, over time, of the buildings or streets pictured in the photographs. There are some forays into deeper interpretation within the colloquium transcription. There is an especially fascinating section on how an image of an old mill conveys ambivalence. On occasion, the participants can really get carried away and cling to their esoteric theories that can sometimes seem far-fetched, but that's part of the fun.

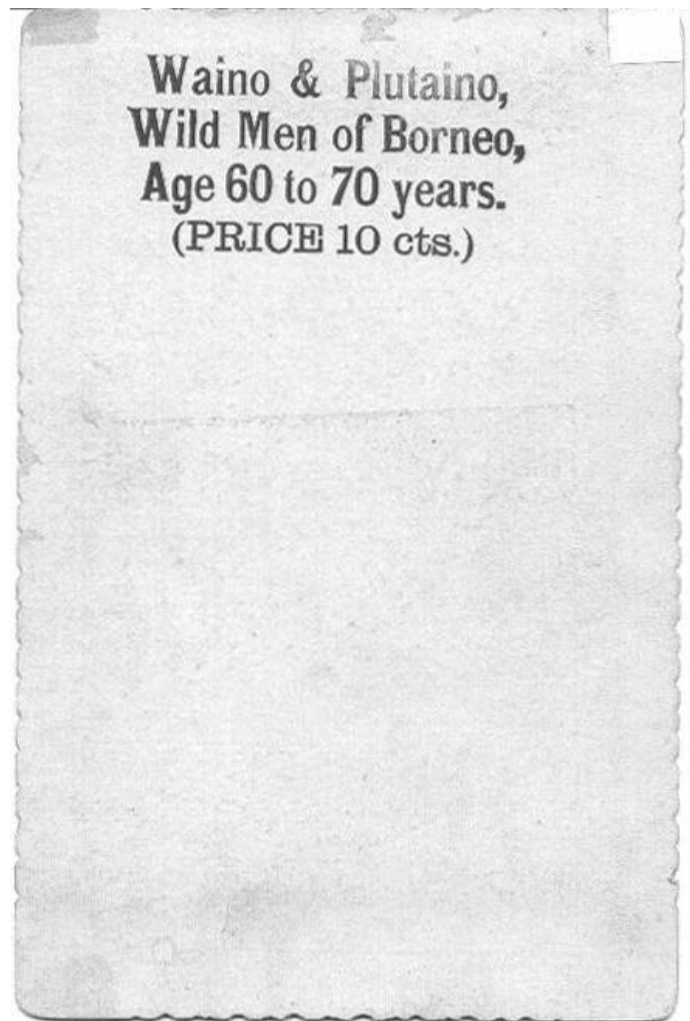
The problem of picture quality and size is more accentuated in the Atget book. The warm albumen tones of many of Atget's images are gone, making them all look like silver gelatin prints. Details are important in Atget's images and the small size of the reproductions make it hard to notice them. But think of the *In Focus* books as appetizers. You get a solid bite-size taste of the life, work and interpretation of great photographers that will have you craving for more. After enjoying an *In Focus* volume you'll be primed to move on to heavier fare.

The Books

Adams, Robert. *Bodhisattva*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 32 p. ISBN 1-5905-011-8 \$24.95 (cloth).

Gossage, John. *HF*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 18 original prints in a limited edition of 100 signed and numbered copies. ISBN 3-923922-97-3 \$450.

Hamilton, Peter, and Hargreaves, Roger. *The Beautiful and the Damned. The Creation of Identity in Nineteenth Century Photography*. London: National



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Portrait Gallery, 2001. 128 p. ISBN 0-85331-821-2 \$50 (cloth). To order, contact Ashgate Publishing at 1-800-535-9544, <info@ashgate.com> (e-mail), or visit <<http://www.ashgate.com>>.

Hido, Tony. *House Hunting*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 56 p. ISBN 3-923922-96-5 \$75 (cloth).

Haymatloz—Exil in der Turkei 1933-1945. Berlin: Verein Aktives Museum, 2000. [Catalog containing all text and photos from the exhibition looking at Roma/Sinti (Gypsy) exile in Turkey during World War II.] To order, contact the Verein Aktives Museum, Chausseestraße 8, 10115 Berlin, Germany.

In Focus: Manual Alvarez Bravo. Photographs from the J. Paul Getty Museum. 144 p. ISBN 0-89236-625-7 \$17.50 (paper). Due in November.

Jay, Bill. *Sun in the Blood of the Cat*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 160 p. ISBN 1-59005-002-9 \$24.95 (paper).

Jeffrey, Ian. *ReVisions: An Alternative History of Photography*. N.P.: N.P., 1999. 120 p. ISBN 0-94848-960-X To order, contact Ashgate Publishing at 1-800-535-9544, <info@ashgate.com> (e-mail), or visit <<http://www.ashgate.com>>.

Kenna, Michael. *Easter Island*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 72 p. ISBN 1-59005-012-6 \$75 (cloth).

_____. *Impossible to Forget. The Nazi Camps Fifty Years After*. Tucson, AZ: Nazraeli Press, 2001. 128 p. ISBN 1-59005-010-X \$60 (cloth). Published in association with Editions Marval, Paris.

Schaeffer, Terry T. *Effects of Light on Materials in Collections. Data on Photoflash and Related Sources*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum,

2001. Getty Conservation Institute Research in Conservation series. 170 p. ISBN 0-89236-645-1 \$30 (paper). Due in September.

Salas, Charles G., and Roth, Michael S., eds. *Looking for Los Angeles: Architecture, Film, Photography, and the Urban Landscape*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, 2001. 344 p. ISBN 0-89236-616-8 \$45 (paper). Due in November.

Teal, Harvey S. *Partners with the Sun. South Carolina Photographers 1840-1940*. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2001. 415 p. ISBN 1-57003-384-6 (cloth, alk. paper) \$24.95. *To be reviewed*.

TM: Trademarks Designed by Chermayeff & Geismar (Princeton: Princeton Architectural Press, 2000) ISBN 1568982569 (Cloth) \$40.

Walker Evans: Cuba. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, 2001. 96 p. ISBN 0-89236-617-6 \$24.95. Includes an essay by Andreai Codrescu. Due in September.

[**Views** welcomes additions to this column documenting visual-material publications. If you know of such additional publications, please send relevant bibliographic information to the editor.—**Ed.**]

WHAT'S UP

through August 4. *Arnold Newman, A Grand Tradition*. Barry Singer Gallery, 7 Western Avenue, Petaluma, CA.

through August 6. *Native Land. Photographs from the Robert G. Lewis Collection*. Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

through September 16. *Walker Evans & Company: Works From the Museum of Modern Art*. J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.

through October 7. *The Unfinished Print*. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

Through October 7. *Jasper Johns: Prints from Four Decades*. National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

through October 14.; *Work and Play: Everyday Life in Drawings, 1520-1820*. J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.

through October 28. *The American Tradition & Walker Evans: Photographs from the Getty Collection*. J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles.

opens November 4. *Best Impressions: 35 Years of Prints and Sculpture from Gemini G.E.L.* National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

[**Views** welcomes additions to this ongoing column documenting visual-materials exhibitions around the world. If your institution is having such an exhibition,

*please send the relevant information to the editor. To keep this column timely, please remember that **Views** is in print three months after the deadline posted on the last page—Ed.]*

ARTFUL DODGING: Things Heard, Enhanced, and Passed On

London, England. Pam Roberts, Curator of the Royal Photographic Society, Bath, is looking for a few good authors to participate in the *Encyclopedia of Nineteenth-Century Photography*, of which she is the editor. The prospectus inviting contributors to step forward is curious, to say the least, and reflects a definite "East of the Pond" perspective on who is a photographer deserving of a main entry and who is "minor" or "emerging"; there will be over 1300 entries for people. In addition there will be information on equipment, techniques, processes [*I can hardly wait for yet another list of terms—Ed.*], formats, artists movements, aesthetic questions, criticism, development of the commerce of photography, and survey articles on the development of photography within individual countries. Of particular interest is the statement, "The Encyclopedia will also be equipped with an index." [Thank goodness for that—**Ed.**] If you're interested in participating in this writing extravaganza, please check out the publisher's Web site at <<http://www.fitzroydearborn.com/london/ncp/intro.tm>>. Authors receive a copy of the volume for their first 2,000 words and then are paid at the rate of \$75 per 1,000 words (of commissioned length) for any writing over the initial 2,000 words. You won't get rich, but you will be published!

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Ft. Worth, TX. The Amon Carter Museum has announced it will reopen Sunday, October 21, following its two-year \$39 million expansion. The new 109,000 square-foot building will have three times the exhibition space as before.

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