

# WASHINGTON RARE BOOK GROUP

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The WASHINGTON RARE BOOK GROUP  
invites you to join us for a visit to

**“THE WELL-DRESSED BOOK:  
CLOTH BOOK BINDINGS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1830-1920”  
at the University of Maryland, Hornbake Library**

**THURSDAY, DEC.4, 2008  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Those of us who attended the “Well-dressed book” Symposium at the University of Maryland last March will welcome another opportunity to tour the exhibition that accompanied it, and for those who missed it – now is your chance! Come delve into the fascinating history of 19<sup>th</sup>-century American cloth book-bindings: the people, the places, the aesthetics, and the technologies that changed the appearance and structure of books over the course of the Industrial Era. Learn the features that characterize each decade so that you too can amaze your friends and impress your colleagues by dating a book by its cover! For more information, see the exhibition website at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/mdrm/gallery/index.html> . It includes an excellent video introduction of the exhibition, featuring Doug McElrath.

Douglas McElrath, the University’s Curator of Marylandia and Rare Books, will be our host and will be on hand to introduce the exhibition, expand on the case text as he may be inspired to do so, and answer questions from our group. Doug has been researching the printing culture in Baltimore, documenting the people and places of the book trades in the city through the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and his knowledgeable commentary is sure to deepen our enjoyment of the exhibition.

The event will include a “cocktail hour” offering of wine and hors d’oeuvres. There will be a charge of \$12 per person. Please RSVP by sending your check, made out to WRBG, **to be received by Monday, Dec.1**, to Carol Clausen, 8315 N. Brook Lane, Bethesda MD 20814. You can contact Carol at [cclausen1@verizon.net](mailto:cclausen1@verizon.net) or (301) 654-4719.

The simplest way to come to the event may be by Metro: take the Green Line to the College Park/U. of MD station and then the University shuttle bus to the campus and Hornbake Library. The Library is on Campus Drive near the eastern entrance to the campus from Route 1; for driving directions and information about parking, see <http://www.lib.umd.edu/mdrm/mddirections.html> .

For further information, call me at (202) 633-1176. I look forward to seeing you there!

Leslie K. Overstreet  
President, WRBG

## 2009 Membership & renewal:

Please fill out the form below and send it, along with a check for \$20 made payable to WRBG to: Melanie Gardner, WRBG Treasurer, 2014 Hermitage Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

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### Note:

We are making every attempt to move to easier ways to communicate among members. One of these is moving to a technology that allows us to more easily post our meeting announcements to members. We do have a web site on which we are posting announcements – <http://www.washingtonrarebookgroup.org>

We have decided to use Google Groups as a tool to distribute the meeting announcements and it will allow members to post other announcements of interest to everyone. This is a “closed” list for invited members only and there are no advertisements on it.

We know, however, that not everyone finds this ideal. Please let me know if you would like to continue to receive your meeting announcement by direct email.

Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions: [magardner01@verizon.net](mailto:magardner01@verizon.net) (301) 946-1207.

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