

The WASHINGTON RARE BOOK GROUP

invites you to join us for

**A visit to the Werner Gundersheimer Conservation Laboratory
of the FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY**

On Monday March 16, 2009, at 12:00 noon.

Stephen Enniss, the Folger Shakespeare Library's newly appointed Eric Weinmann Librarian, has graciously agreed to welcome the Washington Rare Book Group for a tour of the Folger's Werner Gundersheimer Conservation Laboratory. With a library degree from Emory University and a Ph.D. in English literature from the University of Georgia, Dr. Enniss comes to the Folger after serving as the Director of Emory's Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, where he led the significant growth of the Library's literary collections. Like his predecessor Richard Kuhta before him, Dr. Enniss is sure to become a valued member of the Washington rare-book community, and his willingness to have us visit while he's still settling in to the new position says much for his friendly and welcoming disposition.

The Werner Gundersheimer Conservation Laboratory, relocated to the building's third floor as part of the Folger's recent renovation, features state-of-the-art design and equipment for preserving and conserving the rare materials in the Folger's collections. Head Conservator Frank Mowery, noted for his remarkable leaf-splitting work on the Trevelyan Miscellany, will lead this part of the tour, introducing us to the staff and the innovative techniques and instrumentation that they employ in their work.

To ensure that we all have a good view of the space and the chance to ask questions, participants will be divided into two groups, visiting the Lab in turn, with an informal opportunity to see a fascinating new exhibition in the Great Hall in the meantime with Dr. Enniss. That exhibition, "To sleep, perchance to dream," "explores the ethereal realm of sleeping and dreaming in Renaissance England, from the beliefs, rituals, and habits of sleepers to the role of dream interpreters and interpretations in public and private life," as the website notes (www.folger.edu).

After the tour and the exhibition, we will adjourn to a private meeting room for a boxed lunch. The fee for the lunch is \$15.00, to be paid in advance. There will be a choice of sandwiches at the lunch; participants requiring special dietary considerations (including vegetarians) should let us know when signing up for the event.

For space reasons, the visit is limited to 20 participants, and reservations are required. The group will fill quickly, so please send your check, made out to the WRBG, as soon as possible to Carol Clausen, 8315 N. Brook Lane, Bethesda MD 20814. Please also remember to include the name(s) of any guest(s). You can contact Carol at cclausen1@verizon.net or by telephone at (301) 654-4719.

Parking is very limited on Capitol Hill during the work-day, so we recommend taking the Metro. The closest stop is Capitol South on the Orange & Blue lines; walk straight up 1st St. and across Independence Ave., then right to 2nd St., and left one block to the Folger at the corner of 2nd and East Capitol St.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Leslie Overstreet
President, WRBG