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The Flapper

ASDVA's Membership Newsletter

Though the weather has been chilly (are we sure the groundhog saw its shadow?) the Society has still been very busy. Our architecture lecture was so interesting and very well-attended; who could ask for anything more? How about more events?! Check out our March and April events and make sure you make reservations with us if you want to attend!

Membership

We would like to welcome our new Society members **Edwin Slipek**, and **Anita and Robert Schneider**. What a nice way to get to know them when we noshed together at Tarrant's Café following the Art Deco architecture lecture last month.

As you know, our Facebook group page will always have Society and Deco-related postings. You can also follow us on twitter @ArtDecoVA.

News

Who knew that the Main Branch of the Richmond Public Library was an Art Deco building? The more than 50 people who attended **Edwin Slipek's** lecture on Richmond's Art Deco Greatest Hits now know. The building happens to have been enclosed as part of a 1972 building expansion. The 1929-1930 building called the Dooley Library is shown below left while the present day library can be seen on the right. Can you see remnants of the old building? It was a lovely way to end the lecture as we got out of our seats to view the original atrium with its Deco influences (following photo). Many thanks to **Edwin Slipek** and **Patty Parks**, Head Librarian at the Richmond Public Library, for making this event possible. We hope to partner with Mr. Slipek and the Library for future events!



Photo: Examiner.com



Photo: richmondpubliclibrary.org



Photo: Andy Nishida

Dress

The Society in the Society Pages...how perfectly perfect! The **Jazz Age Preservation Ball** was featured on the back page of the Celebration section in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on February 10, 2013. It was accompanied by an article written by Jaclyn Witthoefft, the President of the Byrd Theatre Foundation. By the looks of it, we all did the Society proud. A big thanks to our Ball photographer, [Lynn Redmile](#), for supplying the photos for the article.



Events in March



Waylande Gregory: Art Deco Ceramics and the Atomic Pulse
Lora Robbins Gallery of Design from Nature
University of Richmond
Sunday, March 24th, 1:00 pm
28 Westhampton Way, Richmond, VA

“Waylande Gregory (American, 1905-1971) was one of the leading figures in twentieth-century American ceramics. He helped shape Art Deco design in the United States. The exhibition is the first retrospective on the artist, highlighting more than sixty works including paintings, glass, and ceramics, most notably four *Electrons* from his major commission for the 1930-1940 New York World’s Fair, *The Fountain of the Atom*” (taken from <http://museums.richmond.edu/exhibitions/lora-robins-gallery/waylande-gregory.html>). Additional information about the artist can be found at the American Craft Council [posting](#) by Dr. Thomas Folk who earned a Ph.D. in Art History from the City University of New York and is the curator of the exhibit.

The museum visit and docent-led tour are free but we have a limited number of spaces available. We are offering these spaces to our members first, so to assure your spot please email artdecova.membership@gmail.com for your reservation by March 8. At that time we will open up the tour to the general public. If there is an overwhelming demand to attend this tour, we can arrange for a second tour on the same day at 2:00pm.

Directions to the University of Richmond can be found [here](#). The Gallery is located in the Boatwright Library with a separate entrance via the side of the building along Richmond Way. The reserved visitor parking for the Lora Robins Gallery of Design in Nature is severely limited. There are a limited number of visitor parking spaces along Richmond Way. If these visitor spaces are full, please stop by the museum to receive a temporary parking pass.

Events in April



**Members-Only Tea and Social at the Jefferson Hotel
Saturday, April 6, 2013; 1:30 pm
101 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA**

Just a little something special for ADAVA members to meet, chat, and have high tea at the Jefferson Hotel. Who doesn't like finger sandwiches, clotted creme, and scones in an opulent setting? Because seating is limited, reservations are required. So don't delay in sending us an email (artdecova.membership@gmail.com) by April 1st if you want us to save you a spot! Payment (includes tax and gratuity) will be made on the day of the event.

Also be on the lookout for our public April event. Details will be forthcoming!

Future Events

We have a lot of ideas running through our heads for future events but we can always use more! And we can certainly use more dedicated and passionate folks to help us coordinate and organize these events. Please send an email to membership@artdecova.org to express your ideas and/or interest in helping with future events. You'll be glad you did.