Leather Archives & Museum joins Reciprocal Organization of Associated Museums [ROAM]

As a member of the Leather Archives & Museum, you now receive member level admission and member discounts at hundreds of museums across the United States. ROAM is a national reciprocal organization that provides membership to select museums in the U.S. ROAM will allow individual members at the Supporting Member level and above ($100 per year or more) to take their LA&M benefits with them when they travel to participating museums. All eligible individual members will receive a membership card that will include the ROAM logo. This card will qualify you for member level admissions and other member perks.

Leather Preservation and Conservation Project

In 2013 the Leather Archives & Museum embarked on an ambitious project to address its important leathers collection. The project applies standard museum textile practices to assure leathers in the LA&M’s care can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Leslie Anderson, International Ms. Bootblack 1999, will co-ordinate the program and will use her preservation and conservation expertise to lead a team of trained leather care experts to manage the collection.

Early results of the project’s success can be seen on the LA&M’s YouTube™ channel and FaceBook™ feed.
FROM THE ARCHIVES!
.. check out the Archivist’s Corner blog ...

Want to know what’s happening behind the scenes at the LA&M? The Archivist’s Corner blog provides a unique space for archivists and librarians working at the LA&M to discuss, educate, and highlight the collections of the Leather Archives & Museum.

A list of recently completed or in-process archival collections:

Chicago Hellfire Club Collection
Laura Goodwin Papers
David Grieger Collection
International Mr. Leather Collection
Beau Lee James Papers
Jerry Leppek Papers
Don Matheson Papers
Chuck Renslow Collection
Randy Sauder and Gary DeNichilo Collection

The archivists blog can be found at: leatherarchives.org/wordpresss

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Your generous support of the LA&M allows digital access to our collections via:

Free Admission Thursdays are now combined with Free Rapid HIV testing. A limited time program in conjunction with Chicago House and Social Service Agency.

Chicago House and Social Service Agency is now offering Free Rapid HIV testing at the LA&M on Thursdays from 3p—5p.

Please contact the LA&M or Chicago House for more information about this free service.

CHICAGO HOUSE
Leather Archives & Museum Staff, Interns and Volunteers—January 2014

Pictured left to right: Jean (Archival intern), Emma (Oral histories), Liz (Cataloging intern), Jakob (Archivist / Collections Librarian), Beatrice (Archival intern), Luis (Graphic design), Nathan (Archival intern), Jeff (Operations Director), Rick (Executive Director), Matthew (Guest Artist Gallery Curator), John (Grant funding), Christina (Videographer / Leather Preservation Project).

Not pictured: Alex (Women's Leather History Project), Angelique (Archival intern), Bob (Oral histories), Dannie (Cataloging intern), Leslie (Leather Preservation Project), Michael (Latinos / Latinas In Leather Project), Pup Soul (Administration), Scott (Outreach / PR).

2014 - 2015 Visiting Scholars Program

The LA&M 2014 - 2015 Visiting Scholar Program awards a stipend of $1,000 to one recipient scholar to conduct research using the collections of the LA&M. A travel reimbursement allowance of up to $1,000 will also be provided to the recipient. Applications for the program must be postmarked by April 4th, 2014.
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