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## Art Libraries Society of North America / Southeast Chapter 21st Annual LoPresti Award for Outstanding Art Publishing in the Southeast 2005

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The iPod giveaway will run during the month of February. Users affiliated with the participating universities will be eligible to win one iPod per campus. To enter, a user simply needs to log into the system via their library's home page and chat with the librarian as usual. Winners will be selected via a random drawing in early March. ASERL reserves the right to verify the winners' affiliation with the participating university before prizes are awarded. All official rules are available at [www.aserl.org](http://www.aserl.org)

ASERL libraries participating in the "Ask a Librarian" service are the College of William & Mary, Florida State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Alabama, the University of Central Florida, the University of Memphis, the University of Mississippi, UNC Charlotte, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Founded in 1956, ASERL is the largest regional academic library cooperative in the country, with 37 research libraries and six state libraries. ASERL was a founding member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the largest OCLC regional network in the U.S. Launched in 2004, ASERL's "Ask a Librarian" project is the first regionally-staff chat-based reference service dedicated to the needs of research library patrons.

**ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA / SOUTHEAST CHAPTER  
21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LOPRESTI AWARD  
FOR OUTSTANDING ART PUBLISHING IN THE SOUTHEAST  
2005**

In 1985 the Southeast Chapter of the Art Libraries Society established the LoPresti Publication Awards Competition to recognize and encourage excellence in art publications issued in the southeastern United States. The publication awards are named in honor of [Mary Ellen "Mel" LoPresti](#), former Design Librarian at North Carolina State University, who died in 1985. Ms. LoPresti was also a Past Chair and one of the founding members of the Chapter.

Museums and galleries, educational institutions, libraries, organizations, and commercial presses are encouraged to submit publications for consideration. All publications are judged on the quality of content and format within the appropriate category. The number of items that may be submitted is not restricted.

Art and architectural books, exhibition catalogs, and serials published during an individual calendar year are eligible for consideration. Only publications from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee or the Virgin Islands are eligible for consideration. For information about past winners and on submissions, see [Announcements](#) on the ARLIS/SE website.

Winners of the awards are announced at the ARLIS/SE annual meeting normally held in late October or early November. Winners will be notified by mail and will be reported in various regional library and arts publications. There is no entry fee, but ARLIS/SE reserves the right to retain all works submitted for consideration. The winning publications are housed at the Duke University East Campus Library in Durham, NC.

The nominees for the 2005 award included 45 total entries. The breakdown was 26 books, 13 exhibition catalogs, 3 artist's books, and 3 serials. Entries were submitted from 22 publishers broken down with 6 University Presses, 9 Museums, 2 Commercial publishers, and 5 Other. Among the states submitting entries were Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and North Carolina with 4 publishers each;

Tennessee with 3 publishers; and Mississippi, Puerto Rico and South Carolina with 1 each. This was the first year that Tennessee publishers submitted entries. Alabama was the only state within the chapter region that did not submit an entry.

The winners were announced by Melissa McDonald of the Savannah College of Art and Design, 2005 LoPresti Awards Chair at a special reception in St. Petersburg and included "Common Ground," exhibition catalog by the Georgia Museum of Art; the Art of Enameling and the Penland Book of Handmade Books, both by Lark Press of Asheville NC; and Zydeco Shoes by Pelican Publishing, a multimedia book including recipes and a cd with music.

The ARLIS/Southeast Chapter invites institutions to participate and is looking forward to receiving many fine and outstanding entries for the 2006 Awards. If you would like addition information about submitting nominations, please consult the ARLIS/Southeast website at <http://www.arlis-se.org/>.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION ACCESS**

Does your library provide consumer health information in your community? The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region, (<http://nnlm.gov/sea>) is your regional office for training and assistance with health information access. The Network provides free training for librarians and funding opportunities for libraries in the region. Whether you are interested in obtaining the consumer health information specialist certification from the Medical Library Association by taking classes that we provide, or provide training yourself to your local community in accessing consumer health information, we can help.

We offer four consumer health classes for public librarians:

- Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information in the Public Library
- From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet
- Looking in All the Wrong Places: PubMed for Public Librarians
- Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Internet

For information on all our classes, please visit our website at:

<http://nnlm.gov/sea/edn/index.html>.

Funding provided by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine allow librarians to implement outreach activities in their local community. Funding opportunities include exhibiting, training, and outreach projects. New prospects for funding will be available in spring 2006. If you have an idea or a project that you would like to make happen, please consider applying or contact us to discuss your ideas. To take full advantage of these benefits, libraries can become members of the Network, either at the affiliate or full membership level, depending on the type of consumer health service you provide. Membership is free. For a description of membership categories and how to apply, visit <http://nnlm.gov/sea/membership/meminfo.html>.

For more information, contact Terri Ottosen, Consumer Health Outreach Coordinator, at 800-338-7657 or 410-706-2855, [tottosen@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:tottosen@hshsl.umaryland.edu) or Becky Hebert, Community Outreach Coordinator, at 800-338-7657 or direct at 443-451-5108, [bhebert@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:bhebert@hshsl.umaryland.edu).

### **GEORGIA CONFERENCE ON INFORMATION LITERACY**

You are invited to submit a proposal for the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy to be held on October 6 - 7, 2006 at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, Georgia.