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Donor Spotlight

Mary Scott Guest

ACBA Trustee



Mary Scott Guest, born in Johnston, South Carolina, spent many summers visiting family in Charleston as a child. After receiving a BA in Business and English Literature from the University of SC, she studied at the NY Institute of Finance. Guest went on to pursue a Masters in Business Law from the University of SC.

Mary Scott, now widowed, was married to Raymond Andy Guest. They lived in the Shenandoah Valley

Student Internships

Our pre-graduation summer internship program allows students to gain experience while working at sites of celebrated American architecture and craftsmanship.

Tom Podhrazsky, a second year carpentry student from Owings Mill, Maryland, is spending his summer working at the Antique Boat Museum in New York. He is repairing a 40 foot wooden boat built in 1915. Using skills gained in the carpentry workshop at ACBA, he is replacing all of the boat's support ribs, shaping mahogany planking, and putting in a new keel. Tom is very excited to gain skills which he thinks will translate well to his work with furniture and staircases.



"Support Ribs"

The "Wild Goose"

Mike Lauer, a plaster working student from Louisville, Kentucky, is at the University of Virginia for his internship. With outstanding training in plaster work, Mike is working on the conservation, stabilization and restoration of a ceiling in which sagging joists endangered decorative plaster panels. The project will involve both structural engineering and repair of the ornamental plaster.

of Virginia where they had a successful horse farm. Her husband, a life-long politician, was Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. Guest spent a large part of her career on Wall Street and later became a partner in a law firm specializing with tax and financial issues.

On a trip to Charleston to see family, Mary Scott met John Paul Huguley, Founder of ACBA. She was intrigued by Huguley's vision to train artisans in the historic trades and became involved immediately. Mary Scott has been a generous supporter of ACBA since 2003 and has been a trustee since 2006,-- "I was sucked into ACBA because of the historical aspect of it. We desperately have the need for trained and skilled artisans in this country and Charleston is the perfect fit for a school of its kind. My love of the arts and architecture also drew me to this college. Sustainability is so important for our community growth and I believe the students of ACBA hold the key to our future."

Mary Scott has one son and three grandchildren living in Asheville, NC.

Recurring Gifts



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"Garrett Hall at UVA"

Fourth Year Preservation Masonry Student **Meghan Shogan** is interning at Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pennsylvania. Meghan is restoring the local sandstone that was used to build the house. Working independently, she is resetting, repairing, and re-pointing flagstones on the terraces of the main and guest houses. In addition to the restorations, Meghan is rebuilding a small half wall that was hit by a car and detached from the house.



"Fallingwater"



"Repair work in progress"

Will McSwain, a second year Timber Framer, is in the Hudson Valley this summer working on joinery for a Dutch barn, a hip roof pavilion, and ornate roof trusses which involves both craftsmanship and digital design work.



"Joinery for Dutch Barn"

Fourth Year Architectural Ironworker **Jimmy Breazeale** is

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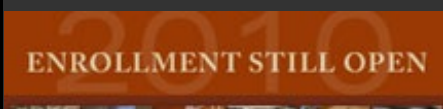
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Be a Red Party Sponsor!!!!

The American College of the Building Arts (ACBA) invites you to be a sponsor of The Red Party to be held Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at the Old City Jail. Red Party Sponsors receive great benefits such as complimentary tickets to the event, premier banner display space at the event, logo/name recognition on promotional materials, and acknowledgement on the ACBA website and newsletter!

Find out how you can be a sponsor of this popular event by contacting Brittany Wallace of the ACBA Development Office at 843.266.7847.



interning at Patterson, New Jersey at LMC. Jimmy's first project was to restore a pair of small gates for a New York City landmark. Jimmy repaired the gates by first cutting them apart, grinding the welds off, and repairing the piece with bronze (a material used in brazing and welding). The frame was then straightened, new hinges were made, and the pieces were put in place with screws that were tapped into the cast iron.



"Cast iron restoration project in New York."

ACBA Fall Events

- **Fish Fry** - ACBA is hosting a private "Fish Fry" for students, faculty and staff on August 10 to kick off the fall semester.
- Classes begin on August 11.
- **The RED Party**
"Lock the Date" for ACBA's new signature event, **The RED Party!** Our fall fundraiser will be held on October 28, 2010 at the Old City Jail. Mask and Red attire are suggested. The event includes a silent auction with items crafted by ACBA students, fantastic vacations, succulent food and live entertainment!
- **Open House Events - October 30, 2010, January 15, 2011, February 19, 2011, March 19, 2011, April 9, 2011.** Prospective students are invited to attend an Open House event. Each event is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday morning. Students will have the opportunity to learn about each of ACBA's



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programs from College faculty. Current students, faculty, and staff will be available to answer questions. During the Open House, prospective students will tour the workshops and classrooms at the College's Old City Jail Campus in historic downtown Charleston, and enjoy lunch in the Jail courtyard. Reservations are required. For reservations and further information regarding Open House, please contact the Admissions Office at 877.283.5245.

New Faculty

ACBA is excited to welcome new faculty members to the ACBA team. Susan B. Collons, Richard G. Guthrie, and James A. Selvitelli will begin work at the College starting the fall semester of 2010.

Susan B. Collins, *Professor of Historic Preservation*, received an Associate of Applied Science in the Building Arts from American College of the Building Arts and also received her MA in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Arts and Design. Richard G. Guthrie, *Professor of Forged Architectural Ironwork*, brings eighteen years of experience in ironworking from Colonial Williamsburg. James A. Selvitelli, AIA, *Professor of History & Design*, received a Bachelor of Architecture from Cornell University.

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