



THE LEWIS CARROLL SOCIETY  
OF NORTH AMERICA



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ON ALICE &  
LEWIS CARROLL

OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2017  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK

1:30	FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 20 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MAXINE SCHAEFER READING	<a href="#">NEWARK CHARTER SCHOOL</a> 2001 PATRIOT WAY NEWARK, DELAWARE
6:00–8:00 PM	BOARD MEETING	MORRIS LIBRARY
8:15 PM	BOARD DINNER	<a href="#">CAFFE GELATO</a> 90 EAST MAIN STREET, NEWARK DE
	SATURDAY OCTOBER 28	<a href="#">THE MORRIS LIBRARY</a> <a href="#">UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE AT NEWARK</a> THE CLASS OF 1941 LECTURE ROOM 181 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE, NEWARK, DE
10:00 AM	STEPHANIE LOVETT	WELCOME AND LCSNA BUSINESS
10:15 AM	DR. DANA RICHARDS	MARTIN GARDNER: BEHIND THE LOOKING-GLASS
11:00 PM	DR. VICTOR FET	OLD RUSSIAN AND NEW SIBERIAN WONDERLANDS
12:00 PM	LUNCH	BOXED LUNCHES IN THE LIBRARY REGISTRATION REQUIRED: SEE PAGE 2 EXHIBITION OF CARROLL ITEMS FROM THE LASNER COLLECTION
1:00 PM	EDNA RUNNELS RANCK	"GLORIOUS NONSENSE": NOT ONLY LEWIS CARROLL, BUT ALSO GERTRUDE STEIN
2:00 PM	SARAH BOXER	ALICE: WHAT'S IN A NAME?
3:00 PM	BREAK	
3:20	AUGUST A. IMHOLTZ, JR.	HIS MASTER'S VOICE AND ALICE: ELDRIDGE JOHNSON'S ADVENTURE WITH LEWIS CARROLL'S <i>ALICE</i> MANUSCRIPT
4:00 PM	MARK SAMUELS LASNER	I AM <i>NOT</i> A CARROLL COLLECTOR
5:00 PM	RECEPTION	MEMORIAL HALL 3RD FLOOR HOSTED BY THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
7:00 PM	DINNER	<a href="#">DEER PARK TAVERN</a> 108 WEST MAIN STREET REGISTRATION REQUIRED: SEE PAGE 2
10:00 AM	SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 BOARD MEETING	EMBASSY SUITES

The meeting, as always, is free and open to the public.



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## Hotel

Our hotel will be the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Newark Wilmington South](#), 654 South College Avenue. Rates are king or two-queen room: \$134 + tax. For reservations call 1-302-391-5106 and mention the Lewis Carroll Society of North America or the code LCS. You can also use [this personalized link](#). Our block of rooms will be held until **September 28**, after which time regular rates will apply for available rooms. There are a number of other hotels in the area as well, and a quick online search will show you their distance from campus and prices. The university area is bustling every weekend, so don't delay!

## Meals and Registration

- On Friday night, if you are in town and looking for a restaurant, our hosts have recommended a few nearby places: Caffe Gelato, Stone Balloon, and Iron Hill. The LCSNA Board has a room reserved at Caffe Gelato after its Friday night meeting. There is space for more people to join in, for those who don't mind eating late. If you think you are likely to do so, please contact Stephanie Lovett at [uffish@earthlink.net](mailto:uffish@earthlink.net), and there will also be room for some drop-ins.
- For Saturday, the University is arranging coffee during the day and premium boxed lunches for us, at an inclusive cost of \$30.
  - Lunch must be registered for and pre-paid. When you do so, via PayPal or by writing the secretary (see below), you will select among the following options: Asian Chicken Wrap with Peanut-Lime Noodles, Turkey Fajita Ciabatta with Black Bean Salad , or Granny Smith Apple Slices & Brie with Fresh Baby Spinach on a French Baguette.
- Dinner on Saturday will be at The Deer Park Tavern, at 108 West Main Street, and will be \$42 per person.
  - Dinner must be registered for and pre-paid, via PayPal or by writing the secretary (see below), and will be an extensive buffet with a multitude of options, including prime rib, chicken, seafood, and vegetarian entrees, sides, dessert, and coffee and soft drinks. The room fee, tax, and gratuity are included, but diners will order alcohol on their own.

**At your earliest convenience** (certainly by **October 16**), please either (1) [go to PayPal and order your lunches and dinners](#) and then also send *the name of each attendee* to our secretary, Sandra Parker, either via email at [slparker51@gmail.com](mailto:slparker51@gmail.com) or regular mail (P. O. Box 197, Annandale, VA, 22003), or (2) mail in your names, lunch choices, and dinner reservations to Sandra Parker along with a check made out to the LCSNA for the full amount of the meals.



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### Transportation

The university is a 50-minute drive from the Philadelphia airport, and 90 minutes from BWI. Amtrak serves Wilmington (Uber recommended over taxi fare), and also has limited service to Newark, with a 15-minute walk to the university ([directions and maps](#)). The hotel is a mile and a half south of the university, and Saturday night dinner is a half-mile north-west, so attendees will find that our venues are conveniently located and easily accessible, but cars will be necessary. [Free parking has been arranged for us in gated lot 34C, just south of the library off South College Avenue.](#) If you find that you will be able to get to Newark, but need transportation within Newark, please contact our secretary when you register (see above).

### Sales

If you will have items such as books and artwork that you wish to sell or give away at the meeting, please contact Stephanie Lovett at [uffish@earthlink.net](mailto:uffish@earthlink.net).

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Schaefer Reading

Since the spring of 1997, in honor of founding member and longtime secretary Maxine Schaefer, every meeting has been preceded by [a reading from Alice](#) at an elementary school, and the giving of copies of the book to every child there. Come join the LCSNA members who read, field questions, and mingle with the children at this amazing/amusing event. This year we are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this wonderful program, and so we especially encourage you to come celebrate Maxine and this tremendous legacy of outreach, education, and fun.

### Speakers

[Dr. Dana Richards](#) is a professor of Computer Science at George Mason University. He has worked closely with Martin Gardner on his bibliography since 1979. In the past decades he has been concentrating on a biographical effort, as well. To follow a polymath like Gardner means acquiring some expertise on many subjects, including Lewis Carroll. Dana also has an abiding interest in the subjects of puzzles and Sherlock Holmes.

[Dr. Victor Fet](#) is a poet, a biology professor specializing in arachnids, and the first Russian translator of *The Hunting of the Snark*. He has published numerous essays in American and European literary periodicals as well as four books of poetry. He has an M.S. from Novosibirsk State University and a Ph.D. from the Zoological Institute (St. Petersburg, Russia) and has been the recipient of numerous awards, including two Fulbright fellowships and a Hawthorndnen International Writers' Fellowship. Victor emigrated to the US in 1988, and now teaches biology at Marshall University. His *Snark* translation is being reprinted by Evertime.



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[Sarah Boxer](#) is a critic and writer from Denver, Colorado, who now lives in Washington, D.C. She is a contributing writer for *The Atlantic* and was, for the last three years, a judge for the *L.A. Times* book prize in comics and graphic novels. She also writes for *The New York Review of Books*, *Slate*, *The Comics Journal*, *The L.A. Review of Books*, *Photograph*, and *Artforum*. For many years (1989-2006) she was on the staff of *The New York Times*, where she was a photo critic, a Web critic, an arts reporter, an ideas reporter (who often wrote about psychoanalysis, philosophy, art, photography, architecture, science, sex, animals, and feminism), an editor at *The Week in Review*, and an editor at *The New York Times Book Review*. She has published two books – a cartoon novel, written and drawn by her, based on Freud's famous case histories, *In the Floyd Archives* (Pantheon, 2001), and an anthology of blogs, *Ultimate Blogs* (Vintage, 2008). Boxer has also written and drawn *Mother May I?*, a sequel to her first cartoon novel, as well as a comic book version (with animals) of Shakespeare's Hamlet, titled *Hamlet: Prince of Pigs*. She is now working on another Shakespearean comic, *Anchovius Caesar: The Decomposition of a Romaine Salad*.

**Edna Runnels Ranck** is an early childhood care and education (ECCE) advocate and historian whose publications include book chapters on public policies, professional development, and how to do historical research in ECCE. She is on the boards of directors of the District of Columbia Early Learning Collaborative and the U.S. affiliate of the World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP), and edits the Our Proud Heritage column in the *Young Children* journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She has presented papers and workshops at conferences in 21 countries and in many U.S. states, including one titled “Alice in Wonderland: The First Conference on Girls and Girlhood” at DeVrie Universiteit, Amsterdam, in 1992. Degrees in political science, theology and education are from Florida State University, Drew University Theological School, and Teachers College, Columbia University.

**August A. Imholtz, Jr.** was the Government Documents Vice President of Readex, a digital publishing company. A former president of the Lewis Carroll Society of North America, he is also a past president of the Baltimore Bibliophiles, a member of the American Library Association's Rare and Endangered Government Publications Committee, and a member of the Lewis Carroll Societies of Great Britain, Canada, and Japan. He has written and edited several books and published more than 100 articles on Greek and Latin philology, Lewis Carroll, and other subjects. He has lectured at Cambridge University, the Smithsonian Institution, Princeton University, the Foreign Language Library in Moscow, and many other institutions.

[Mark Samuels Lasner](#), collector, bibliographer, and typographer, is Senior Research Fellow at the University of Delaware Library. A graduate of Connecticut College, he is the author of *The Bookplates of Aubrey Beardsley* (2008), *A Bibliography of Enoch Soames* (1999), *The Yellow Book: A Checklist and Index* (1998), *A Selective Checklist of the Published Work of Aubrey Beardsley* (1995), and *William Allingham: A Bibliographical Study* (1993); as well as co-authored books such as *England in the 1880s: Old Guard and Avant-Garde* (1989) and *England in the 1890s: Literary Publishing at the Bodley Head* (1990). He has organized or co-curated exhibitions held at (among other venues) Georgetown University Library; the Houghton Library, Harvard University; Bryn Mawr College Library; the Grolier Club; and the Rosenbach of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Earlier this year the University of Delaware Library celebrated Samuels Lasner's gift of his collection of Victorian literature and art with a symposium and exhibition.