



NORTHERN COLORADO ARMA

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Coming Events: Northern Colorado ARMA Chapter-Holiday Luncheon / December 7, 2006 @ 11:30-1:00 / Somi's Restaurant, 1544 Oakridge Dr, Fort Collins, see <http://www.northerncoloradoarma.org/> We will also be collecting for our Holiday Charity to benefit Larimer County Child Advocacy Center (LCCAC).

ARMA Mile-High Chapter / December 12, 2006 @ 7:30 a.m. / Topic: The Power of Stories in the Workplace, see <http://armadenver.org/> for registration information.

SAVE THE DATE!

January 17, 2007 – Susan McKinney, ARMA International President will visit the Northern Colorado Chapter in the afternoon. Watch your email for more information.

April 20, 2007 – Northern Colorado ARMA Chapter Spring Seminar at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins. The topic will be around Management.

President's Message from Jeannie Weaver,

Our year got off to a good start with our October 11 program on Unlocking OCR (Optical Character Recognition). Nancy Freeman coordinated the program by securing the speaker after an exhausting search which took longer than she expected. She then prepared the flyer, reserved the room, and planned for the food. On the day of the program, she arrived early to get the room ready, called for the pizza and set out the drinks and dessert. Once our Treasurer, Vicki Lucero, arrived she greeted everyone, took their registration fees and gave out receipts. After the program, Nancy had help from Vicki so everyone else could get back to work or gather for the board meeting following the program. Thanks to Lyndell Lee and Chuck Matta of Image Technologies for their presentation and sharing their knowledge with all of us.

As you can tell, there is a lot of work to put on an ARMA program and I'd just like to thank Nancy (and Vicki) for their hard work. We all enjoyed the opportunity to network, learn about OCR, and appreciated all the time and effort it took. If there are any other members out there that would be willing to take on being Program Director for an

upcoming event, please let us know. We'd love to have the help!

The Membership Committee recently met and has made plans for welcoming new and prospective members with informational packets. The Seminar Committee also met and plans for the Spring Seminar are well under way I'm sure. Michelle Becker and Vicki are working on the Holiday Luncheon Program which promises to be a lot of fun. Please plan on attending not only to enjoy a free lunch but to take advantage of the opportunity to network and be a part of your Northern Colorado Chapter of ARMA.

Continue to check out our website at www.northerncoloradoarma.org for all of the Chapter's news on upcoming programs, board minutes, and advertisements. This is your Chapter, so please let us know what we can do to make your membership more valuable to you and your organization. We would also love to increase our membership. I encourage you to start talking about ARMA with your co-workers or taking someone as a guest to one of our programs to get them interested so they'll want to be involved. You can reach me at 970-962-2324 if you have any questions.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following people have become members of the Northern Colorado Chapter of ARMA. We Welcome You!

Jeffrey LeVant, with Mobius Management Systems, Inc – jlevant@mobius.com

Ann Samek, with Tab Products, Inc. – asamek@tab.com

James O'Connor with FileNet, now IBM - joconnor@us.ibm.com

Reflections on the San Antonio ARMA conference by Nancy Freeman

If you've ever been to Texas you know one thing: it's humid and it's hot, even in October. The last day of the conference was humid, warm, and very wet. But you probably want to know about the conference itself, not the weather or the Alamo, which is a fascinating historical site.

In short, I found the conference quite good. I'll be honest; some years I go to the ARMA International Conference and don't find that many interesting sessions or speakers, probably because I picked poor sessions or just wasn't in the right mood. San Antonio, however, had some very good sessions, particularly on the following topics: how to do good records management training, personal organization, personnel records, technology buzzwords, and strategic thinking for records management success. So, I was glad I went and, really, what's wrong with a little humidity and heat?

Highlights of the ARMA Conference by Paula Sutton

1. Margaritas is every flavor and size imaginable!
2. Riverwalk - enchanting
3. The Alamo! Here we come!!
4. Oh yes, there was education!
5. ARMA Net – Saturday evening was a big hit, our own private “lounge” before the conference started to connect with other region members.
6. PreConference Leadership meetings – chapter relations and leadership training – Great!
7. Welcome Party at the Cowboys Dance Hall - huge with live long horn bulls as well as mechanical! Can you line dance?
8. Conference – outstanding! 4600 attendees, 90 conference educational sessions, 200 vendors – WOW!
9. Happy Hour with friends from all over the country! Of course, with margaritas.
10. Keynote by Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin, insight on Zubulake v UBS Warburg and E-discovery – intriguing.
11. FOOD! Can you say Tex – Mex?! With more margaritas!
12. Technology Spotlight Session – Microsoft: Tapping into Office and Exchange 2007 – the latest and greatest from Microsoft.
13. Margaritaville is alive and well in San Antonio!
14. Daily Starbucks visits.
15. Region Social Gathering at Café Ole – Networking with others from our region with Food, Fun and of course margaritas! Including Denver's LINC member from Australia!
16. Field trip to the top of the Tower of the Americans with 15 of our region friends for.....of course, cocktails! (Couldn't afford dinner!)
17. More Mexican food and yes, margaritas!
18. Memorable evening boat ride with region members.
19. Trolley rides through town with ARMA friends.
20. One great experience! Check out the photos on the Midwest/Rocky Mountain Website: http://www.armarm.org/Photos/ARMAIntlconf06_album/index.htm

Is Baltimore ready for us next year? Save the date: October 7-10, 2007. Baltimore here we come!

The Editor wants to THANK Paula for all of the wonderful pictures sent for inclusion in this newsletter. However, only a few were able to make it in this issue – please check out the Midwest/Rocky Mountain Region website listed in #20 of Paula's Highlights to see the remaining pictures.

Highlights of the ARMA Conference by Vicki Lucero

It is my goal to one day implement a Records Management/Retention Program for the electronic records on each of the servers here at the county. It has been discussed for years in the RIM industry that Records Managers should take the helm of these programs. Sounds like a BIG undertaking, huh? Yep, that's what I'm trying to do.

Most of the sessions I attended at the ARMA Conference concentrated on Enterprise Content Management, Managing Records on Shared Drives, Auto-Classification, Records Management Software Technology Selection, Freedom of Information differences in the US/UK/Europe, Emerging Technologies for 2007, e-Discovery, and Municipal e-Records.

While it sounds like I actually attended sessions, I did get to take in a lot of the beautiful San Antonio area. It was warm and muggy, but you expect that. I got to go out to the Mercado (Market Square) on a nice rainy afternoon (not anything like the rains you get here!). I was able to pick up a few souvenirs and early holiday presents for the kids. I had a full day to relax and see the sights before heading back to 14 inches of snow in Denver ☹. My husband came along on the trip, and we rented a car to drive down Old Mission Rd. Here we were able to see five or six old mission buildings built in the mid-1700's – Beautiful! Some were in awful shape, others were made into museums. They were built by the Spaniards to teach the local Indians the new/modern ways. I believe there are a couple of pictures on the conference pictures page.

This is what I like best about attending conferences; you always find time to see the town!



San Antonio Opening!



Opening Ceremony



Leadership Meeting



Cowboy Dance Hall



The Best Region Leadership Team!



Cheers at Café Ole!



Expo Opening!



Mile High Style Region Gathering



Expo Floor



Paula, Stephanie, Paula, Stephanie



Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center



Another Historic Home along Hemisphere Pkwy



Old Mission



Riverwalk colors



Historic Home Tour – Where are we Donna?



More Riverwalk colors



Always Remember the Alamo!

SCIENTISTS GROW PLANTS FROM 200-YEAR-OLD SEEDS

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The Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place

Two hundred-year-old seeds have been germinated after being discovered in an archive and are now growing into vigorous young plants, scientists said today. Seed scientists from the Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place, the Royal Botanic Gardens site in West Sussex, are used to planting seeds and letting them grow. But never before has the team been asked to use seeds that date back 200 years. Roelof van Gelder, a guest researcher from the Royal Dutch Library, found 32 different species of seeds in 40 small packets stored in a red leather-bound notebook within files held at The National Archives. The notebook was inscribed with the name Jan Teerlink, a Dutch merchant who is believed to have collected the seeds during a trip to the Cape of Good Hope in 1803. Germination was going to be tricky but not impossible once colleagues from the Millennium Seed Bank were called in to help. A few seeds from each of the 32 species were sent to the Seed Bank. Now three of the 32 species have germinated and the ancient specimens are growing into healthy, vigorous young plants in the glasshouses at Wakehurst Place. Seed ecologist Matt Daws said: "This is a fantastic result. The seed was so old and had been stored in some dubious conditions, including a ship and the Tower

of London. We really did not expect to get anything."

Alistair Hanson, an early modern specialist at The National Archives, said: "This is an exciting discovery and a testament to the hard work that goes into preserving the files at The National Archives.

"To be able not only to discover these seeds, but also to germinate them, helps to bring history to life - literally. I will be keeping my eye on the seeds' developments over the coming months and years."

The first seeds to germinate belonged to the legume *Liparia villosa*. Of the 25 seeds Dr Daws planted, 16 sprouted. The second batch was labeled *protea conocarpa* on the original packet, although Kew's scientists have now identified it as almost certainly a species of *leucosperum*, which is of the *proteaceae* family. Just one out of eight seeds of this species germinated.

The exact identity of the last of the trio remains a mystery, although the team knows it to be a second legume, this time an acacia. Dr Daws added: "We'll have to wait until it flowers to find out what species it is.

"If it's a tree, we may have a long wait."

This sample consisted of just two seeds.

One germinated and is now about 20 inches tall. The second failed and microscopic examination revealed old insect damage. For Kew's scientists, this project has been one of more than historical interest. Dr Daws said: "According to models of seed survival, even the toughest cereal seeds should have died after so long in such condition. If seed can survive that long in poor conditions, then that's good news for those in the Millennium Seed Bank stored under ideal conditions."

The seeds were carbon dated by Kew's science team to verify their age and Dr Daws' colleagues are now extracting DNA from live and dead seeds to complete the study.

Be sure to check out the Region and Chapter website for ARMA communication:
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