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Since our last letter of December 2022, things continue to normalize everywhere, including here at Washington University.

During the past months, we have received only a few inquiries; we have sent out the forms, and we are awaiting the applications.

We did support two presenters at the 2023 RSA conference, both as part of the session “Early Modern Print in German-Speaking Lands: New Research from the Herzog August Bibliothek”:

Sarah Rosenthal (PhD Candidate, History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University), “Now You See Me, Now You Don't: Urs Graf and Monogram Manipulations in Printed Books,” and Rachel M. Carlisle (Lecturer, Department of Art, Art History and Design, University of Alabama in Huntsville), “Flower Power in Southern Germany: Interpreting the Fugger Chapel Putto Wearing a Crown of Roses.”

Notes from Wolfenbüttel:

- 1) As Frau Strauss reports concerning the relaxing of Covid regulations: *Nach Rücksprache mit Frau Harding kann ich Ihnen mitteilen, dass es zurzeit keine Coronabestimmungen gibt.*
- 2) Concerning the availability of guest quarters in Wolfenbüttel: *The Gesellschaft der Freunde der HAB (GdF) has decided to sell its guesthouse. The HAB will help guests who wish to stay in Wolfenbüttel find accommodation and is looking for alternatives.*
- 3) Furthermore, work with the “Handschriften in der Augusta funktioniert weiterhin nur auf Anmeldung/Reservierung wegen Renovierungsarbeiten in der Augusta.”

We again ask those among you who have been awarded AFHAB travel stipends in the past to send us your news about any publications and presentations based on your research at the HAB.

The 2023 SCSC will take place in Baltimore in October. Submission for papers, etc., has been extended to May 1. We



RSA 2021
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hope to see many of you there! Evan Johnson is serving as AFHAB session organizer for this conference.

The **2024 RSA Conference** is scheduled for 21-23 March in Chicago. Dwight E. R. TenHuisen will once again assemble Friends sessions for Chicago. You can find more information here:

<https://www.rsa.org/page/AnnualMeetingSubmissionsGuide>.

The postponed 2021 FNI (*Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär*) conference, which the Friends co-sponsored, took place 2-5 March 2023 under the leadership of Beth Plummer and Ute Lotz-Heumann of the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies at the University of Arizona and Carina Johnson of Pitzer College. The 2026 conference will be organized by Volker Bauer at the HAB, Wolfenbüttel.

Finally, after serving since 2002 as president and treasurer of the Friends, respectively, we feel that it is time for us to step back from our leadership positions. After conferring with our fellow members of the Board of Directors, we would like to begin the process of transition by taking the following step. We propose a new member of the Board to be ratified by the membership, namely Sigrun Haude, University of Cincinnati. Please ratify her addition to the board by pasting this link into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCBJ88K>. In accordance with our bylaws voting will end in two weeks from the date of this letter. Thereafter, in accordance with Article IVG of our bylaws, the Board will select a new slate of officers from its members.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Friends of the HAB. At this point in time, thanks to your generosity, we have a healthy balance of \$100,054.67.

This healthy balance notwithstanding, your support (\$50 annually for membership or more if you are able) is vital if we are to continue our mission in support of early modern studies at the HAB and more generally in the USA through our support of FNI. We are attaching the application for FRIENDS-membership and invite you to renew your membership for 2023 if you have not already done so.

We wish you all the best for a great summer and the upcoming fall semester!



Gerhild Scholz Williams, President



Lynne Tatlock, Treasurer
