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National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets (a.k.a. NT2) ~ by Brian Snyder

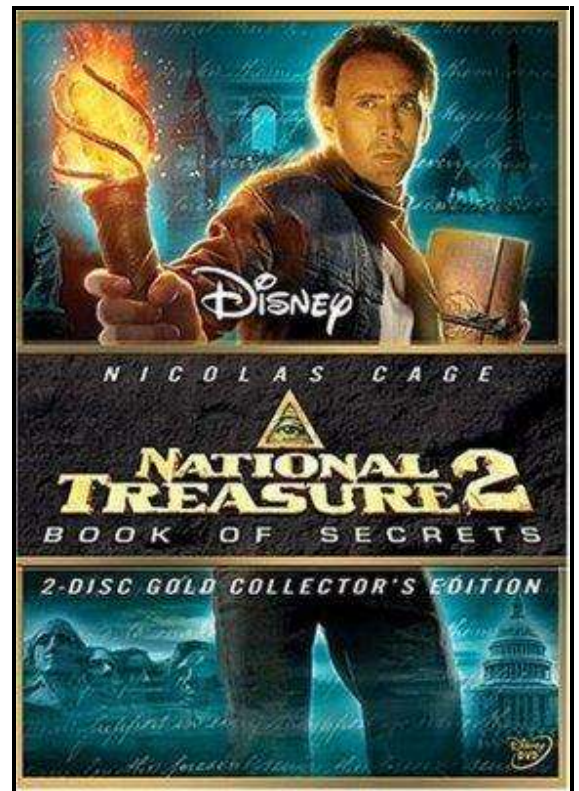
The follow-up to the 2004 box office surprise "National Treasure" has just finished showing in the USA theaters and will soon be available on DVD. For our French friends, it's titled "Benjamin Gates et le livre des secrets". If you had a chance to see this action packed movie then you saw the references and images of the Statue of Liberty.

>>Spoiler Alert!<<

There were a few errors about the Statue of Liberty in the film that only Liberty aficionados and visitors to France's Liberties would catch. In the movie, they are chasing down clues to solve a puzzle and one of the clues is on the statue in the Jardin du Luxembourg. But they go to the statue on the River Seine! The clue was on the flame of the statue, but of course it is only there for the movie.

The company that is doing the bonus materials for the DVD contacted me through club member Jeff Dosik. They were looking for images of the statue in New York, near Grennell Island in the river Seine and Jardin du Luxembourg. Laurent Ghesquière and I supplied images to them and we are both excited to see how they are used.

Image of Nicholas Cage at right with torch and "tablet" taken from: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0465234>



The major funding for the move was from Walt Disney Studios, and the Liberty location error was determined when we supplied images to the Bonus DVD supplier, and WDS was contacted. Of course it was too late to make a change, as it was 2 weeks from its December 13, 2007 premier in New York. WDS said the bonus materials would follow the story line.

As "payment" for the use of our images, the club's name and web address will be in the credits on the DVD. If anyone watches 10 minutes after the movie is over they will see it!!!

I requested some sort of NT2 giveaway for a contest on the club's website. They are providing me with 3 bonus disks that are giveaways to entice people to buy the DVD on the first day of retail sale. They are limited to a hundred or less per store and ONLY outside of the USA. So it will be a cool collectible for the NT2 fan and the Liberty fan as they use an image of the Statue of Liberty in their posters. The DVD will be available in stores on May 20, 2008 in Blu-ray, 2-disc Collector's Edition DVD, and widescreen DVD.

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Yours truly, above, on New Years Day, kneeling beneath Liberty's crown, outside The Liberty Taproom & Grill, Columbia, SC

Photo by Stuart Beasley-Forrest

Out and About with the Editor

*G*reetings everyone! A happy springtime to you all! I've missed you!! Because we don't hear from you that often, I thought it might be worthwhile to include a column titled **Club News and Announcements** where we can announce major achievements, degrees, promotions, retirements, births (children, grandchildren), deaths, marriages, major trips, publications, etc., of our members. So if there is something you'd like to share with your club friends, please send me a blurb.

We've not had a very active email listserv (which is okay with a lot of folks, what with all the influx of unsolicited emails!), but if any of you have any Liberty news or a Liberty query, or something you want to sell, or want to start a thread about a Liberty topic, or want to be added to the listserv, please email me and I will take care of it.

In this issue includes the annual club membership statistics report. It would be interesting, I feel, to further quantify our demographics with # of members in each age range, plus something like "Our oldest member is 89 and our youngest is 14." We wouldn't include names, of course, but it would show us more about the nature of our membership and how diverse (or not) it is. We could add a sentence on the Web site under the "Club Information" link.

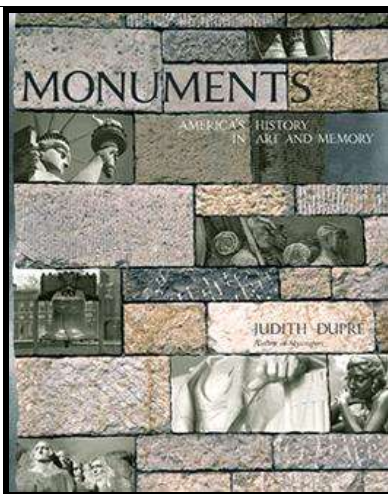
As always, keep your eyes peeled for any Liberty news, photos or products that might be of interest to the Club and send them on. If you have any recommendations regarding the newsletter—either its content or design, please let me or Vince know that as well. We strive for a product that is universally appealing.

My favorite part of doing the newsletter is getting to know the members better. I am always on the lookout for subjects for our **Member Profile** column. Please contact me if you would be willing to be interviewed. I usually email a list of questions and go from there, but I can just as easily make a phone call.

Thank you Kitty, Vince, Brian, Iris, & Laurent, who all submitted material for this issue.

Please send me any items or suggestions by **06/15/08** for the next newsletter to:

Yours united in Liberty,
Brendagael Beasley~Forrest
 St. Helena Island, South Carolina



Liberty Trivia

Did you know there is a connection between Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor of Mt. Rushmore, and the Statue of Liberty? In 1916, the original copper-clad and gilded torch was replaced with one designed by Borglum, composed of six hundred pieces of yellow glass. That torch, more beautiful than practical, now resides in the museum in the base of the statue. The beacon was prone to leakage, and the iron ribs, part of its construction, did not expand and contract with the copper sheathing, and was quite rusted when replaced with the current golden torch, one more similar in style to the original.

~ from *Monuments: America's History in Art and Memory* by Judith Dupré
 ISBN 978-1400065820 ; 272 pp. ; Random House ; Contains an entire chapter on SOL.
 Previous books by Dupré include *Skyscrapers*, *Churches*, and *Bridges*.

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From the President



Hello from a still snowy Michigan. I hope all are enjoying the winter season wherever you are. A few weeks from receipt of this newsletter all of the Northern-hemisphere will awaken with the Spring equinox. Our club friend in Argentina, Abel Culela, will then begin his Fall-season leading into their Winter. I thank all who sent me holiday cards (several with clever designs by club members), e-mail greetings or phone calls. I was able to enjoy two weeks of vacation in January in the warmth of family in Georgia and Florida.

2008 Calendar

I hope your 2008 Liberty calendar, my gift to each member, is easier to read than previous years – I'm very proud of the calendar. I had the idea to emphasize Liberty's tablet and really do appreciate the dozen or so images Laurent provided me to pick from. The image selected was perfect! I think Liberty's tablet is not well understood because the face of it was not easily visible to the public while visiting Liberty Island when the crown was open; now only the underside is visible from the top of the pedestal. I have received very favorable comments regarding the calendar from several club members. In addition to each club member and 'honorary' members, so far I've distributed more than 50 calendars to family, friends and people I work with. I have had to interpret the content of the tablet to many because, though the Super Bowl continues to use them, understanding how to convert Roman Numerals is not easily recalled. IV is 4, and MDCCCLXXVI is 1776 . . . but then club members would know that because *Liberty Enlightening the World* was a gift from France to commemorate U.S. independence on July 4, 1776.

Mailing Address

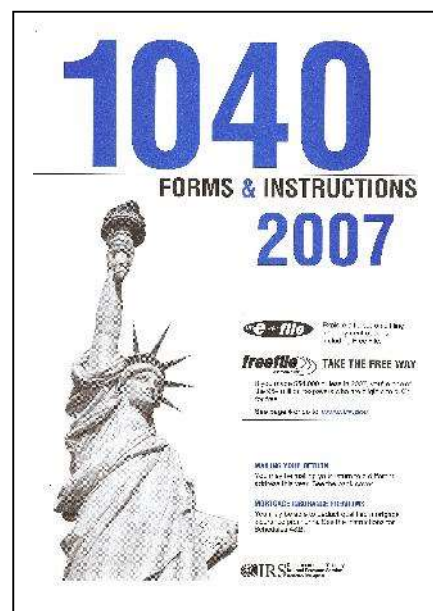
Please let me know if the name and address are correct on your mailing label – if you have moved since the November newsletter, or are planning a move before the July newsletter please send that information to me via e-mail, a post card, or note. We want to make sure your newsletter and club announcements arrive for you on the first mailing; the club pays mailing costs again when we get a "Return to Sender" and ultimately resolve the address.

Liberty 'Improves' the Income Tax Experience

Lady Liberty has graced another Federal Government document, the *1040 Forms & Instructions 2007* booklet. Although I have not received a tax refund in several years, I know Liberty is also prominently displayed on the face of U.S. Government checks.

Web Site Changes

Brian Snyder, our Club Vice President and Webmaster, has moved our web site to another Internet Service Provider. We did this to reduce the monthly charges. Brian also was able to solicit an advertiser for the web site. Please look at our web site, www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com, for the link to ~~VacationsMadeEasy~~; and if you do use them for travel arrangements, be sure to mention our club. ~~VacationsMadeEasy.com~~ is your site for booking travel the easy way. Whether you are going to New York for fun or San Francisco for business, ~~WhatIsNotAtTheLiberty.com~~ is your "family member in the business" connection to travel. Vacations are made easy with their Top 5 destinations by theme or Top 40 destinations by region. Before you plan your next trip, see what they have to offer! More info at ~~www.VacationsMadeEasy.com/media~~



Our newsletter Editors, past and present—Iris November, Marilyn Ebersole and Brenda Beasley-Forrest—are working with Brian and me to archive back issues of our club newsletter on the web site. The plan is to have as many back issues as possible available to members and visitors for review and/or research. When the new issue of the paper newsletter is mailed we will add the newsletter issued 1-year back. We are purposely leaving a one year gap in the archives, that way members always get the current newsletter through the mail. We will remove members' personal information and any 'For Sale' information when we archive a newsletter.

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New Membership (Post) Card

Very soon I will start sending out a post card to new and renewing members for use as their membership card. Brian and I have designed a post card that will serve the purpose as well as save the club on postage.

Off-Year Club Meeting

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As is our custom for the year between our official meetings in New York City, we are offering the club membership an opportunity to indicate if they want to have an off-year meeting. Two years ago we offered Karmoy in Norway, Las Vegas, Nevada and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; there was interest in each location but I arbitrarily set a minimum of 12 members expressing a 'commitment' before a site would be selected and a date set – we didn't get that number for any of the locations.

This year again we are offering Las Vegas and Myrtle Beach as sites for an off-year meeting. If 12 members express an interest in one of these cities, we will make every effort to secure hotel accommodations with favorable room rates and investigate one or two activities, in addition to a members' meeting. As before, we would look for 3 days, 2 nights in the mid-September to mid-November time frame. Please contact Brian, Brenda or myself—contact information is on the back cover of this newsletter—with your thoughts/preference by April 15 (not a 'taxing' date to forget) and we'll go from there. If there is interest, we will move forward with planning and send out an invitation to all club members in June, or no later than the July newsletter.

Volunteers

Please consider offering some of your time as volunteers for activities we perform on behalf of the club and its membership. Brenda can use assistance with the Newsletter, and Brian and I can always use your help with miscellaneous club duties. The interaction with other club members is ample reward for volunteering. Let any of us know if you have an interest in helping—I'm certain we can accommodate any schedule. THANKS!!!

There is always interesting information in our newsletters, such as Brian Snyder's article about the DVD for *National Treasure II: Book of Secrets*. Be safe and enjoy good health and family until we next communicate.

Sincerely,

Vince Swift, SLC President & Treasurer

More Liberty Literature:

KIDS Discover Magazine devotes an entire issue to Lady Liberty!

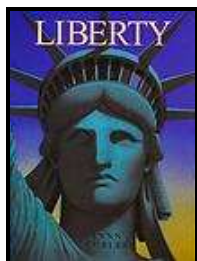
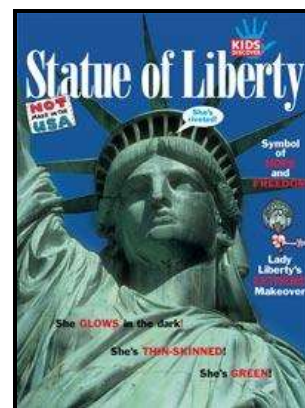
<http://www.kidsdiscover.com>

Keyword search: statue of liberty

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Liberty / by Lynn Curlee (Mr.) of Jamesport, NY
9789689828232 Atheneum Books for Young Readers
2000 / 41 pp. / Recommended ages: 7-12.

Discusses all the planning and efforts that went into the construction of The Lady.
If it's not at your local bookstore, they can order it for you.

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This Month's Featured Image ~ by Brenda Gael Beasley~Forrest



You may have seen this image, as it was a very popular email that was going around in December. Several club members sent this to me to include in the newsletter: Lindsay MacDonald, Bob Weaver, Adela French, and Ann Bartlett. During the WWI years, 1914-1918, Arthur S. Mole and John D. Thomas made some incredible human pictures by using thousands of sailors or soldiers in uniform to create several patriotic images, including Uncle Sam, the U.S. flag, an American eagle, the Liberty Bell, and the Statue of Liberty, pictured above. The image seen here was taken on a stifling hot day in July of 1918 at Camp Dodge in Iowa and utilizes 18,000 men in uniform. According to the Fort Dodge newspaper the following day, many men fainted, dressed in woolen uniforms as the temperature neared 105°, intensified by the mass formation of men. The photo, taken from the top of a specially constructed tower by the Chicago photography studio Mole & Thomas, was intended to help promote the sale of war bonds, but was never used.

The design for the living picture was laid out with thousands of yards of white tape fastened to the ground, forming the outlines on which the 18,000 men marched to their positions. The area of ground covered, from the front row at the base to the tip of the torch, was 1,235 feet, nearly a quarter mile. Due to the vast distance, the farther away from the camera, the more men it took to maintain the aspect ratio of the design. There are twice as many men in the torch alone as in the entire remaining design; and eight times as many men in the arm, torch and flame as in all the rest of the figure. Some are in lighter uniforms, some are facing backwards, some have their faces looking upward with no hat, and some have hats on and facing forward, in order to create the light and dark lines of demarcation within the picture. Who knew a photograph could require such engineering!

See these amazing images up close at the sites from which this article was taken: <http://www.snopes.com/photos/patriotic/liberty.asp> and <http://www.humanorgallery.com/images/peoplepictures/people%20pictures.htm>

Member Profile: Kitty Gustafson

by Brenda Gael Beasley-Forrest & Kitty Gustafson

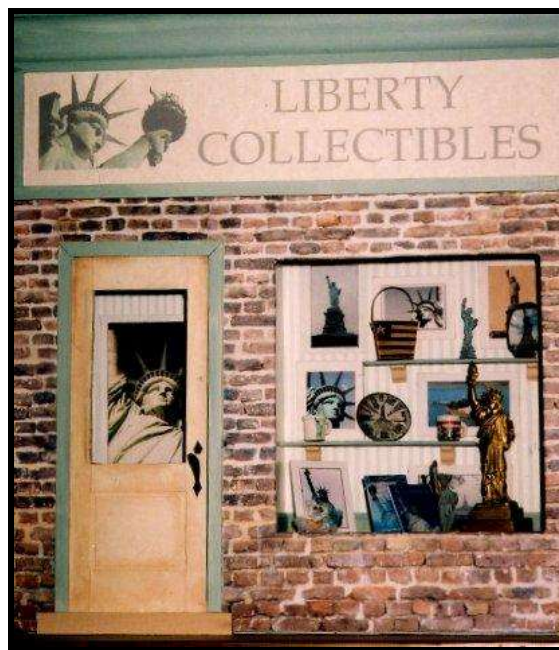


HELLO KITTY! (Sorry—I couldn't resist!) Kathleen "Kitty" Gustafson is one of our earlier club members to join—#61, according to club records. She has been called Kitty ever since first grade, where her school principal was also named Kitty. She began her Statue of Liberty collection before the 1976 Bicentennial, and continued as more commemorative dates were celebrated. As a middle and junior high school teacher, Gustafson wanted her children to respect our country, the flag and other symbols of patriotism. Kitty found out about the Liberty club in an article she read in the *Chicago Tribune* about SOL collectors and club president, Iris November. "I knew I had to meet her," says Kitty. And she did, in 1993, when she went to the first convention in NYC. "I have attended 3 meetings in NYC, 2 in Las Vegas, 1 in France, and 1 in Rochester, NY," she says.

At left: Kitty in all her Liberty glory at the Rochester, New York, meeting, 2003

Kitty prefers SOL items that are more realistic than fantasy, in her collection of about 50 SOLs, plus coins, ephemera and books. "My most unique and special SOL item is a miniature gift shop (pictured right) that was made for me by Sandra Whipple, a former student and life-long friend," Kitty says. "The gift shop sells only Statue of Liberty items. She also made me a pocket watch with the Statue in it."

Kitty retired in 1994 after 33 years of teaching. "I loved teaching and the opportunities it presented to give a positive influence to the children," she says. When I taught French, the children learned to sing *La Marseillaise*. In Paris, in 1995, I sang for our French colleagues. They were amazed that any American knew the entire verse and chorus to their national anthem!" Kitty reports that her retirement has been a very happy time. Like a true educator and life learner, she continues her education by participating in Elder-hostels. "I revisited Williamsburg and Mount Vernon last fall," she says. "American history is very important—especially now. We have a great past."



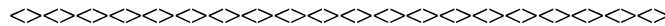
Items from Kitty's Liberty & Patriotic Collection

In addition to her Liberty collection, Gustafson has a patriotic Christmas tree that is white with only red, white and blue ornaments on it. It stays up all year to celebrate other patriotic days. The circus is another of her collections, and she even has a clown name, "Gus-Gus," like the mouse in Cinderella.

*I didn't know how much you would want to know about my clowning. I have been to Clown College in LaCrosse, Wisconsin for two summer sessions. "Gus-Gus" is my patriotic clown, and dresses in red, white, & blue. I have performed at several places, but not birthday parties. It takes almost an hour to put my face on. I usually don't wear much make up, so this is a real challenge. The shoes are very comfortable because they fit perfectly like a shoe. The reason shoes are so large is that they make you walk funny. I always thought it was a natural progression, from junior high school to clowning. Now I get **paid** for being silly!*

Kitty has lived in Illinois all her life. When she sold her house in Glenview, she knew that she did not want to live alone, so she moved to Barrington Hills to be with her sister Elaine. According to *Wikipedia*, Barrington Hills is an affluent village, located about 40 miles (64 km) northwest of Chicago. It is an area noted for its horseracing and horse farms. "My sister and I have always been close and we decided to combine resources and move in together. Elaine's husband Gordon is very congenial and I have my own apartment in our rather large house," she says. Kitty and her family have four dogs, all labs. Elaine had brought home three darling puppies when they were only six weeks old. "The three sisters named Alice, Abby and Annie. The male dog is Andy and he is younger than the girls. Two are chocolate, one black, and one is honey-colored," says Kitty.

In closing, Kitty adds, "I have enjoyed my relationship with the Club."



CLASSIFIEDS

Members, please take advantage of this column to network and sell/swap anything Liberty. Listings up to 3 lines are free to members and only \$6 for nonmembers.

WANT TO BUY:
 Statue of Liberty lapel pin with DAR in blue block letters at base of pedestal. Contact: LibertySupplyInc@earthlink.net

Have you seen the Liberty with 2 torches that was going around on the internet at SomethingAwful.com?

<http://www.somethingawful.com/d/photoshop-phriday/add-something.php?page=7>

Liberty Logos:

**from the business of
 Pete & Hazel Matarece:**



Liberty accoutrements available from **The Costumer:** 1-877-218-1289
<http://www.thecostumer.com> Search "Statue of Liberty"

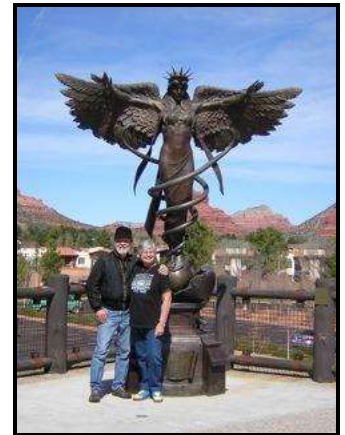


Iris November, SLC Founder

Iris Signs In

We are in Arizona now and visited with James Muir in Sedona, the sculptor of the Liberté bronze bust that we own. He and his wife, Linda, have built a gallery and studio overlooking the red buttes of Sedona. Glorious! We also were lunch guests of Linda's delightful mother, Billy Sue McEntire, which reminds us to be grateful for the special friends we are privileged to make in our lives, and how treasured each one is.

At present, his major piece, to be finished by September, is a 6'3" bronze of Thomas Jefferson signing, with a feather pen at his own designed desk, the papers for the establishment of West Point! James was commissioned by the Class of 1968 to do this piece and it will be dedicated at West Point. His other commissions are in various stages of clay, smaller maquettes of the larger pieces, and also, one I hope to own, the 12" high bronze model of the afore-mentioned SoL costumed girl. It's lovely and is on a base, including the 3 books (and Mort knows I really like it!!!)



At right: Iris with sculptor James Muir and his bronze monument of Caduceus, the universal symbol of medicine.

We had a chance to see his completed Statue of Liberty costumed little girl, and the newspaper delivery boy—standing 48" and 53" respectively, in bronze of course. The models for these were the grandchildren of the owner of the newspaper where the original "news-boy" stands. The new delivery boy wears a hat fashioned from a page from the original newspaper, and "liberty" "freedom" and "justice" are featured predominantly, including the title on the three books each of these statues stand on. As James says, there can be no liberty and justice without truth!



"Let Freedom Ring"

He is so spiritual and honest, and his attention to detail is perfection itself.

These and other pieces are available for purchase. For further information and pictures, visit www.jamesmuir.com; and for more information, email: info@jamesmuir.com

At left are the clay "studies" for Muir's life-size bronze pieces.

Two items of interest for my Liberty-loving friends:



Daughter Anita sent me an M&M Statue of Liberty dispenser from the M&M store in NYC but also available from their website. She is 12" tall, green plastic with gold flame. You fill her with M&Ms—I chose the new green for love M&M's—from the top of her head and then pull her arm down and she dispenses the candy. Soooo cute! Order one at: <http://www.mymms.com/merchandise/> or call 1-800-222-0293. \$20 plus s/h

The second I found at a crafts fair here in Fountain Hills, AZ. It's a 25 watt light bulb painted with the Stars and Stripes, with the wide plug. When the bare bulb is on, the image reflected is the flag, and when there is a white lampshade over the bulb, the shade becomes the flag!! You can see these and other images on her website ~~http://www.feliciaslights.com~~ [lights.com](http://www.feliciaslights.com). The artist is Felicia, and she will do bulbs for your commission. I'm going to order an Iris image! Prices were \$15 for one, \$25 for 2, and \$10 for 4 or more, plus shipping. Makes nice gifts!

Did you ever just know you were supposed to be in a particular place at a particular time? This happens to me quite a bit, and the most recent occurrence was this week in Scottsdale, AZ. Our cousin and her soon-to-be-18 year old daughter are going on a class trip to France. We thought it would be a nice gift to give Ryan some Euros as her birthday present. We found out that the best place to buy them is at an American Express Foreign Exchange desk, so we took out our map and drove around to find it. Parking was difficult so we had to walk a distance, and just as I was about to say "forget it" we found the office. As we talked to Judy, our agent, we mentioned our experiences in France, and I'm wearing my Statue of Liberty necklace, when Annie Navarro, the agent at the adjoining desk, piped up with, "Oh, I'm from France originally, and I vacationed in Colmar, 29 years ago." We proceeded to chat excitedly, about the Musée Bartholdi, and our connection with Regis Hueber, the curator. She smiled and said, "My daughter was conceived in Colmar!!" Her now 28-year-old daughter, Chantelle, is that daughter! I'm sure Annie doesn't tell this story to everyone she meets, but we were delighted that she shared it with us.

We're doing better, Mort is relaxing here in sunny AZ, and I'll be getting my new hip in late March. Yippee! New hippee!!

Iris xxx

Club News and Announcements

Adoption news from Annie & Mike Gay of California:

I think a "Club News and Announcements" column is a great idea. We are very excited about our family and love to share! We met Christian in February 2007 here in Sacramento when he was four years old. He began living with us at that time (after a few get-togethers at his foster home) then we became his foster parents for 6 months as we were preparing to adopt him. We finalized the adoption in November 2007. Christian Michael Gay is our first child. He is five years old now....smart, funny, curious, sweet, loving, creative and oh, so bright! He loves music, books, Spiderman, playing games and playing with his dog Spencer. We have all adjusted wonderfully and it's like we have all been together forever. Christian was well aware of my love for the Statue of Liberty within a couple weeks of coming home. He now rivals me in pointing her out on TV, in stores, or anywhere! I've attached a couple of photos. The one of he and I is on Halloween last year (obviously). It was honestly the first time I have dressed up in about 30 years.....we both went as our superheroes.....Spiderman for him, Lady Liberty for me. We had a great time!

Annie Gay



Welcome back to 23 Renewing Members!

Mary Ackley
 Ann Bartlett
 Tom Bernardin
 Francine Burke
 Ronald Cutadean
 Peggy De Leon
 Virginia Faires
 Michael Forster
 Gordon & DeDe Frost
 Judy Gambrel
 Stephanie Holman
 Susanne Jackson

Glyn Jaime
 Joan Laskoff
 Joan Manahan
 Marian Michalski
 Gilbert Miclo (missed for the
 November newsletter)
 Nancy Oyler
 Al & Ginger Plys
 Paul Virgadamo
 Robert Weaver
 Leo Willems
 James Zemanick

Welcome to our 2 New Members!

Jay Tartell



tures and phonographs. Found the club through the Internet.

Andy Fulks



Club Dues Policy ~ *submitted by Vince Swift*

Our club operates primarily on members' yearly dues and exclusively on volunteers. Our practice is to continue to provide a member the club's newsletter and other services, even when that membership renewal is up to one year overdue. In the majority of cases, it is merely an oversight. Sometimes because we do not have a consistent club-wide date for paying dues, it can be confusing. We talked about this at a club meeting several years ago and could not come up with a solution, so we maintain the date when you first became a member as your annual renewal date.

We provide overdue members with ample notification and opportunity to submit their yearly dues. However, we do remove members from our membership list when they have not responded for more than 1-year beyond their renewal date. We do not want to lose these friends, but the cost of our communications, the newsletters, and web site, have to be equally shared. Please contact Club President Vince Swift if you have questions or recommendations about this practice.



Annual Club Statistics Report



by BrendaGael Beasley~Forrest

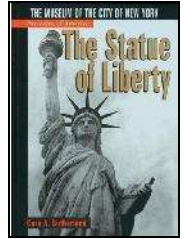
It's that time again with this new volume of the newsletter where you indulge me in examining club membership demographics and statistics. At time of printing, including all renewals, new, and lapsed members, the Statue of Liberty Club is comprised of 134 members worldwide, including 116 paying members and 18 honorary members. Lindsay, please forgive me for omitting you, our sole, shining Canadian in last year's report!

Category	Paid Memberships	Paid + Honorary Memberships
# of Countries Represented plus (# of members):	5 countries: USA (109) ; France (4); Ireland, Canada, & Norway (1 each)	6 countries: USA (120) ; France (10) ; Ireland, Canada, Norway, Argentina (1)
There are 26 states represented, listed by # of members:	New York (28 : 13 NYC + 15 NY State) California (10) ; Florida (9)	New York (37 : 20 NYC + 17 NY State) California (10) ; Florida (9)
(This means there are 24 states and countless countries NOT represented)	Connecticut (7) ; New Jersey (6) Illinois (5) ; Ohio (5) ; Massachusetts (4) Michigan (4) ; Texas (4) ; N. Carolina (3)	Connecticut (7) ; New Jersey (7) Illinois (5) ; Ohio (5) ; Massachusetts (4) Michigan (4) ; Texas (4) ; N. Carolina (3)
3 members each:	Pennsylvania, S. Carolina, & Wisconsin	Pennsylvania, S. Carolina, & Wisconsin
2 members each:	Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma (2) ; Alabama, Colorado (1)	Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma (2) ; Alabama, Colorado (1)
1 member each:	Idaho, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Virginia	Idaho, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Virginia
# of Men, Women, Couples:	45 men, 51 women, 20 couples	56 men, 56 women, 20 couples, + 2 institutions (NYPL & Strong Mus.)



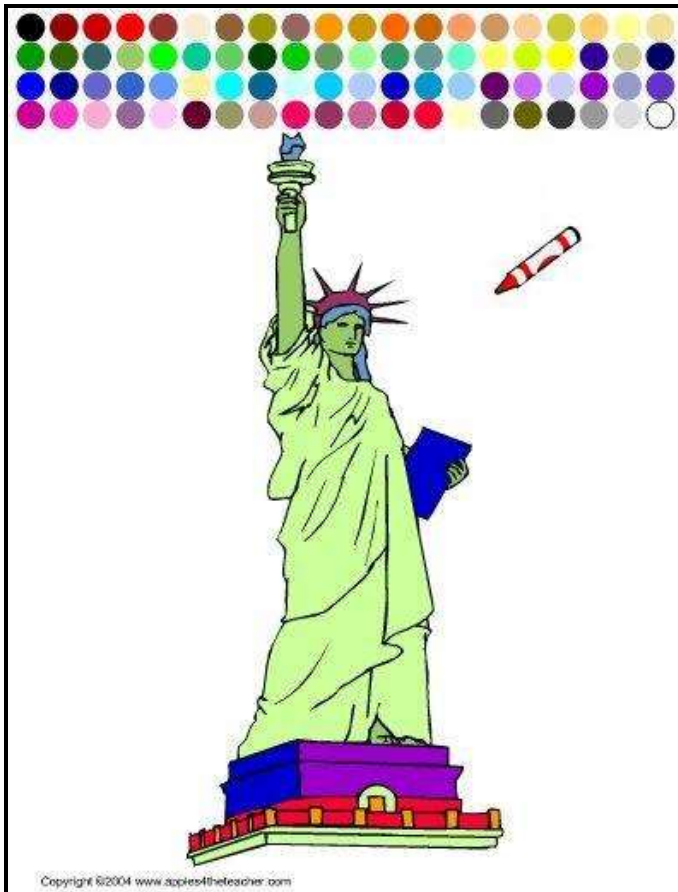
Liberty Watch

The Portraits of America: Statue of Liberty: The Museum of the City of New York by Cara A. Sutherland & John S. Berman.
 Paperback ISBN: 9780760738900 128 pages



“The full story of the statue’s journey is revealed through vintage photographs and text—from raising the funds to create the project to the vast engineering challenge of transforming a four-foot clay model into the finished 150-foot tall icon whose powerful mean-

ing has been attested to by countless waves of immigrants arriving on our shores.” —Publisher description



The above picture was sent by Laurent Ghesquière. It’s a printable coloring sheet! The crayon is your cursor, which you dip into one of the color circles above, then click it into a section of the SOL to color her! Great creative fun! Found at: <http://www.applestheclassroom.com/coloring-pages/flag-day-united-states-symbols/statue-of-liberty.html>

Brian found this neat article about a cheese carver in Little Chute, Wisconsin. Troy Landwehr’s Lady Liberty was crafted from hundreds of pounds of fine Wisconsin cheddar. Four days of carving were reduced to a 4½-minute piece on Tracey Ullman’s *State of the Union* on Showtime. “Proportionality is the hardest part,” says Landwehr. “You carve a little, step back, carve a little bit more then step back again.” An eight-inch model of the New York landmark sat at its base among knives, tools, and chunks & shreds of cheddar.

The side jobs keep pouring in. From there he flew to Hong Kong and did a piece for the Chinese New Year, then off to London where he created a sculpture for the release of Disney’s “Ratatouille” British DVD release.

Revised article from the *Appleton Post-Crescent*, Feb. 2, 2008. Photo by Kirk Wagner, article by Jim Collar.

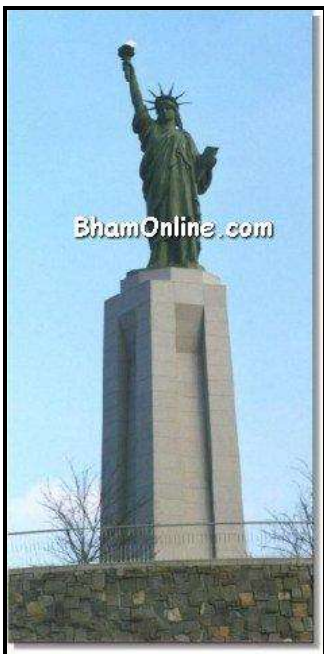


The Great American Complain Off!

The opposite of complaining is gratitude. In the United States, we celebrate our collective gratitude once a year on Thanksgiving. Based on Will Bowen’s book, *Complaint Free World*, there is a movement underfoot in the form of a Congressional bill to officially make the day before Thanksgiving “Complaint Free Wednesday.” The campaign site features Lady Liberty with a purple bracelet (nearly 5 million distributed worldwide).

<http://www.complainfree.org/complaintfreewed.html>





Are there other "live" or continuously burning Liberties?

Photo above by Carol Beasley

Birmingham's Statue of Liberty is visible to motorists driving on the southern outskirts of Birmingham on the Interstate 459 bypass. Located in a commercial development, Liberty Park, the statue is lighted at night and her flame burns continuously. From the plaque at the site: "A bronze replica, one-fifth the size of the Statue of Liberty, was commissioned by Frank Park Samford as the symbol for the company he founded, Liberty National Life Insurance Company. Created by sculptors Archer and Lee Lawrie, the statue was cast in Sommerville Haut Marine, France, in 1956 and was placed atop Liberty National's home office building in downtown Birmingham and then moved to its present location and dedicated on July 4, 1989."

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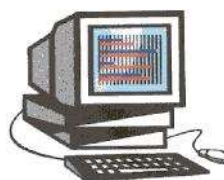
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