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Lone Arranger Regional Contacts

Do you ever feel like you have no one to talk to who can relate to your situation as a lone arranger? Do you wish you had someone nearby with whom to discuss archival issues in a small shop? The Society of American Archivists Lone Arrangers Roundtable’s regional contact list is just the place to go to make a connection!

The archivists listed in this directory welcome the opportunity to touch base with other lone arrangers in their area. They can be a valuable source of information as well as a supportive ear as you work through a perplexing archival issue. To find a contact in your area, visit the SAA Lone Arrangers’ Roundtable page at www2.archivists.org/groups/lone-arrangers-roundtable/lone-arrangers-roundtable-membership.

Are you interested in becoming a contact for lone arrangers in your area? Some states and regional organizations are still without contacts. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to assist other lone arrangers, please contact Ann Kenne at amkennel@stthomas.edu.

On Volunteering

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of backlogs falling away. We can very easily set up high expectations—especially for trained volunteers—not recalling that this is a training ground and an opportunity to learn and practice skills before moving on. If it’s incumbent on volunteers to fully participate in the volunteer experience, it’s also incumbent on professionals to fully participate and accept the responsibility of providing volunteers with a good experience. This means recognizing the responsibilities and limitations that come with accepting volunteer work. I know that coaching and hosting volunteers have made me aware of the need for good experiences for our students, have benefited my repository, and, ultimately, have made me a better advocate for new professionals. It’s not too much to say that when both volunteers and professionals work together, the benefits of a strong and collaborative volunteer program send ripples through the profession.

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