

Oz, the National Convention

Aug. 6-9, 2020

Join fellow fans and Oz Club members for a weekend filled with Oz! Our destination, East Aurora, NY, home of the Roycrofters, means we'll be paying particular attention to the illustrators of Oz. W.W. Denslow, the first illustrator of Oz, was also the first artist invited by Elbert Hubbard to join the Roycrofters and make their community his home.

Chair Cindy Ragni has lined up a program filled with Oz in the arts. Thursday opens with the unveiling of a Denslow memorial stone on campus followed by a private reception. Friday is filled with Oz presentations, programming and the annual Oz Club auction (Yes, the auction will be Friday, breaking tradition; please plan accordingly.) Friday evening Club member and pianist Robert Lamont performs music of Oz stage, screen, and radio in a local church celebrated for its Tiffany windows. Saturday morning continues programming; afternoon visits the Roycroft campus to see a Denslow exhibit of material from Club members' collections. Tour the grounds with Roycroft historian Robert Rust, attend a banquet at the historic Roycroft Inn, and join our after-hours campus ghost tour with Mason Winfield.

From Bill Thompson's leading an Ozzy poetry reading to Jory Neill Mason's presentation about her grandfather, John R. Neill, we will celebrate Oz in the arts. Michael Gessel, a life-long Oz and Denslow collector will talk about W.W. Denslow. Brady Schwind shares his Lost Art of Oz project, and Atticus Gannaway will recap a number of post-Neill Oz artists. Whether you like your Oz art on T-shirts (Dee Michel will talk about those) or on the pages of Russian Oz books (we're translating Leonid Vladimirsky's own discussion of Oz), there is sure to be something you'll enjoy.

Sunday optional hands-on classes in the Roycroft crafts of print making, illumination, and book binding will use traditional Roycroft tools and equipment and original printing plates from the Oz books. A small group tour of rare Denslow material will also be available at the neighboring Fournier House, with lunch.

Look for a registration flier in the Winter *Baum Bugle*, and follow us online at OzConvention.org as we finalize details of optional meals and classes.

Book your rooms separately in our block at the Hampton Inn where substantial Friday and Saturday programming will be held. Follow the

link at OzConvention.org to lodging, or call reservations at 716-655-3300.
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Watch for our Kickstarter!
Funds raised will pay for the Denslow memorial stone.

W. W. Denslow



Jory Mason



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