

November 2009

## November News

We're so excited to share with you the pilot edition of our monthly E-Newsletter, *Connections*! So, what's up this November?

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SAVE THE DATE:

### LAM.Con.10 *The Future Is Now!*

That's right! We are preparing for the LAM Annual Meeting and Conference, and we're thrilled to announce that our conference this year will consist of two full days of sessions: **April 12-13, 2010**. Mark your calendars now, because this year we are working with **American Association of Museum's Center for the Future of Museums** to bring the very best possible sessions to you!

LAM is now accepting Session Proposals. This is your community- What sessions would YOU like to see? What interests does your museum have? For consideration in this year's conference, submit a [proposal](#) by Friday, January 29.

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Speaking of Future Studies, if you are interested in anticipating, preparing for, and even **shaping** your future, here's a course you won't want to miss:



### **FUTURE STUDIES PROGRAM OFFERS DISCOUNT ON CERTIFICATE COURSE IN STRATEGIC FORESIGHT**

University of Houston's Futures Studies Program is offering museum professionals affiliated with AAM's [Center for the Future of Museums](#) (CFM) a 25% discount on their week-long certificate course in Strategic Foresight to be held **January 11-15, 2010**. The program, run by Dr. Peter Bishop, will "teach participants to anticipate disruptive change and work towards the creation of transformational change in order to influence the future of their organizations, companies and communities." Write to Elizabeth Merritt, Founding Director of CFM at [futureofmuseums@aam-us.org](mailto:futureofmuseums@aam-us.org) and tell her you are interested. Call 713.743.1060 or visit the [website](#) for more information or to register for the course at the CFM discount price of \$1500.

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### **Time to join or re-join!**

LAM has launched its Membership Drive. If your membership has lapsed, don't wait--apply now! The 2010 Membership Directory will come out in January, so in order to be included, you must be a current member by the end of December. We now have online registration up and running, so it's easier than ever to renew your membership. Click [here](#) to register today!

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### **MAP Deadline Approaching**

Don't forget: the postmark deadline for participation in AAM's Museum Assessment Program (MAP) is November 30, 2009.

MAP provides consultative feedback that museums can use to maintain and improve operations, and understand how they compare to standards and best practices. MAP consists of self-study, peer review, and implementation. It's a

great program for museums of all sizes and types, and it's free for museums with an operational budget of \$125,000 or less! Find out more.

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## **Emergency Preparedness Workshop in Lake Charles**

**Join us to update and revise your plan!**

**November 16 at the Imperial Calcasieu Museum**

**(204 West Sallier Street in Lake Charles)**

**9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**\$15 for LAM members, \$20 for non-members**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

**What's new in the field?**

**Best practices**

**How can LAM help?**

**Roadblocks**

***Limited to 30 participants!***

**To register, call 225.383.6800**

Or download and fax/e-mail the [registration form](#) to 225.383.6880 /  
info@louisianamuseums.org

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## **Mississippi Museum Association Events**

Finally, there are some exciting developments from our neighbors in Mississippi. The Mississippi Museums Association is having a workshop about disaster planning next week, on **Thursday November 12** in Jackson. Everyone is welcome to attend! So, if you missed LAM's Emergency Preparedness Workshop in your area, or if you'd like to broaden your Disaster Plan even further, this is a great opportunity. If you're interested, please contact Robin Seage Person, MMA President, at 601.442.2901, or e-mail her at rperson@mdah.state.ms.us .

Also, the MMA Annual Meeting will be in Ocean Spring, MS on Saturday through Monday, February 8 - 6, 2010. LAM members have been personally invited to attend. Visit [www.msmuseums.org](http://www.msmuseums.org) for more information.

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