Greetings, Friends & Colleagues--

We have sown, and we have reaped, and another year rumbles towards its waning. Yet when the Spring renews the world again, we will meet in conference in beautiful Pocatello, Idaho, and it will be the 44th annual meeting of this storied Association, in the second week of April. One month further on will see an RMMRA sponsored session at the 47th annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, commonly known metonymically as Kalamazoo, or more fondly, the 'zoo. Meanwhile another issue of our venerable journal, Quidditas, is readying, soon to find virtual e-form and again grace us with its wisdom, including most especially the winning papers for the 2011 Breck & West Awards. Indeed, the Association moves apace and the world hears echoes of archaic glory from these, our majestic mountains. Details follow below. So, welcome, welcome, to a new RMMRA season and thank you for your efforts!

-- Jefferey H. Taylor, President.

Item: 2012 Conference @ Pocatello

The 44th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Medieval & Renaissance Association will be held in Pocatello, Idaho, April 12th - 14th, 2012.

Classifying the Medieval and Renaissance World
Idaho State University - Pocatello

For information and official Call for Papers, see: http://www.isu.edu/english/conf2012/
Abstracts are due to Thomas Klein (kleithom@isu.edu) by 30 January 2012.
Item: RMMRA @ K'zoo

The Rocky Mountain Medieval & Renaissance Association will sponsor a session at the 47th Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies:

Refiguring the Medieval World: Participation, Perception, and Consciousness

How did consciousness in the Medieval period differ from Modern perception? We might apply various theories to re-examine our perception of Medieval cultures and, more importantly, the possibilities of perception from within Medieval cultures: Owen Barfield's theories of evolutionary consciousness, Kenneth Burke's Dramatism, Norbert Elias's Figurational Sociology, the social cosmology theories of Mary Douglas, additionally the general milieu of post-modern thought and the current conversations relating performativity to the social production of meaning. The goal is to map the cultural contours of consciousness itself and describe significant transformations of consciousness in the Medieval and Early Modern periods.

Sessions Organizer / Presider: Jefferey H. Taylor, RMMRA President

Session Papers:

#1-- Todd P. Upton, Independent Scholar & RMMRA Councilor:
"Revertamur Jerusalem': Perceptions of Community & Liminality in the Scholastic Age"

#2-- Leslie A. Taylor, Independent Scholar & RMMRA Treasurer:
"Shifting Consciousness on the Boundaries of Modernity"

#3-- Kurt M. Boughan, Dept. of History, The Citadel:
"Tommaso Del Garbo on Sensible Species"

#4-- Brandon Pearce, Medieval Institute, Western Michigan University:
"Intersections between Owen Barfield & Lev Shestov: Medieval Perception & the Suppression of Participation"

Item: 2011 Breck Award Winner!

We are pleased to announced that the 2011 winner of the RMMRA Allen D. Breck Award is Dr. Michael Call, Assistant Professor of Humanities at Brigham Young University, for his paper "Money for Nothing: Molière’s Miser and the Risky World of Early Modern France." Look for this paper in Volume 31 of Quidditas, and come to the Pocatello conference to celebrate Mike's achievement.
Item: 2011 West Award Winner!
We are equally pleased to announced that the 2011 winner of the RMMRA Delno C. West Award for best paper by a Senior scholar is James H. Forse, Professor Emeritus of History and Theatre, Bowling Green State University, and the current editor of Quidditas, for his paper "Love and Marriage on the Medieval English Stage: Using the Cycle Plays as Sources for Social History." Again, read it in Quidditas, and come to Pocatello to give Jim a big high-five!

Item: Quidditas, the RMMRA Journal
You may find PDF archives of all past issues of Quidditas (and its earlier manifestation as JRMMRA) at http://humanities.byu.edu/rmmra. The most current issue is Volume 31 (2010), dedicated to the memory of Dr. Harry Rosenberg, one of the founders of the RMMRA. Volume 32 (2011) is in its final stages and will be available shortly. The editors are now accepting submissions for Volume 33.

From the Notice to Contributors: "Quidditas is the annual, on-line journal of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association. The editor and editorial board invite submissions from scholars whose work falls within the domain of all Medieval and the Renaissance disciplines: literature, history, art, music, philosophy, religion, languages, rhetoric, or interdisciplinary studies."

Quidditas is a peer-reviewed, academic journal, accepted and indexed by the major scholarly index databases, such as MLA International Bibliography and Historical Abstracts. For more information, check out the latest issue at the link given above.

Item: RMMRA 2013 @ Denver
The 45th Annual RMMRA Conference is scheduled for the second week of April 2013 in Denver, Colorado. Additional information and the official Call for Papers will be available sometime early in the year 2012. Please direct any inquiries concerning the development of this Conference to: Jefferey H. Taylor, RMMRA President, tayljeff@mscd.edu.

Item: RMMRA Membership
Membership in the Rocky Mountain Medieval & Renaissance Association is open to anyone interested in furthering the advancement of learning in any of the many fields of Medieval and Renaissance studies. Membership is attained through the payment of annual dues. Though focused in the Intermountain region of western North America, the Association has members from many areas of the US and Canada, and indeed even from more far flung parts of the world. We welcome all and sundry to join us in our beautiful region to explore our common interests in the cultures of the Medieval and Renaissance periods. See the 2011-2012 membership form below:
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**Dues Category:**

- $25.00 Individual Member
- $30.00 Joint Membership for Civilly Acknowledged Couples

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