

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLORENCE BERNSTEIN FREEDMAN

Florence Bernstein Freedman, Professor Emerita of Hunter College, City University of New York, and longtime Whitman scholar, died on January 22, 1994. Her work on Whitman included two books influential in Whitman studies: *Walt Whitman Looks at the Schools* (1950, based on her 1948 Columbia University doctoral dissertation) and *William Douglas O'Connor: Walt Whitman's Chosen Knight* (1985). She was also the author of numerous articles on Whitman, many appearing in the *Walt Whitman Review*.

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WHITMAN TOURS

The Resident Associate Program of the Smithsonian Institution is sponsoring "Oh Camden, My Camden: Walt Whitman's Final Years," a tour celebrating the 175th anniversary of the poet's birth. Guided by Martin Murray of the Washington Friends of Walt Whitman, the tour includes a ferry ride from Philadelphia to Camden, a walk through Whitman's neighborhood, a tour of Whitman's Mickle Street home, a trip to the Stafford Farm in Laurel Springs, New Jersey, and a visit to Whitman's tomb and the graves of Horace and Anne Traubel at Harleigh Cemetery. The trip begins at the Smithsonian on Saturday, March 19, at 7 a.m. and costs \$84 (\$63 for members of the Smithsonian's Resident Associate Program), which includes bus fare and lunch; for more information, write to Resident Associate Program, Smithsonian Institution, Department 0603, Washington, DC 20073-0603.

Another walking tour, this one of Whitman's Bohemia Manhattan, took place on October 17, 1993, sponsored by Lambda, a legal defense organization for gay and lesbian civil rights.

GUIDO VILLA WHITMAN BOOK

We have had a number of requests recently for the handsome set of four miniature Whitman books illustrated by the Italian artist Guido Villa. *WWQR* still has a limited supply of these books, available for \$25.00 per set. Called *Homage to Walt Whitman*, the limited edition (500 copies were printed) consists of four small volumes, each containing selections of Whitman's poetry and each with reproductions of five of Villa's striking Whitman drawings, plus an additional cover illustration. Each book can be opened as an accordian panel to display all the drawings. Address orders, with a check payable to *WWQR*, to *WWQR*, The University of Iowa, 308 English Philosophy Bldg., Iowa City, IA 52242-1492.