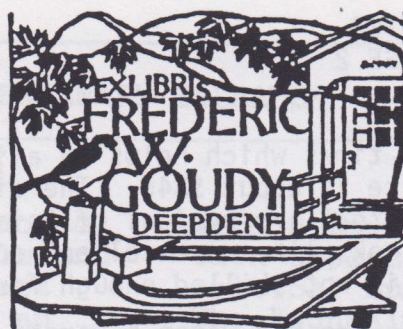




DUES/SUBSCRIPTIONS. It's that time of year again. Enclosed you will find a statement and envelope. The fees will stay the same again, even though we are sure to have a postal increase. The Binders' Guild sold a substantial number of back issues and we are feeling quite comfortable at the moment. There's no urgency to the above, but please don't forget. I'll have only one more opportunity to remind you.

SUPPLIES. At the last Guild of Book Workers Seminar on Excellence (December 1993 - Boston) we picked up a pile of literature from a variety of exhibitors booths. Here are some items of information gleaned from it:

- 1) Bookmakers is offering "BookSafe Conservation Bookends" - 6001 66th Avenue, Suite 101, Riverdale Maryland 20737; (301) 459-3384.
- 2) "Old Handmade Papers", 84 Athlone Road, London SW2 2DS; 081-559-3396 is offering a wide variety of old handmade and mouldmade papers. Dating from as far back as 1948, these papers are excellent, but cost up to \$10 per sheet!
- 3) Sam Ellenport, The Harcourt Bindery, 51 Melcher Street, Boston, MA 02210; (617) 542-5858 had a large quantity of used embossing tools displayed "on-the-spot". Sam still has copies of *BRASS PLATE DIES* available for \$125. Another item out of the past is the leather razor strop as used by barbers. The Harcourt stocks them! New ones!
- 4) The Bookbinder's Warehouse (Karen Crisalli), 31 Division Street, Keyport NJ 07735-1522; (908) 264-0306, featured many skins. These shows are an ideal time to purchase hydes you can see and feel, especially if you are "remotely" located. Karen is also stocking brass tools, the "Laurenson-Stuart" Bookbinder's Sewing Frame (no front posts to get in the way) for \$195, and a new Hand Screw Book Press (nipping press), a copy of a very fancy one - no price given. The Bookbinder's Warehouse also carries Clair Maziarczyk's paste papers (see BGN-XVII-3-1/5).
- 5) The Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists Guild conducts bookbinding courses, exhibitions (with catalogs), and stocks books - 35 McCaul Street, Toronto, Ont. M5T 1V7; (416) 581-1071.
- 6) Paper Source has a Massachusetts store at 1810 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02140; (617) 497-1077, (probably located in Harvard Square).
- 7) Shepherds Bookbinders Ltd., 76b Rochester Row, London SW1P 1JU; 01-630-1184 is a hand bindery featuring fine binding and restoration. In addition they carry just about every tool and material used in plying their trade. Shepherds is selling an interesting new (at least new to us) plough. The text block is