

Photo Archives Officials Visit Eastman House

Gil Gott and Betty Patton, staff members of Plant City Photo Archives, recently visited the Eastman Kodak Co.'s international headquarters in Rochester, N.Y., when they attended the American Association for State and Local History annual meeting.

The conference included workshops, seminars and sessions involving speakers from across the country and focused on issues that historical associations and museums face including membership, exhibits, Web sites, community relations, digitization processes and other topics.

In addition to attending the workshops, Gott and Patton were given a private escorted tour of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, which houses more than 460,000 photos, thousands of movies and more than 1,300 cameras. Their tour guide, Peter Briggs, director of commercial development, showed them the scanning and preservation operations, the Eastman House educational outreach program and the extensive underground storage process.

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