

Lorraine Sherry – Your Course Leader

Academy course leader Lorraine Sherry is a long-term member of the Rocky Mountain Map Society (www.RMmaps.org). She is currently serving another three-year term as Secretary/Webmaster of the Society. Our members share a common interest in collecting antiquarian maps, learning about the history of discoveries, and understanding how the invention of maps has shaped our culture, politics, and destiny throughout the ages.

Lorraine hails from New York and was educated at Vassar and Harvard as a physics major. She received her Ph.D. from UC-Denver in Educational Leadership and Innovation in 1998, with a concentration in instructional technology. Initially, she worked as a programmer and technical writer in the Radar Systems Analysis department of the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, MA. In her second career as a Senior Research Associate at RMC Research Corporation, she directed the evaluations of many federal, state, district, and foundation grants for programs that trained teachers to use technology to enhance classroom learning. She retired in 2005 and enjoys pursuing her interests in Baroque and early music, gardens (she is a Colorado Master Gardener), physics and cosmology, international travel, and lifelong learning. She has been a member of The Academy since 2006. She has facilitated or organized courses in The Garden as Art, Sacred Music, and The Power of Maps.



Lorraine became interested in antique maps when she received a 1665 Nicolas Sanson map of southern Lithuania and Belarus as a birthday present about ten years ago. Lorraine's personal map collection focuses on Russia and Eastern Europe, with a concentration on Lithuania in the 16th-19th centuries. Her grandparents all escaped from Lithuania around the time of the Russian Revolution because of their political and religious beliefs. Her maternal grandparents were Tsarists (her grandmother's uncle was the veterinarian to Tsar Nicholas and a General in the Russian Army). Her paternal grandfather risked his life crossing the fortified border to bring forbidden Christian books from Europe into Lithuania. Here's an early photo of Lorraine showing one of her maps of Lithuania to the Russian History class at The Academy, and a later photo taken at The Power of Maps in 2013.