

## **MLUWC General Meeting, February 10, 2014**

Dr. Catherine MacKenzie held the full house in her thrall with her moving and fascinating lecture on “The Restitution of Looted Art.”

In her timely and powerful presentation, she took us into the nefarious world of the Nazis, explaining how they plundered artworks from the Jewish population in various countries. The recent film “The Monuments Men” and major discoveries of long-hidden artworks, have brought much-needed attention to the cause of restitution, but committed investigators such as herself, face many obstacles from museums, auction houses, and governments, in trying to trace the provenance of these art objects, and restore them to their rightful owners, a process she described as “dreadfully difficult”. Her passion and dedication was evident throughout her presentation.