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IUB Archives Update

Please share this information with patrons and other interested parties. For more information or to schedule an appointment to use any of these materials, please call the Archives at 5-1127 or email archives@indiana.edu.

Current exhibits:

Showalter Fountain: The Venus of Indiana University (Archives reception area)

Located at the center of Indiana University's Fine Arts Plaza, thousands pass Showalter Fountain on a daily basis, perhaps pausing on a hot summer day to enjoy the cool mist blowing in the breeze. The central focus of the fountain is a sculpture created by Robert Laurent – IU Professor of Sculpture from 1942 until his retirement in 1960 – representing the mythological story of the Birth of Venus. In understanding Laurent and his work, one of his main objectives was to create interaction between people and his sculptures, here creating a certain sense of lightness and humor. This exhibit draws from the extensive collection of the Indiana University Archives, including early concept drawings for the fountain as a whole by the architects Eggers and Higgins showing a vastly different fountain from what we know today, preparatory drawings by Robert Laurent for the Birth of Venus sculpture itself, as well as numerous photographs, pamphlets and correspondence relating to the project and its benefactor Grace Showalter.

New reading room exhibit coming soon!

Finding aids now available online:

Indiana University Hilltop Garden and Nature Center records, 1935-2007, bulk 1948-1975, Collection C43: New accessions have been added to this collection, doubling its size! Founded in 1948, the Hilltop Garden and Nature Center was designed to promote community gardening at Indiana University. From the beginning, Hilltop was jointly sponsored by IU, the city of Bloomington's Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Bloomington Garden Club. Collection includes correspondence, photographs, architectural drawings, scrapbooks, minutes, reports, and publications and records relating to the Hilltop Educational Foundation and Hilltop Garden Council. (15 cubic feet)

<http://purl.dlib.indiana.edu/iudl/findingaids/archives/InU-Ar-VAA2614>

Ulysses G. Weatherly Social progress manuscript, circa 1926, Collection C284: In 1895, Ulysses G. Weatherly joined the Indiana University faculty, where he remained until his retirement in 1935. Throughout his teaching career, he taught courses in many disciplines, including history, sociology, and economics. This collection consists entirely of his Social Progress manuscript, which includes not only his typescripts but also his handwritten drafts and notes. (.6 cubic feet)

<http://purl.dlib.indiana.edu/iudl/findingaids/archives/InU-Ar-VAB9101>

Pauline Montgomery Indiana tombstone photographs and records, circa 1960s, Collection C386: Wayne County, Indiana resident Pauline Montgomery spent most of her life as a Latin and English teacher. The Indiana University alumna was also a local historian and author of one book, *Indiana Coverlet Weavers and Their Coverlets*. This collection consists of Montgomery's approximately sixteen-hundred photos and negatives of Indiana tombstones and the accompanying ledgers documenting their appearance, locations, and placement dates. (2.4 cubic feet)

<http://purl.dlib.indiana.edu/iudl/findingaids/archives/InU-Ar-VAB9132>

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Metadata Discussion Group Meeting

The next meeting of the Metadata Discussion Group is Thursday, May 20, 2010.

The Metadata Discussion Group is an informal meet-up for individuals interested in metadata issues. The group meets monthly to discuss an article relating to a current metadata topic. The group has no formal "membership" –

discussions are open to anyone from the Libraries, SLIS, or elsewhere on campus who is interested in the topic. Here are the details for our next meeting:

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Place: Wells Library Staff Lounge, 3rd floor East tower

Article to discuss:

Coyle, Karen. (February/March 2010) "RDA Vocabularies for a Twenty-First-Century Data Environment." Library Technology Reports 46, no. 2. IU Libraries online subscription.

(Please note: this report contains several chapters that are available as six separate PDF files - you'll want to download/print the first five of them - the sixth is a correction to the previous issue and is not needed for this month's discussion.)

Hope to see you there!

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