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The History Center wishes to thank Gayle Cook, Moby McCammon and Diane Ballard for recording oral history pieces for the new interactive exhibit in the 1800's school room. A special thanks also goes to Markey's Rental and Staging for recording and editing the stories. We invite you to visit the new exhibits and explore our past in a new, immersive way.

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Preserving the Past for Future Generations

Newsletter of the Monroe County Historical Society, Inc.

Sundaes on Saturday

Saturday January 26, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, join us for the annual Week of Chocolate event. You can build your own sundae with ice cream provided by Hartzell's and chocolate toppings. While you're here you can learn the interesting history of chocolate, banana splits, maraschino cherries and more! The Double Dip string band will be back again. Sundaes are free with general admission.

Nancy Hiller's Work a Permanent Piece of History

We are proud to announce that the library has an elegant new set of built-in bookshelves! Local cabinetmaker Nancy Hiller designed and constructed the shelves to complement the existing interior and reflect the building's history as a 1918 Carnegie library. The custom shelves are made of rift-sawn red oak and stained to match the room's original fir trim. With a carefully scribed installation, the shelves appear as though they have been nestled in their place for ages.

The History Center is fortunate to own a piece of Hiller's finely crafted furniture. Nancy Hiller is a formally trained woodworker with over 30 years of experience; you may also recognize her as a writer for *Bloom Magazine* or as the author of books in the museum store.

The bookshelf will serve as a home to the library's collection of Monroe County materials, including city directories and yearbooks, and will stand as an example of the excellent craftsmanship of a local artist. One day people of Monroe County will regard Nancy Hiller's pieces as the kind of historic treasure that we might now consider a Seward iron fence.

We are grateful to the estate of Lola Burkhart.; a bequest from Mrs. Burkhart's estate funded the new shelves as well as other recent renovations to the library.

Visit Nancy Hiller's blog posting about the shelves at: http://nrhiller.wordpress.com/2012/11/01/simple-and-easy-are-not-synonymous/

Calendar of Events

All events held at the History Center unless otherwise stated.

December

- Now until Dec 7th: American Girl Raffle
- 3 -Monday , 5pm: Volunteer Recognition Dinner, please RSVP to Angi St. Clair
- 8 -Saturday, 11am: WFHB presents Saturday's Child
- The Civil War Roundtable will not meet this month
- 13 -Thursday, 4:30pm: Monthly Board Meeting
- There will not be a Third Thursday program this month
- The History Center Staff will be out of the office on December 24 , 25 & 31 for the Holiday

January

- The History Center will be closed on January 1 for the Holiday
- 3 -Thursday, 7pm: Genealogy Group
- 8 -Tuesday, 7pm: Civil War Roundtable
- 10 -Thursday, 4:30pm: Monthly Board Meeting
- 12 -Saturday, 11am: WFHB presents Saturday's Child
- 26 -Saturday, 1pm-4pm: Sundaes on Saturday, Week of Chocolate fundraiser

Current & Upcoming Exhibits

Also available at www.monroehistory.org

"Civil Rights in Monroe County"

Exhibit Opened November 23, 2012 to April 27, 2013

The Civil Rights movements starting in the early 1900s to late 1980s are an important part of Monroe County history. Indiana University served as a stage for students to make change and voice their rights as African Americans, women and young adults making sense of the world around them. The exhibit follows individuals who had a direct impact in making change in the community and on campus, and the major demonstrations happening at the time.

"Monroe County Rocks the Historical Vote"

Exhibit Opened October 1, 2012 to March 23, 2013

With 2012 being a presidential election year, stop by the History Center to see different voting booths and styles Monroe County used to capture the vote.

"Small Voices, Big Impact: Children during the American Civil War"

Exhibit Opened September 1, 2012 to January 26, 2013

The American Civil War had a profound impact on both Northern and Southern people, especially young children. *Small Voices Big Impact* examines the stories and experiences of real young adults in battle and at home.

Community Voices Gallery: "Hoosier Hills Food Bank" **Exhibit opened November 23, 2012 to March 9, 2013**

30 YEARS HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK 1982-2012 Over 30 million pounds of food in 30 years of service

Hoosier Hills Food Bank provides over 3.2 million pounds of food annually to 92 food pantries, shelters, kitchens and youth programs in Brown, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties. Food bank partner agencies serve over 25,800 hungry Hoosiers each year. Non-perishable Food Needs: canned meat, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal.

Alpha Hall: IU's First Women's Dorm

By Penelope Mathiesen

Alpha Hall, constructed in 1906 on the corner of Forest Place and Third Street, was the first women's dormitory and first residence hall for either male or female students at Indiana University. (Men's on-campus housing wasn't provided until after 1937.) The four-story building was erected by a group of private investors. One of them, Theodore J. Louden, a prominent local attorney, Spanish-American War veteran, and member of the Indiana National Guard, acted as general manager. Mrs. A. B. Foley served as matron. Bloomington's Dickens Fellowship (see article elsewhere in this issue) held at least one meeting at Alpha Hall. A plan of the ground floor shows several large parlors, including one with a fireplace. Perhaps this was where the club met?

Alpha Hall, IU women's dormitory built in 1906. Photograph taken about 1910. Reproduced by permission of the Indiana University Archives (P0020002).

Alpha Hall, described as "the most elegant home for lady students in Indiana" by Thomas Clark in his history of Indiana University, "contained more than fifty bedrooms, a dining hall for 150 girls, a hospital and dispensary, an assembly-theatrical hall, and a modern laundry. … The rooms had two closets, hot and cold running water, single beds with the best felt mattresses, electric and gas lights." According to an undated advertisement, the hall offered "all the modern conveniences," including those mentioned above as well as "steam heat."

A list of approved housing for women students in Fall Semester 1915 included Alpha Hall as one of two dormitories (the other was St. Margaret's Hall). Five boarding houses and 36 private homes completed the list, which stated that "unless otherwise specified, the rooms are modern and in every case heat and light are included in the price." Seven private homes on the list offered rooms that were "not modern" at a lower rate. Some of the private homes offered privileges such as "light housekeeping," "kitchen," "sleeping porch," or "boarding club in house" for additional fees.

Indiana University's military responsibilities during World War I included housing 200 men sent to campus for special radio communications training in 1918. They were first placed in the Old Gymnasium and the Assembly Hall, sleeping on military cots. In September, they were moved into Alpha Hall, taking their meals in the cafeteria. The new quarters must have seemed quite palatial by comparison! Alpha Hall was leased by IU in 1919 and renamed "Residence Hall." The building was purchased by IU in 1936 and converted to classroom and office use. It was torn down in 1961, after Ballantine Hall was built.

Sources: "Buildings—Indiana University" (Vertical Files); Thomas D. Clark, *Indiana University: Midwestern Pioneer*, vol. 2 (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1973), pp. 24 and 208; www.bloomingpedia.org/wiki/Alpha_Hall; www.rps.indiana.edu/aboutrps.cfml?page=history.

Bloomington's Dickens Fellowship

By Penelope Mathiesen

A little more than thirty years after Charles Dickens' death in 1870, the Dickens Fellowship was founded in 1902 to celebrate the life and works of the famous novelist. It was based in London with branches elsewhere in the United Kingdom, the United States, and other countries that were independent and scheduled their own events. One such branch was formed in Bloomington in 1907. The History Center's library holds its book of minutes, a 7 x 9 inch composition book bound in brown cardboard. Tucked in the front of the book are several letters that M. A. (Mary Allouiz, or Minnie) Waldron sent to fellow members in Bloomington during her 1915 sojourn in Lake Hamilton, Florida. One letter begins: "Greetings to the Dickens Fellowship, from the Land of Flowers—My Dear Fellows; Monday 2:30 to 4:30 Jan. 11 Reviewing David Copperfield and with you in spirit." (As is mentioned later, the letter was written at the exact time the Fellowship held its weekly meeting.)

The first part of the minutes book contains the constitution of the Dickens Fellowship. Membership was limited to ten. A member who missed three meetings without sending a good excuse was considered to have withdrawn; the vote on a replacement, nominated by one of the membership, had to be unanimous. The initial members were Mrs. David Kochnour (president), Mrs. W. T. Blair (treasurer), Mrs. Chas. Booth (vice president), Mrs. J. C. Vermilya, Mrs. Earl Miller, Mrs. Jno. Wells, Mrs. McGlaughlin, Mrs. Minnie Waldron (secretary), Mrs. Oaks, and Mrs. Brown. Other members were added over the years when resignations occurred. The first minutes entry records the organizational meeting on 14 October 1907. Minutes were kept regularly through 1908, then sporadically during 1909–13, with no entries after that date, although Minnie Waldron's 1915 letters and other evidence testify to the group's continued existence. The remaining pages of the minutes book include quotations from Dickens' works, bits of club history, and lists of papers read or works discussed.

Bloomington's Dickens Fellowship met every Monday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the homes of members (all were married women) and at least once at Alpha Hall, a women's dormitory on the Indiana University campus (see article elsewhere in this issue). For each meeting, members were assigned chapters of the work to be discussed. They also gave reports (such as a biography of Dickens), addressed issues raised in Dickens' novels (such as workhouse reform in *Oliver Twist*), and read papers written by themselves or others. On Monday, 21 October 1907, Minnie Waldron read Henry Pancoast's article, "Charles Dickens in Representative English Literature."

Meetings were not devoted solely to serious discussion! The minutes for 2 March 1908 reveal that Mrs. Brown served refreshments "in a most hospitable manner, in a style suitable to the Dickens taste, and enjoyed equally as much as any repast served the Pickwickians on the town, irrespective of strong drinks." And on 4 May 1908, members and their children arrived "with well filled baskets for the Pickwick picnic, which was heartily enjoyed by all present."

Minnie Waldron compiled the book of minutes with a flourishing hand and an enthusiasm that suggests the degree to which she threw herself into the activities of the Dickens Fellowship. The History Center holds a blue book containing her essay, "Dickens as an Educator," written "for the Dickens Fellowship, Bloomington, Indiana." The blue book is dated 28 March 1916—around the time she began attending classes at Indiana University. For more information on her remarkable life, see the article elsewhere in this issue.

Sources: "Dickens Fellowship" (Vertical Files); www.dickensfellowship.org.

Message from the President

Dear Members,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Truer words have never been spoken with all the accomplishments going on at the History Center. Phase I of the Interactive Exhibits is complete. We invite you to come in and explore this exciting exhibit; and if you are looking for something to do with family and friends visiting over the holidays bring them in. We would also like to share our activities with others in the community, if you are involved with a business or organization we invite you to hold one of your meetings at the History Center for a change of pace, a tour of the facility can be arranged as well.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Membership Meeting in November. We were entertained by the Deckard family, shared delicious food and rounded out the evening with "behind the scenes" tours by our amazing staff.

Be on the lookout for the annual pledge forms. Won't you join in helping us continue to move forward with the next phases of the interactive exhibits?

In this season of giving thanks, I am thankful to every one of you for your continued support of the History Center.

Happy Holidays to all!

Laura C. Newton

New Items in the Library

genealogy@monroehistory.org
Penelope Mathiesen and Elizabeth Schlemmer

New Items in the Library

* Collins, Dorothy C. and Cecil K. Byrd. *Indiana University: A Pictorial History*. 1992. Gift from Marjorie Blewett.

* Cottman, George S. *Indiana: Its History, Constitution, and Present Government*. 1936. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Counts, Will and John Dilts. *The Magnificent 92 Indiana Courthouses*. 1991. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Hartke, Edwin J. and Henry H. Gray. *Geology for Environmental Planning in Monroe County, Indiana*. 1989. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* *Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory: Monroe County Interim Report*. 1989. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Kingsbury, Robert C. *An Atlas of Indiana*. 1970. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Kingsbury, Robert C. *An Atlas of Southern Indiana*. 1966. Gift from Marjorie Blewett.

* Lane, N. Gary. *Geology at Indiana University, 1840–2000*. 2000. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Lindsey, Alton A., ed. *Natural Features of Indiana*. 1966. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Martin, John H. *A History of Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Inc.* 1994. Gift from J. Robert Dodd.

* Monroe County, Indiana, Jail Register 1890s. Digitized images of original ledger on CD. Gift from Indiana University Libraries.

* Smith, Jim H. *Snowing in Chicago: The Story of a Fortunate Detour and the Founding of Cook Incorporated*. 2009

New Items in the Collection

collection@monroehistory.org
Compiled by Rebecca Vaughn

Items recently accessioned into the collections include:

*A 1950's woman's wool dress suit (purchased for honeymoon travel). Gift from Cathie Lynch.

*One pair of corduroy pants worn in a Senior Cords contest. Gift from Dennis Hamilton.

*A Brownie Hawkeye Flash Outfit camera and children's tea set. Gifts from Beverly Ohneck-Holly.

*Slag from Virginia Iron Works, Monroe County. Gift from Cathy Meyer.

*Whiffletree and wrench from a barn in northern Monroe County. Gift from George Hegeman.

*Panoramic photograph of the 1927 graduating class of Bloomington High School (or possibly middle school). Anonymous donation.

Looking for a unique gift this holiday season?

Give the gift of history! A membership to the Monroe County History Center is a present that lasts all year long and it is tax deductible. This is a perfect gift for a relative, friend or colleague.

Bring history to life for a special person on your gift list this holiday season. An acknowledgement card will be sent along with membership information. *A gift Membership form is included on the last page of the newsletter.*

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New members this year :

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Helmut Hentschel
Wendy Calman and Homer Hogle
Kari Isaacson
Teri Klassen
Susan Armeny and Paul Langley
Erin Leake
Jenny Mack
Dennis Maloy
Diane Matacale
Mark and Julie McMath
Martin Minner
Rod and Carol Mullis
Cindy Oswalt
Madonna Paskash
Steve and Debby Reed
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Eizabeth Schlemmer
Angi St. Clair
Jim and JoAnne Steele
Susan Sullivan
Rebecca Vaughn
Janet Weiser
Elyse Werling
Nancy White
Bob Zaltsberg

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and our sincere thanks for your loyalty and goodwill throughout the year.
~The History Center Staff

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In 1916, several Indiana University professors urged Minnie Waldron to enroll in a few classes. She went on to complete a Bachelor's degree in 1920, a Masters degree in 1921, and a Ph.D. in Sociology in 1924 when she was in her sixties. She also took courses from the Indiana Law School; in 1922, she was the first woman admitted to the Monroe County bar. Active in many areas, she valued her affiliation with St. Charles Catholic Church above all else.

She started a fund to establish St. Charles School and wrote a booklet, *History of St. Charles Catholic Church, Bloomington, Indiana: Including a Synoptic Early History of the County and City* (1934).

Mary A. Waldron died on 14 April 1940, age 82, two days after receiving second-degree burns when her apron caught fire as she was preparing supper for herself and her son, attorney Charles Waldron. She is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. The old City Hall where she conducted her social welfare work was renovated and reopened in 1992 as the John Waldron Arts Center, thanks to funding from Cecile Waldron, the widow of Mary's son, Charles. According to the sermon at her funeral, Mary A. Waldron was known for unselfish devotion to the public welfare. "Prudently and justly she rendered that service, winter or summer, rain or shine, hot or cold, no matter what the day might be Minnie Waldron was on the job."

Sources: "An Honored Citizen and Prominent Catholic Is John Waldron," *Bloomington Courier*, 8 March 1898; "Approval for Mrs. Waldron," unidentified newspaper clipping, 2 February 1922; "Art History," by Nichole Kauffman, *Hoosier Times*, 24 July 2005; "Burns Prove Fatal to Woman Who Devoted Life to Charity Work," *Bloomington Daily Telephone*, 15 April 1940; "Dickens Fellowship" (Vertical Files); "Mary Waldron," *Bloomington-Bedford Sunday Herald-Times*, 4 July 2006; "Sermon of Reverend Paul A. Deery, Delivered at the Funeral Services of Mrs. Mary A. Waldron, April 17, 1940" (Vertical Files); Waldron pedigree chart (Family Files).

Undated photograph of Mary Waldron in graduation cap and gown, possibly taken around 1924 when she received a Ph.D. from Indiana University. From the collection of the Monroe County History Center, 1993.075.0050.

Mary A. Waldron: Always on the Job

By Penelope Mathiesen

Mary A. (Minnie) Waldron, who served as secretary of Bloomington's Dickens Fellowship (see article elsewhere in this issue), was much more than that. Mary Allouiz Shiel was born in Martinsville on 28 March 1858 to John and Mary Shiel, both Irish immigrants. The family moved to Seymour, Indiana, where the 1880 census lists John Shiel as a leather merchant and his daughter Mary (called Minnie) as a schoolteacher. Minnie married John B. Waldron on 18 November 1884. John B. was from Bloomington, where his father (also an Irish immigrant) owned the Waldron tannery, which he had purchased upon a recommendation from John Shiel (Mary's father). The two men must have been connected through the leather trade. John B. and Minnie Waldron settled in Bloomington, where he worked as a bank clerk, but their married life was brief. John B. died on 10 May 1886, leaving his wife with an eight-month-old son, Charles.

The widowed Minnie went back to live with her family in Seymour. She returned to Bloomington in 1899 after the death of her father-in-law, who had become wealthy through numerous business and real estate interests. Minnie first lived with her mother-in-law and later set up her own home. Beginning a life of good works, she helped organize the Bloomington Charity Association (the town's first such group) and thereafter was a leader in many other social service organizations (Body of Children's Guardians; Anti-Tuberculosis Association; Public Health Nursing Association; Red Cross; Travelers' Aid; Free Employment Bureau; Women's Christian Temperance Union; American Association of University Women; Local Council of Women, the founders of Bloomington Hospital; and the City Library Board, formed when the 1917 Carnegie library was built).

Carte de Visite of Minnie (Mary) Shiel by Friedgen & Donner Photographers, Columbus, Indiana. It was probably taken when she lived in Seymour, Indiana, before her 1884 marriage to John B. Waldron. From the collection of the Monroe County History Center, 1981.101.0025.

Minnie's obituary characterized her aid to the needy as tireless but not random: case investigations were swift and sure, and those who failed to be deserving could expect no assistance. Prior to the erection of the City Hall on the northwest corner of Fourth and Walnut, she conducted Bloomington's welfare work from her home on the corner of Fourth and Rogers. (In 1914, she moved to another house one block north on Rogers.) When the City Hall was completed in 1915, she received an office on the third floor and came to work every day into her early eighties, even as her health declined. She conducted her welfare work without accepting any salary, thanks to the benefit of the Waldron estate.

Minnie Waldron took advantage of opportunities to travel, including a trip to New Haven, Connecticut, in 1910; a sojourn in Lake Hamilton, Florida, in 1915 (with a side trip to Cuba, enthusiastically described in a letter to Bloomington's Dickens Fellowship on stationery from Havana's Hotel Ohio), and a year in New York and Washington, D.C., in 1922.

The Henry and Cecilia Wahl Gateway Gallery

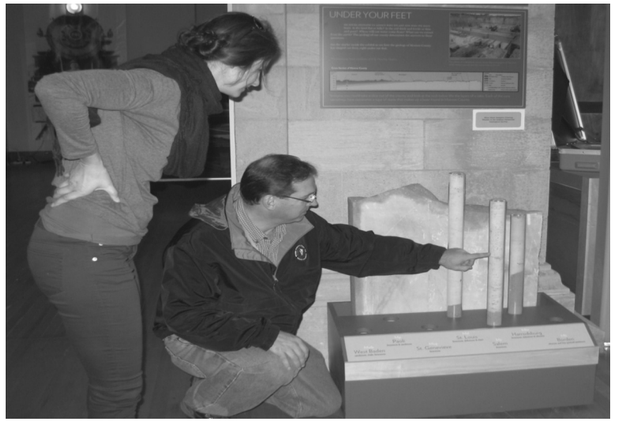
INSTALLATION COMPLETED FOR PHASE 1 OF THE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS

Phase 1 of the Interactives Project and Campaign was completed Wednesday, November 21. Our huge Kodiak bear now roars with the touch of fur; you can listen to the music of Joshua Bell, John Mellencamp, Hoagy Carmichael and David Baker. A huge piece of local limestone donated by BG Hoadley provides the backdrop for the display of, "What's under our feet," showing different layers of rock and stone found in several surrounding locations. These are but a few of the new exhibit displays in the Henry and Cecilia Wahl Gateway Gallery.

We are indebted to the Trustees of the Wahl Family Charitable Trust for the funding of the new gallery. The funds were given in recognition of the community and charitable work done by Henry and Cecilia Wahl. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for January 2013.

Our thanks are extended to the following for their contributions to Phase I:

Robert Dodd, Board Member, assistance with large county map on gallery floor.
Pat Fell Barker , BG Hoadley Limestone Company, large limestone on display.
Walter Gray and the Indiana Geological Survey - limestone display core samples.
Monroe County Retired Teachers for use of excerpts from "Echoes from One-Room Schools."
Joshua Bell, John Mellencamp, Robert Baker, for use of musical excerpts and photos



HOLIDAY DONATIONS NEEDED NOW

Holiday Store is open now through January 4th

By Gayle Cook

The History Center is again having its popular holiday sale featuring great donated bargains in holiday decorations, books, gift ware and jewelry. **Bring your like-new donations to the History Center any time**, so the shelves can be re-stocked.

Not only do we have special donated items in the holiday shop, but the Museum Store has new and unusual books, cards and gifts for you to see, too. Both stores are open during all normal History Center hours, Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm.

New books from the I.U. Press available in the Museum Store, that will make great gifts, include: David Baker, A Legacy in Music, by Monica Herzog; Showers Furniture Company, by Carroll Krause; and Herman B Wells, by James H. Capshew.

Every year our holiday sales bring in thousands of dollars to help with programs and events, thanks to all of you.

Volunteer Spotlight: Adam

Adam McGlothlin came to Bloomington in March 2009 to finish his History and Geography studies.

In August 2012 he started with the Monroe County History Center. At the History Center, Adam works in the research library entering information and descriptions of the library's maps into the museum's database. Adam also spends time in the museum's collections department, most recently he has been working with the Butcher Collection. (The Butcher Collection contains several items of Major General Joseph O. Butcher - Bloomington son and alumni of Indiana University.)

Not surprisingly, Adam enjoys amateur cartography, the study of maps. Adam also has an interest in brewing science: the making of home brews and wine.

Adam says he is enjoying his time here and is learning a lot. He likes working with the maps and is finding fun stuff in the collections department.

In spring, Adam is sure to find many other fun items at the Monroe County History Center as he continues working with the museum no longer as a volunteer, but as an intern.

Collections' Corner

By Rebecca Vaughn

Collections interns and volunteers have been hard at work this fall and much progress has been made particularly in the area of processing backlog materials. Indiana University students Adam McGlothlin and Ted Brackemyre have focused their efforts on researching, cataloging, and housing paper based items in document storage. Some of the materials include scrapbooks, photographs, books, and letters. Cataloging these items strengthens accessibility to the collections and is essential to long-term preservation efforts.

Adam is majoring in history and geography and is also assisting with cataloging maps in the Genealogy Library. Ted is also majoring in history as well and has worked with library staff on oral history related projects in the past. We are thankful for our volunteers and interns who continue to give so generously of their time to many departments at the MCHC.

Ted Brackemyre

Adam McGlothlin

To Bear the Responsibility of Voting

Help! Your History Center bear needs a name and your vote counts! As part of our exhibit on voting in Monroe County, open now through March 1, 2013, you will be able to participate in a most important election. To help us give the famous Schmalz Kodiak bear a name, come to the Monroe County History Center and vote for your favorite moniker from a selection of names or submit a name you think is worth bearing! The bear's new name will be announced in the April, 2013 newsletter.

Board President Receives Award and Recognition from IU

The Indiana University School of Public Health, Bloomington, honors its alumni annually with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This year Laura Newton, Monroe County History Center Board President, was presented with the John Endwright Alumni Service Award . This award is in recognition of Laura's achievements and service to her profession, Indiana University and our community.

Laura is the Assistant Director and COO of Visit Bloomington and is a 1987 graduate of Indiana University.