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**Next meeting: 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 8
In person at the IU Foundation and on Zoom**

Cook to present IU's history, Part 2



When retirees gather in November, they will hear from **Brad Cook**, curator of photographs at the IU Archives. In January, Brad led retirees on a fascinating photographic journey through IU history up to the time of Herman B Wells. By popular demand, we'll finish

the year with Part 2 of his well-received presentation.

Brad has been with the IU Archives for more than 30 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and an MLS from IU.

We'll meet at the IU Foundation at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8. If you wish to join the meeting remotely, you must register at the IURA website to receive your personalized Zoom link.

Retirees visit University Collections

"If you take care of things, they will last," said **Alisha Beard**, engagement coordinator for campus art. On Oct. 11, retirees gathered at McCalla School for an overview of University Collections and to experience some of the changing exhibits.

University Collections is relatively new. The brainchild of then President Michael McRobbie, its purpose is "take care of things," to identify and steward collections across IU. "We don't manage the

collections," Alisha said. "We support and unify policies so that eventually they will have the same collection management system standards."

When University Collections began in 2018, IU was thought to be home to some 50 collections. Since then, more than 250 have been identified across the university. These include everything from the Archives of Traditional Music and the Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center (IU Bloomington) to Ars Femina, celebrating women composers (IU Southeast), and the Calumet Regional Archives (IU Northwest).

The historic McCalla School, on East 10th Street between Indiana Avenue and Dunn Street, has been remodeled to showcase exhibits from some of these collections. The bright and airy facility officially opened its doors in August 2022 with six galleries. One displayed the Kinsey Institute's Bettina Rheims



Retirees relax, surrounded by Rudy Pozzatti's art.

collection of photography that subverts gender stereotypes. A seventh gallery, about science, is being developed and will open Nov. 3.

The multipurpose room currently displays nearly 50 works by the late Rudy Pozzatti, with carefully written interpretative labels providing a deeper understanding of each piece. This exhibit will run through at least December 2024.



Nancy White and Bernadette Zoss admire Morton Bradley's geometric sculptures.

Several retirees particularly enjoyed the gallery with works by eminent lithographer Morton C. Bradley. A great-grandson of IU's renowned 19th-century professor Theophilus Wiley, Bradley bequeathed his geometric sculptures to IU. "Visitors can marvel at and learn from the intricacies, the science and beauty of his work displayed throughout, some on counters, some on pedestals, some suspended from the ceiling," IURA member **Bonnie Brownlee** said. To get a taste and learn the details, go to <https://web-app.cuseum.com/?657#!/tour-overview/2101>.

The IU Collects app is "fantastic for providing a digital record of an exhibit," Alisha said. More than 300,000 objects have been digitized and preserved already.

Bonnie is an enthusiastic user of the University Collections website. "You could spend the day weaving your way through and experiencing the museum at your own pace," she noted. "Audio, video, 3-D presentations: It's all there in a wonderfully user-friendly format."

The McCalla School is open without charge Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. To sign up for the University Collections email list, contact Alisha at alibeard@iu.edu.

About 40 retirees attended in person or on Zoom.

Holiday buffet: It's coming

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, the IURA is planning a festive holiday luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club, 3000 South Rogers Street.

Perry Maull, hospitality chair, says the Hoosier Buffet will appeal to everyone. It will feature Angus pot roast, fried chicken, buttermilk whipped potatoes, cornbread, and a bistro salad with assorted dressings. Apple, berry, and peach cobbler will be available at the coffee station. Members may also pre-order a vegetarian (baked ziti primavera) or vegan (roasted vegetable strudel) option.

Please reserve your place by returning the reservation form on the next page so that it is received by no later than Nov. 30.

It's IU's open enrollment time

It's your annual opportunity to enroll in, change, or continue IU health insurance. **Audrey Morgan**, IURA benefits liaison, says, "Retirees who have the under-65 IU health care coverage will see some changes in deductibles and new ID cards. The Blue Retiree plan premium and coverage will remain the same for 2024." HR has mailed information to those who are currently enrolled. It's also posted online at <https://oe.iu.edu/retiree.html>. Please note that retirees may enroll in the Blue Retiree plan only if they have not let their IU coverage lapse.

The HR website has a section that describes resources just for retirees. It outlines options for medical care, tuition benefits, and life insurance. There's a link to a page that describes UITs resources available to official retirees, including library and technology privileges. The IURA website also contains helpful links to retiree benefits.

In March, Human Resources moved from its temporary quarters on North College Avenue to the Cyberinfrastructure Building, commonly known as the CIB. The new address is Suite 321, 2709 East 10th Street.

IURA Holiday Luncheon Reservation

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; meal served at noon
Bloomington Country Club,
3000 South Rogers Street

PLEASE PRINT Name(s) _____

Please initial to order baked ziti primavera _____ or roasted vegetable strudel _____.
All others will have the Hoosier Buffet.

Enclosed is \$33 per person (indicate number) _____
(Price includes 20% gratuity, 7% state tax, and 1% food and beverage tax.)

Please mail this form, together with your check, made payable to IU Retirees Association, to IURA, P.O. Box 8393, Bloomington, IN 47407-8393.

RESERVATIONS with PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30.

**IU Retirees Association
2023-2024 Membership Form**

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For couple membership, spouse's/partner's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ 9-digit ZIP code _____

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Enclosed is my check, made payable to IU Retirees Association, for

Membership Type: Single (\$30) _____ Couple (\$40) _____

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It's in the mail!

United Way has launched its 2023 campaign. IU's overall goal is \$710,000, with retirees pledging nearly half – \$330,000 – of the total amount. We have our work cut out for us to attain this lofty goal.

The United Way of Monroe County is now officially the United Way of South Central Indiana, serving Monroe, Brown, Owen, Greene, Lawrence, and Orange counties. An option is available to designate contributions to a specific county. A donor may also designate a specific agency or agencies.

Materials to previous contributors are being sent by mail and email. Please look for your packet and make your pledge as soon as possible. Please put IURA on the IU Department line so that IURA will get credit for your pledge. The IURA thanks you.

A peek at coming attractions

Tony Mescher, who chairs the IURA program committee, has announced the following dates for you to put on your calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 12 – celebratory holiday luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club

Wednesday, Jan. 10 – **Catherine Pilachowski**, Daniel Kirkwood Chair of astronomy, on preparing for the April solar eclipse

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – **Chad Priest**, vice president, American Red Cross Southeast and Rocky Mountain Division, on disaster preparedness and emergency management

The April 10 program is under discussion. A luncheon is being planned for early May.

Why am I getting this newsletter?

You are getting this newsletter for one of two reasons. *Either* you have been a member of the IURA in at least one of the last four years, *or* you retired from the Bloomington campus in 2019 or later. Your mailing label shows your membership status.

Special thanks to the 300 people who, as of Oct. 4, have paid their membership dues. They make this newsletter possible. The IURA is entirely self-supporting. Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners.

If you wish to be removed from the list, send a message to database manager **Doris Wittenburg** at dwittenb@indiana.edu with “unsubscribe” in the subject line and your name as it appears on IU records. Send address changes to Doris as well. **Judy Schroeder** writes *Newswatch* eight times a year, August through April, except for February. Please send corrections and comments to her at jschroed@indiana.edu.