

# Indiana Medical History Museum

## Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2016

### Update on the Health and Well-being of the Old Pathology Building from the Executive Director



Summer is nearly here, and the Old Pathology Building is looking great! We're so proud of the progress we've made in the last year, and we're grateful to members and donors like you for making it all possible! It's been just over a year since we were placed on Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered List and publicly launched our

Capital Campaign to Save the Old Pathology Building. The response has been incredible. Including individual donations, pledges, grants, bequests and corporate support, **we're already a third of the way to our fundraising goal of \$2.2 million!**

Last fall, thanks to individual donations and a \$50,000 matching grant from DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology\*, we were able to completely replace the building's shingled and flat membrane roof, stopping major water leaks that have caused significant damage throughout the inside of the building. The gutters and chimneys were repaired and brickwork was repointed at the neckline of the building. The next step in making the building truly watertight is completing the rest of the exterior masonry. That work is well underway and expected to be completed before the end of the year. This spring, individual donations and a grant from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund through Indiana Landmarks helped pay for masonry work on the north and east elevations of the building. We've just finished repointing the brickwork and replacing spalled and broken bricks on those elevations, and work will begin on the south and west elevations later this summer. We're also excited to be starting on the first of two phases of electrical work this summer.

**But we aren't done yet.** Pyramid Architecture and Engineering completed a top-to-bottom, inside-and-out survey of the Old Pathology Building, which revealed other serious problems with our HVAC and plumbing systems. Many of the windows and doors also need to be repaired, and all three of our skylights need to be replaced to prevent leaks and protect the furnishings and collections from UV light. The Old Pathology Building also needs extensive plaster work, repainting, and work to stabilize the linoleum floor covering throughout the building.

Though we have a long way to go and remain on Indiana Landmarks' watch list, the building is now stable enough to be left off of the 2016 Ten Most Endangered List!

**Can we count on your continued support?**

On behalf of all of us here at the Indiana Medical History Museum, THANK YOU!

\*This project has been funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.



This fall, the IMHM will host a series of programs called "Voices from Central State" that spotlight the patient perspective on life at Indiana's flagship mental hospital (1848-1994). Bringing together public history and the arts, this series aims to amplify marginalized voices and stimulate discussion about mental health care in Indiana, past and present.

August 26-27, 2016 | 7:00 | \$5 | Free for Students

### **From Under the Cloud**

*A One-Woman Theatrical Performance* based on Anna Agnew's 1886 memoir about her seven-year stay at Central State.

## **IMHM Awarded Indiana Landmarks Historic Preservation Grant**



On February 29th, we gratefully received a \$5,000 grant through Indiana Landmarks from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund to partially fund exterior masonry work on the Old Pathology Building. Here, Mark Dollase, Vice President of Preservation Services at Indiana Landmarks,

September 26-27, 2016 | 6:00 | Free, \$5 Suggested Donation

### **I Remember Jones**

*A Conversation with Nanny Vonnegut* about her grandmother, life at Central State in the 1940s, and the power of narrative.

November 10, 2016 | 6:00 | Free, \$5 Suggested Donation

### **Leaving Home Exhibit Opening**

*Exhibit and panel discussion* exploring patients' lives during the closure of Central State Hospital in 1994, based on patient-produced newsletters.

**Details about event registration TBA.**

*"Voices from Central State" is the product of a partnership between the Indiana Medical History*

presents a check to Board Member Leah Knight, Board Secretary Kathleen Hull, MD, and Executive Director Sarah Halter.

## **Fresh Paint**



This spring, high school student Nathan Marcus (front row, first from left) completed his Eagle Scout project, organizing a group of local scouts, parents, and leaders to repaint the concrete floors in the autopsy room and amphitheater of the Old Pathology Building. Not only did Nathan organize the project, he did all of the fundraising for paint and supplies!

*Museum and the Medical Humanities & Health Studies Program at IUPUI. Funding support provided by the IU New Frontiers Program, Indiana Humanities, and the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute.*

## Summer Tour Offerings

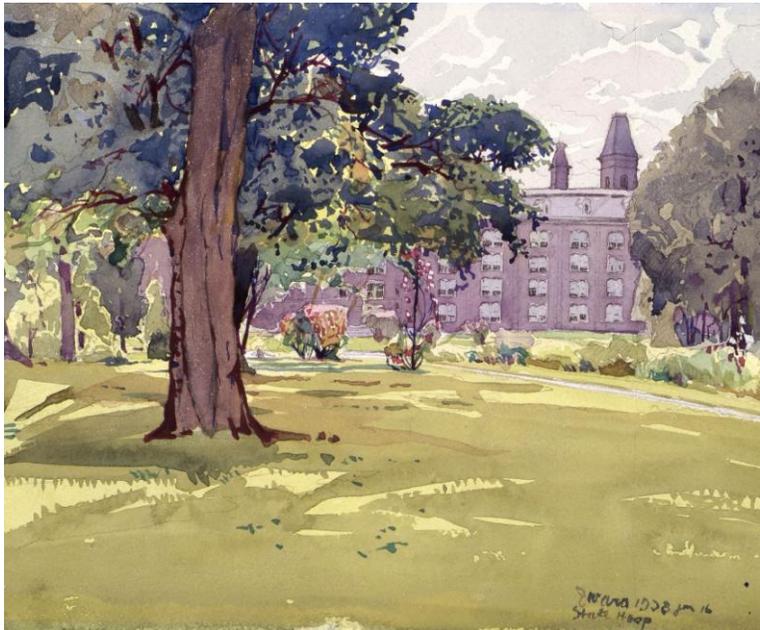


Public tours of the Medicinal Plant Garden each  
Saturday at 11:00  
(June-September)

## A New(born) Addition to Our Collection



This infant skeleton, on display in the library, was donated to the IMHM in June 2015 by Dr. Wade Rademacher. In the 1960s, the skeleton was used for the teaching of medical students at Riley Hospital, though the specimen likely originated in Germany over 100 years ago. Experts at the University of Indianapolis Archeology and Forensics Laboratory estimate that the infant died sometime between birth and 6 months of age.



Historic, outdoor walking tour will explore the former grounds of Indiana's Central State psychiatric hospital (1848-1994).

(Coming Soon - Details TBA)