30 Years of Friendship
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The Friends of the LSU Library
1962 - 1992

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This Keepsake is presented to the

Friends of the LSU Library

on the occasion of their Thirtieth Anniversary Banquet
by the faculty, staff and administration of the LSU Libraries
as a small token of their gratitude for thirty years
of extraordinary support and

Friendship

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"The Library is the heart and core of the University and all scholarship and research are dependent upon the Library." With these words Dr. N. M. Caffee, Vice-President and Dean of Academic Affairs at Louisiana State University called to order the inaugural meeting of the Friends of the LSU Library on April 7, 1962. The group Caffee had convened consisted of LSU faculty, librarians, and community leaders who had shown interest in assisting the development of the University's Library. As outlined by Dr. Caffee, the principle purpose of the new organization would be "cooperating with the librarians in the development of the resources of the LSU libraries." He described two spheres of activities for the Friends: spreading interest in the University libraries to people throughout the state and beyond, and obtaining financial support and contributions of special collections for the University. This latter was especially important, Dr. Caffee maintained, because "very often we are unable to obtain prestige items or rarer library materials that could contribute to academic achievement."

The Early Years. Among those present at the organizational meeting were Ella V. Aldrich Schwing, whom Dr. Caffee introduced as "an unemployed librarian"; T. Harry Williams, Boyd Professor of History; and University President John A. Hunter. Mrs. Schwing was enthusiastic about the formation of the organization and emphasized the potential of the Friends to be of great benefit to the University and the library. She pointed out that "there are many splendid collections still in the state and often just stored and gathering dust." Dr. Williams spoke in equally enthusiastic terms, noting that the materials the Friends could help the library acquire "would help to stimulate students and faculty to greater academic achievement."
The officers elected at that first meeting of the Friends were Mrs. Maxine Wilenzick, Chair; Mrs. Leslie McKenzie, Vice-Chair; Dr. Trent James, Treasurer; and Dr. Hulon Lott, Member-at-Large. At the next meeting Harnett Kane and Dr. Lawrence Lowery were added as Members-at-Large.

The Friends remained small in size for several years, but though few in number the members were active. They adopted a constitution and by-laws, formed committees, and held regular meetings. They undertook a variety of projects aimed at building membership, soliciting faculty gifts and class memorials, and attracting private collections. They also inaugurated the custom of a regular annual meeting, an annual banquet in the spring, and a tea in the fall.

The thinking and activities of the Friends during the earliest years grew out of the understanding that the resources provided by the state were not adequate alone to build the kind of library that the University ought to have. As J. W. Brouillette, the third chairman of the Friends, pointed out in his 1966 report,

The LSU Libraries, if they are to serve their potential purposes, and if they are to play their rightful role in LSU's continuing drive toward academic excellence, must secure, in addition to the regular support received from tax-supported funds, substantial assistance from private sources.

Thus the concept of a Library Endowment was born. The initial goal was set at $500,000. Such an endowment would serve "as the major resource for the LSU Libraries to obtain those items difficult to acquire from the regular budget."

During this early period the Friends were very successful in securing donations of major collections and significant major works. In 1965, the Friends received credit for the $64,000 donation from the Crown-Zellerbach Foundation that underwrote the purchase of the elephant folio edition of John James Audubon's *Birds of America*. 

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Among the private libraries that came to the University during this period with the assistance of the Friends were the Jules Burguieres Sugar Collection, the Isidore Cohn Medical and Historical Library, the Judge Warren L. Jones Lincoln Collection, and the Piccadilly Collection.

**Rebirth and Renewal.** After all this initial activity and accomplishment, the Friends were dormant for several years. No annual meeting or banquet was held after 1967. But shortly before he retired as Chancellor, Cecil Taylor, together with Dean Emeritus Max Goodrich, determined to revive the Friends and spur it to new activity. They convened a meeting of the board and officers of the Friends on July 30, 1974, with the stated purpose of revitalizing the organization. Committees were formed, members contacted, and the constitution and bylaws revised. New officers were elected: Charest Thibaut, President; Mrs. Leslie McKenzie, Vice-President; Mary Jane Kahao, Secretary; and Caroline Wire, Treasurer. Chancellor Taylor and Dean Goodrich became known jointly as the Library Development Committee, and together continued to provide much energy and direction for the organization.

**Book Bazaar.** New arenas of activity beckoned for the revitalized Friends. The first, most important, and most long-lasting was the inauguration in 1976 of an annual book sale. Vice-President Rosalind McKenzie served as the chair of the committee that organized the first Book Bazaar, as the annual event came to be known. The first book sale was held in the spring of 1976 at an LSU Union Flea Market and realized $500 for the Friends. This was followed by a much more ambitious sale in the Fall of that year held at Bon Marche Mall, which raised a total of $7,000.

The success of this event convinced the Friends that an annual sale was feasible, and resulted in continuing efforts by a large corps of volunteers, who together collected, sorted, priced, and packed books for the annual fall sale. Space was made available in Hill
Memorial Library for this activity, and it quickly became known as the "Book Barn." Mrs. Eilleen Kean and Mrs. Cherry Owen joined Mrs. McKenzie as the leaders of the effort and have served as co-chairs of the Book Barn Committee for a number of years. Each year more and more books were donated and processed, and each year the proceeds from the sales increased: by 1983 the Book Barn was processing 50,000 books and the Bazaar was netting more than $30,000 per year.

When Hill Memorial Library was vacated for renovation in the fall of 1983, the Book Barn was relocated, eventually to the basement of Middleton Library. Since 1984, the annual three-day sale has been at home in the 4-H Mini-Farm Barn, while the Book Barn itself has been in Middleton Library. The Bazaar has continued to grow, and in the past two years has netted more than $50,000 each year for the Friends and for the Libraries. As of November, 1991, in the sixteen annual Book Bazaars since 1976, the Friends have raised a total of $490,000 for the LSU Libraries.

A Range of Activities. Another new idea, conceived with the revitalization of the Friends in 1974, was the establishment of a regular publication for members of the Friends, to keep them informed of the activities and accomplishments of the organization and to serve as a vehicle for increasing membership. In 1975, Secretary Mary Jane Kahao was appointed editor of the new publication, which was called *Lumières*, French for "enlightenments." The newsletter received a number of awards during its first year of existence and has continued to serve as an important means of communicating with the growing membership of the Friends. Anna Perrault succeeded Mrs. Kahao as editor in 1980.

In 1980, the Friends inaugurated the practice of providing a Christmas present for members, in the form of a reproduction from items in the Libraries' collections. These keepsakes have proven quite popular with the Friends members. Keepsakes have included
reproductions of a rare map of Louisiana; prints by Knute Heldner, Caroline Durieux, John James Audubon, and John Gould; and a photograph by David Gleason.

Over the years the Friends have sought many ways to enhance the value of membership in the organization. In addition to Lumières, the Christmas Keepsake, and library circulation privileges associated with membership at the Sustaining level, there have been a number of extra perquisites provided for Friends members. Special tours of the Libraries facilities and collections are offered from time to time. Special classes in the history of books and libraries have been provided, exclusively for Friends. The Friends have also co-sponsored, along with the Friends of the Anglo-American Art Museum, a series of public lectures, the Louisiana Heritage Lecture Series, that offers interesting and entertaining speakers on a variety of topics relating to the art and history of the region.

In 1987 the Friends started a new series of programs in the form of a spring workshop. The theme of the first of these was "Collecting Natural History Art," and featured Joe Studholme of Alecto Historical Editions, noted animal art expert David Lank, and conservator Margaret Moreland. The second workshop, in 1988, was "Spectrum of Book Arts." It focused on collecting books produced by private presses and featured talks by noted book designer and printer Claire Van Vliet, conservator and bookbinder Don Etherington, bookseller and printer W. Thomas Taylor, and publisher and bookdealer Charlene Garry. The third workshop, "Images of the Past," in 1989, dealt with collecting and preserving photographs. The program included John H. Lawrence, Curator of Photography at The Historic New Orleans Collection; a panel of noted photographic collectors Joan and Thomas Gandy, A. J. Meek, and Charles East; and preservation expert Don Morrison.

Another important activity sponsored by the Friends was the production of a catalog of the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History
Collection. This ambitious project was undertaken by LSU Libraries faculty member Anna Perrault who, over a period of several years, laboriously assembled the bibliographic entries and prepared the text. Kathryn Morgan, Curator of the McIlhenny Collection, assisted in the work and contributed a preface. Noted animal art expert David M. Lank prepared an introductory essay on natural history illustration. The work, *Nature Classics: A Catalog of the E. A. McIlhenny Natural History Collection at Louisiana State University,* was published by the Friends in 1987 and continues to generate much favorable notice for LSU.

In 1986, the Friends established a new annual award to honor individuals for their service and contributions to the Book Bazaar. The first Doris Dennis Smith Award was presented to the eponymous Mrs. Smith, among others, to honor her many years of service and extraordinary contributions. The award consists of a plaque, and the privilege of selecting a book valued at up to $500 to be purchased by the Friends and added to the Libraries collections in the recipient’s honor. Each year the Friends honor one of their own and simultaneously support the Libraries in this admirable fashion. After the death of Mrs. Smith in 1989, the Friends constructed a permanent memorial to this most faithful member, in the form of a small plaza adjacent to Hill Memorial Library.

**A Growing Endowment.** From the outset, the primary goal of the Friends has been to develop financial resources to support the work of the LSU Libraries. The Friends have pursued this goal by several different activities and strategies. The most important of these has been the Book Bazaar, but other methods have also been used over the years. In addition to annual membership dues and direct solicitations of gifts, the Friends have used a number of stratagems to raise money for the Libraries. In 1989, the Friends secured permission to reproduce four of Margaret Stones’s drawings from the *Native Flora of Louisiana* series on note cards. Sales of these cards
proved so popular that the Friends are now producing a second series of four cards that will be marketed with the others in a package of eight cards. The Friends were also granted the license in 1990 to market a portion of a limited edition folio of four reproductions of Margaret Stones's drawings, which had been produced in 1988 under license with the New Orleans Town Gardners.

The results of all these fund raising activities have been prodigious. When the organization was revitalized in 1974, the Library Endowment raised by the Friends stood at a little under $15,000, with an additional $4,700 on hand for underwriting operating expenses. In ten years, by November, 1984, the Endowment had grown to almost $140,000, while the "checking account" held a healthy balance exceeding $180,000. Fueled by the growing success of the Book Bazaar and the other fundraising projects of the Friends, by the spring of 1992 the Endowment had mushroomed to almost one-half million dollars. Thus the original goal for the Endowment, established almost thirty years ago, is now well within reach.

The great success of the Friends in generating funds has been translated into important acquisitions for Libraries collections. In 1974 the new Executive Committee created a Purchase Committee to coordinate purchases for the collections with the Libraries' administration. Over the years, purchases covering a wide range of subjects, varying from large and expensive microfilm sets to manuscripts and rare books for the Special Collections, have enhanced the Libraries' collections. A list of these purchases is appended. Since 1974 more than $408,000 has been expended through the Purchase Committee to acquire materials for the LSU Libraries' research collections. These acquisitions have been an important element in the overall development of the LSU Libraries.

As a result of their success in generating financial resources, the Friends have been able support the Libraries in other ways as well. For example, with the help of the Friends, the Libraries have
undertaken a lengthy project to conserve some 120 separate original plates from the Audubon elephant folio. These plates were originally acquired and framed with Friends’ support in the 1960s. Through exposure over the years, their condition had deteriorated markedly. The Friends have provided the funds to have the plates conserved, and also to acquire appropriate storage and exhibition equipment to ensure that the prints will remain in the best condition possible.

Goodrich-Taylor Graduate Assistantship. In 1986, seeking a way to honor Max Goodrich and Cecil Taylor for their outstanding contributions and service to the Friends, as well as to support the LSU Libraries in new and useful way, the Board of Directors authorized the establishment of a new separate endowment to provide funds for a Graduate Assistantship for Special Collections. A committee co-chaired by Dr. Trent James and Anne West was created to solicit funds for this new endowment. A direct mail solicitation produced generous donations, but Mrs. West and Dr. James decided that more imaginative means were needed to realize the endowment goal of $100,000. They settled upon a fine and rare book auction as the mechanism for generating the needed income. Coordinated by Dr. James and Mrs. West, a large and active committee succeeded in gathering many donations of fine auction items; arranging for the expert services of Paul S. L. Viney of Phillips Galleries as Auctioneer; securing American Airlines tickets for Mr. Viney’s travel; and publishing a catalog of the fine materials to be auctioned, with design and printing donated by W. Thomas Taylor; and arranging for a silent auction of less exalted materials. The events culminated in March, 1990, with Paper Impressions, a gala champagne reception and auction. The event was a great success and generated more than $26,000 for the Endowment.

The success of Paper Impressions was so marked that the committee agreed to sponsor another auction two years later, in the spring of 1992. Joined by Kay Harrison, Dr. James and Mrs. West
again coordinated an intensive effort, and members of the committee redoubled their efforts. *Paper Impressions II*, which included all of the elements of its predecessor, repeated the success of the first auction, generating more than $25,000 for the Endowment. Meanwhile, the Goodrich-Taylor Assistant was announced for the fall of 1992, and numerous applications were received. From a large group of extremely well-qualified applicants, a screening committee selected Sigrid M. King, a graduate student in English Literature, to be the first recipient of the Goodrich-Taylor Graduate Assistantship.

**Friends and Allies.** As Dean Caffee had noted in 1962, generating financial support is only part of the mission of the Friends; their other major role is to spread interest in the University libraries throughout the state and beyond. The Friends of the LSU Library have been as successful in this sphere as they have been in raising funds. They have been invaluable advocates for the role and mission of the Libraries, and the importance of library programs and resources to the University and to the state of Louisiana. One of the most obvious ways in which this has been evident has been in the evolution of the physical plant of the Libraries. In the late 1970s early 1980s, the Friends were active and instrumental in lobbying first the University administration and later the Legislature to secure the appropriations to renovate Hill Memorial Library for Special Collections and to add two floors to Middleton Library. The facilities provided by those two capital improvement projects have enabled the Libraries to provide important new services and support major new programs, adding to the ability of the Libraries to achieve its goals.

In addition to the specific programs and activities outlined above, the Friends of the LSU Library have been true Friends in the most general sense of the word. They are always there to lend their support and encouragement for Libraries activities and programs, hosting receptions for lectures and exhibition openings and paying
ancillary expenses involved in important library activities. Without the support of the Friends in these many ways, the work of the LSU Libraries would be enormously more difficult and more complicated.

Recognition. The Friends of the LSU Library have been extraordinarily successful in meeting their goals. Their successes have been recognized and appreciated, not only at home in Baton Rouge, but throughout the nation. They have received numerous awards from national library and friends organizations. That recognition is richly deserved by an organization whose members, individually and collectively, have given so much of their time and energy to the service of others.

The Friends of the LSU Library have, in their first thirty years, established a solid foundation and an enviable record of library support. With the momentum they have generated, they will continue to play an increasingly important role in the future.
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President’s Award, Louisiana State University and LSU Foundation, 1988.

Mayor-President’s Proclamation: Friends of the LSU Library Fine Book Auction Week, March 24, 1990, City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish.


DORIS DENNIS SMITH AWARD RECIPIENTS

1986  Mrs. R. Gordon Kean, Jr., Mrs. H. Leslie McKenzie, Mrs. John E. Gonce, Mrs. T.O. Perry, Jr., Mrs. Eugene H. Owen, Mrs. Charles Bryant Smith

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1988  Mrs. Cary Long, Mrs. John M. West, III

1989  Mrs. I.P. Collier, Mrs. Maurice A. LeBlanc, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Kean, III (Corporate recipient), Mr. Charles Bryant Smith, Mr. Delroy O. Spann, Mr. John M. West, III

1990  Mrs. W.R. Edmonds, Jr., Mrs. W.D. Millican

1991  Mrs. Adrian E. Johnson, Jr.

1992  Mrs. Robert Holtman
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The Jules M. Burguieres Sugar Technology Collection
The Dr. Isidore Cohn Medical and Historical Library
The Judge Warren L. Jones Lincoln Collection
The Piccadilly Collection
The John H. Tucker Law Collection
The Oliver P. Carriere Collection of Poker and Hoyle
The Gladney Chess Collection
The T. Harry Williams Library
The A. Brooks Cronan Collection
The David S. Blondheim Collection
The E.A. Mcllhenny Natural History Collection

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The Cuban Papers
Klaus Berger Art History Collection
The Clarence John Laughlin Library of the Arts
Exquisite Corpse Records
Kelmscott Press Collection
Stirling, Turnbull, Lobdell Family Papers
MAJOR ITEMS PURCHASED, 1962 – 1967

Paintings by notable Louisiana artists, including Heldner, Durieux, Millet, Drysdale and Hunter.

Private cashbook of Marie Antoinette.


Thomas Andrew Knight, *Pamona Herefordiensis: Containing Coloured Engravings of the Old Cider and Berry Fruits of Herefordshire, With Such New Fruits as have been Found to Possess Superior Excellence. Accompanied with a Brief Descriptive Account of Each Variety* (London: Agricultural Society of Herefordshire, 1811).


One hundred ten separate plates from the elephant folio edition of Audubon’s *Birds of America*, matted and framed.
PURCHASE COMMITTEE ACQUISITIONS
1975 — 1992

1975


1976


1977


1978


Robinson Jeffers, Headlands: Photographs of Big Sur, Point Lobos, Carmel Valley, foreword and selections from Robinson Jeffers by David R. Brower; photographs by Richard Kauffman (San Francisco: Friends of the Earth, 1976). In memory of Leland Richardson. $127.50.


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William T. Sherman. Two mss. letters to his adopted father 1860-1861. $1,950.

1979


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Yankee Civil War Cartoons. $850.

1980


The Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments (Oxford: Printed at the University Press, 1935). The "Lectern Bible" designed by Bruce Rogers; smaller edition. $3,250.


Judah P. Benjamin Collection (Twelve mss. items). $1,500.

Walker Percy, "An Interview with Walker Percy." (1 ms. item). Original typescript of interview by Ashley Brown in which Percy talks enlighteningly on his works and the influences upon it, which appeared in the little magazine Shenandoah in 1967; includes numerous holographic corrections by both Percy and Brown. $750.

Francois Gacon, Anti-Rousseau par le Poete sans Fard (Rotterdam: Chez Fritsch et Bohm, 1712). $125.

**1981**


**1982**

John James Audubon, *Prospectus for the Birds of America. Under the special patronage of her Majesty Queen Adelaide.* (London: Published by the author, 1831). One of only sixteen copies. The Prospectus was published to solicit subscriptions for the elephant folio. $2,000.


1983

Banks' Florilegium: A Publication in Thirty-four parts of Seven Hundred and Thirty-Eight Copperplate Engravings of Plants Collected on Captain James Cook's First Voyage Round the World in H.M.S. Endeavour, 1768-1771 (London: Alecto Historical Editions in association with the British Museum (Natural History), 1980-1988). Cost of the acquisition was divided equally between a private donor, the Friends of the LSU Library, and the LSU Libraries. $100,000.

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