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“Indianapolis Propylaeum” Indiana State Historical Marker Will be dedicated in Indianapolis

A public dedication ceremony for an Indiana state historical marker is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009. The state historical marker commemorating the establishment of the Propylaeum will be dedicated at 1410 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 P.M. (EDT).

The text follows for the state marker entitled “Indianapolis Propylaeum”:

Led by suffragist and educator, May Wright Sewall, the Indianapolis Propylaeum incorporated as an association in 1888 to provide educational opportunities and a meeting place for cultural and civic clubs. In 1891, the association opened its original building on North Street, one of the first in the U. S. financed entirely by women stockholders. The Propylaeum association organized the Indianapolis Local Council of Women, 1892, to provide a forum for city women’s clubs engaged in civic reform. The association acquired this property in 1923. Built circa 1891, the structure was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. As of 2009, the Propylaeum continued to host events here.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony for this state historical marker that commemorates the contributions of the women of the Propylaeum association to education, culture, and civic reform in Indianapolis and Indiana. The Indiana Women’s History Association will join the Indianapolis Propylaeum, Inc. in dedicating this state historical marker.

State historical markers commemorate significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These markers help communities throughout the state promote, preserve, and present their history for the education and enjoyment of residents and tourists of all ages. For more than 90 years the Indiana Historical Bureau, an agency of the State of Indiana, has been marking Indiana history. Since 1947, the marker format has been the large roadside marker, which has the familiar dark blue background with gold lettering and the outline of the state of Indiana at the top. There are approximately 500 of these markers across the state.

For more information about this marker, the state Historical Marker Program, and other resources about Indiana, visit the Indiana Historical Bureau’s website at www.IN.gov/history or call 317-232-6276.

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