Please save the dates: November 8-10, 2019

You will be invited to a Baker Street Irregulars Symposium

at the

Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington

Building an Archive:
A Celebration of the Arrival of the BSI Archive at the Lilly Library

featuring the opening of a new exhibition at the Lilly Library

“The History of the BSI Through 221 Objects”

and many distinguished speakers already confirmed, including

Allen Ahearn
Nicholas A. Basbanes
Rebecca Baumann
Peter E. Blau
Lewis J. Buckingham
Ross E. Davies
Erika Dowell

Steven T. Doyle
Jenn Eaker
Andrew G. Fusco
Thomas A. Horrocks
Linda and Terry Hunt
Robert S. Katz
Michael H. Kean
Leslie S. Klinger

Glen S. Miranker
Otto Penzler
Peggy Perdue
Marsha Pollak
Joel Silver
Michael F. Whelan
Tamar Zeffren

Our “Building an Archive” conference will focus on the BSI Archive itself, including its place in its new permanent home at the Lilly. It will also focus on the ways we Sherlockians are forever finding and collecting treasures, and sharing them with each other.

The centerpiece of the conference — “The History of the BSI Through 221 Objects” exhibition — will be replete with treasures sufficient to intrigue even the most seasoned of Sherlockians. You won’t want to miss this display. It will include treasures you may never have another chance to examine.

In the same spirit, all the presenters are experts in various aspects of archive-building — in creating, discovering, collecting, caring for, and making good use of Sherlockian treasures of all sorts.

Topics will range from collecting (with entertaining treasure-hunting tales) to creating (with interesting excerpts from oral histories, and the launch of a new book from the BSI Press) . . . from conservation (what, exactly, is the proper way to handle and store a fragile document?) to institutions (how, exactly, do libraries build and perpetuate their archives?) . . . and from our history (including the birth and growth of BSI Archive and the Lilly) to our future.

Watch your mailbox or http://bsiarchivelilly.org for the registration form. It’s coming soon!