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Spencer Art Reference Library of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri joins Digital Scriptorium

Digital Scriptorium extends a very warm welcome to its newest partner, the Spencer Art Reference Library of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Missouri. The Nelson-Atkins Museum is recognized internationally as one of the finest general art museums in the United States. We are excited that the Spencer Art Reference Library has joined our collaborative project and hope that other similar art museum libraries and public libraries will follow the Nelson-Atkins lead.

To our pleasure in welcoming the Nelson-Atkins Museum, we add that the occasion is also a bittersweet marking of friendship between two American medievalists who shared a fascination with medieval manuscripts: Karen Gould and Linda Voigts. Prof. Gould taught Art History at the University of Texas, and was a guest professor in literature seminars taught at the University of Missouri-Kansas City by Prof. Voigts. When Prof. Gould died last year, her husband, Lewis Gould, donated her collection of leaves to the Nelson-Atkins Museum, and at that point Prof. Voigts did the same with her own collection. Another close friend, Brother Thomas Sullivan of Conception Abbey, offered to identify the texts on the leaves, while a fourth friend, Patricia Deery Kurtz together with Linda Voigts prepared the physical descriptions. Marilyn Carbonell, as Head of the Spencer Art Reference Library, is the one who opened her heart and her library, with a big "yes" to so many friends. (We should all be so lucky.)

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