Art collector donates $4 million in ceramics to ASU

Arizona resident and Belgian native Stéphane Janssen, considered one of the world’s leading collectors of contemporary art, has donated nearly $4 million in contemporary ceramics to the ASU Art Museum’s Ceramics Research Center (CRC).

The donation consists of Janssen’s entire ceramic collection, with the exception of the works in his home – which are a promised gift to ASU – and his historic and contemporary Native American Collection.

Janssen, a longtime supporter of the ASU Art Museum, has donated 686 ceramic works to the CRC, and another 200 pieces to be sold for additional museum acquisitions.

Janssen selected the museum for his gift because of his admiration for the CRC, and his desire to keep his collection together.

“I think the freedom in a university museum is much stronger than in many museums and galleries,” he said. “And it is important to expose young people to good art while they are still developing their tastes and sensibilities.”

Cronkite School best in broadcast news

ASU’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication finished first in the nation in the 2003-04 Intercollegiate Broadcast News Competition of the prestigious Hearst Journalism Awards program.

ASU students Roland Maldonado (2nd Place Radio), Tom Murray (3rd Place Radio) and Tyler Griffin (14th Place Television) led the Cronkite School to first place in the Broadcast News Reporting category.

Combined with a first place finish in the Broadcast Feature Reporting competition held in November, The Cronkite School scored 229 total points to earn the top Broadcast News ranking in the country.

Maldonado, Murray and Will Pitts (3rd Place Radio Feature Reporting) move into the national radio semi-finals competition this month.

Ellram is a “Pro to Know”

Lisa M. Ellram, the Beblung Professor of Business at the W. P. Carey School of Business, has been selected as one of 30 “Practitioner Pros to Know” in a list published by Supply & Demand Chain Executive magazine, which takes nominations from practitioners, researchers and analysts for the list. Those selected have “a deep breadth of knowledge about the industry and are forward thinking in their approach to the evolving supply chain network,” according to the magazine.

Nursing professor wins mentorship award

Julie Fleurty, professor of nursing, has won the Anna M. Shannon Mentorship Award from the Western Institute of Nursing. The award recognizes unselfish efforts to support and promote the professional growth of nurses in the West. The award is named after Anna M. Shannon, former dean of the College of Nursing at Montana State University.

Professor receives Romanian Medal of Honor

Ileana Orlich, associate professor of languages and literatures, has received the Romanian government’s highest honor, the Ordinul Meritul Cultural, or Medal of Honor, for her lifetime of scholarly and cultural achievements.

Romanian President Ion Iliescu presented the medal during a ceremony in Bucharest. The medal is given for achievement in either the arts or sciences. Orlich was one of six medal recipients and the only one from the United States cited for scholarly and cultural contributions.

Orlich founded the Romanian program at ASU, which has language and culture courses at all levels and a summer program in Romania and central eastern Europe that draws students from all over the United States.

Students win MAES scholarships

Four students in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering have received scholarships from the Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES). They are Joel Polanco, a graduate student in industrial engineering; Jose Benavides, a junior in electrical engineering; Adrianna Valle, a junior in civil engineering; and Brenda Flores, a junior in biology in society.

Polanco credits a MAES outreach program for sparking his interest in engineering when he was a high school student in El Paso, Texas. He co-founded the ASU student chapter of MAES in 2002 and represented ASU in the MAES 2003 International Symposium and Career Fair held last October in Phoenix.

Bilingual Review/Press books receive awards

Two books published by ASU’s Bilingual Review/Press were honored recently at Book-Expo America, the largest annual book trade show in the United States.

Contemporary Chicana and Chicano Art, whose co-authors include ASU professors Gary D. Keller and Mary Erickson, won the Fine Art Category in the 2003 Independent Publisher Book Awards.

Moving Target: A Memoir of Pursuit won Best Biography in the Latino Literary Hall of Fame 2003 book awards. In this memoir, People Magazine correspondent Ron Arias recounts his father’s emotional distance after spending time as a prisoner of war in World War II and Korea – and Arias’s discovery that his father may have been a spy.

Tiffany Foundation selects ASU professor for grant

Beverly McIver, associate professor of painting and drawing, has received a $20,000 grant from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation. She was one of 30 winners selected from 402 artists in the 2003 Tiffany Biennial Competition.

The awards honor emerging American artists “whose work shows serious promise, but have not yet received widespread critical or commercial recognition.”

Professor wins Excellence in Education Award

Diana Mass, program director and clinical professor for ASU’s Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program, has received the American Society for Clinical Pathology Associate Member Section’s (ASCP-AMS) Excellence in Education Award. The award recognizes a member who is involved in a medical laboratory education program and has demonstrated outstanding performance in teaching. As chair of the Education Committee, Mass worked to distribute scholarship funds to lab students.

Faculty members named IEEE Fellows

Stephen Goodnick, department chair of electrical engineering, and Forouzan Golshani, professor of computer science and engineering in the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering, have been named 2004 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Fellows.

Golshani was selected for the fellowship based on his contributions to the field of multimedia information systems, while Goodnick was tapped for his contributions to carrier transport fundamentals and semiconductor devices.