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Newly Elected Officers to the Friends of Kresge and *Twilight* Exceeds Fundraising Goal

EAST LANSING, MICH.- The Friends of Kresge Art Museum is pleased to announce its newly elected officers for 2003-2004. The Friends of Kresge Art Museum is a community-based association of individuals, families, and businesses interested in the visual arts. Its purpose is to support the growth of the museum's collection, to enhance its education programs, and to aid in the goal of an expanded and renovated art museum.

Elected Officers, Friends Board of Directors for 2003-2004

Jean Eggemeyer, First Vice President
Elinor Holbrook, Second Vice President
Marilyn Deussen, Recording Secretary
Mike Cook, Corresponding Secretary

Continuing appointments

Meegan Holland, President
Mary Joyce Longstaff, Treasurer

The Friends Board welcomes new Members at Large, **Julie Damore**, and **Charles Palmer**.

The Friends also announce that the fourth annual *Twilight in the Garden* fundraiser was a great success for the museum's Facilities Fund. Over 325 patrons filled the MSU Horticultural Gardens on September 14, listening to music, viewing art, sampling gourmet food, and bidding on items in the live and silent auctions. The scattered rain showers didn't deter the joyful spirit of the event.

Twilight Co-Chair Elinor Holbrook reported that proceeds were nearly double of last year's event, and exceeded the committee's goal of \$50,000. She stated, "Once again, our community has shown how deeply it cares about support of the arts, and especially its art museum. Over 65 volunteers put their heart and soul into helping make the fundraiser so successful. Many artists and musicians enhanced the ambience of the Gardens and made this fundraiser very special."

A few of the many sponsors who made *Twilight* a great success include **General Motors Corporation, Dart Foundation, the Gannett Foundation, and the Michigan State Building and Construction Trades Council**. All proceeds from *Twilight* benefit the museum's Facilities Fund and the expansion campaign, which is also part of the Campaign for MSU. This essential building expansion project will be underwritten entirely by private donors and is expected to cost approximately \$11 million at completion. The expansion, tripling the size of the current museum, will provide larger display galleries to display more of the 7,000 works in the permanent collection, education and meeting rooms, a hands-on discovery gallery, reception and social areas, and a museum shop. Giovanna Lammers, *Twilight* Co-Chair and KAM Docent remarked, "The Kresge Art Museum presents programs for the entire community, including school-age children and seniors. An expanded facility will further the opportunities we can offer to the community."

To learn more about the Kresge Art Museum, its plans for expansion, or to help make an expanded art museum a reality, visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu or call 517/353-9836. Kresge Art Museum is located on the campus of Michigan State University at Auditorium and Physics Roads in the Kresge Art Center. The museum is open Monday- Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursdays until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon- 5 p.m.

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