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## KRESGE ART MUSEUM CELEBRATES VOLUNTEERS DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK, APRIL 27-MAY 3, 2003

**E. LANSING, MICH.** --- Kresge Art Museum will join a nationwide celebration in honor of volunteers during the 30<sup>th</sup> annual National Volunteer Week, April 27- May 3, 2003. The Week's theme, *Celebrate Volunteers -The Spirit of America!*, reflects the resolve of the American tradition of neighbor helping neighbor.

Kresge Art Museum will honor over 130 individuals who have given their time to the museum in the past year with a reception on April 29 on the campus of Michigan State University.

This past year the museum's volunteers organized the most successful *Twilight in the Garden* fundraiser to date, toured over 5,000 K-12 students, served on the Friends' board and BAM Committee, organized the sell-out Pottery Picnic and A Russian Evening, and gave over 60 presentations at senior centers and retirement homes. Additionally, they have been guest curators, lecturers, translators, greeters, graphic designers, emcees, performers, photographers, button makers and other experts without whom we would be unable to carry out many programs and activities.

"Recognizing how busy contemporary life is," says Susan Bandes, "the museum staff truly appreciates how much time our volunteers devote to Kresge Art Museum. We are gratified to welcome new volunteers with fresh ideas working with those who have been involved with the museum much longer. The energy and help we receive from our volunteers makes us even more productive and committed to our mission."

Kresge Art Museum provides education and aesthetic enjoyment for its diverse audiences. Through collections and exhibitions of art, it offers opportunities for interdisciplinary and cross-cultural interpretations of current and historical thought. By researching, presenting and preserving art from various times and cultures, the museum serves the Michigan State University community, general public of mid-Michigan and beyond. For additional information about Kresge Art Museum please visit [www.msu.edu/unit/kamuseum](http://www.msu.edu/unit/kamuseum) or call 517/355-7631.

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