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TRAVEL AND STUDY AWARDS OFFERED TO LOCAL WOMEN BY WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

Winners receive scholarships to travel and learn about art anywhere in the world

(WORCESTER, Mass., April 10, 2009) – Worcester Art Museum is offering an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to residents of Worcester County by presenting local women with the Frances A. Kinnicutt Travel & Study Awards. Winners receive scholarships to travel to a foreign country and experience first-hand the colors, light, people and landscape that shape the art that is produced there. The application deadline is May 11, and winners will be announced in June.

“These awards allow deserving women the chance to learn about fine arts in other cultures and to enhance their skills without worrying about the expense,” said Honee A. Hess, Director of Education at Worcester Art Museum.

The Kinnicutt Travel & Study Awards are offered to female residents of Worcester County and Worcester Art Museum students, staff and volunteers. Winners select their destination and plan activities that revolve around their own interests. Past recipients’ travels include trips to Japan to study thatched roof houses and to Germany to spend two weeks learning how to create color in a pigment factory. The scholarship covers almost half the cost, which according to Hess is especially important this year. “More people now are looking for ways to have fun that won’t break the bank. These awards help defray travel costs, so winners can relax and enjoy the experience,” she said.

The Frances A Kinnicutt Endowment Fund is administered by the Worcester Art Museum. Applications are evaluated based on their response to the question: *How will this award be of*

value to you? Awards are granted by the Museum's Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Kinnicutt Awards Committee. Scholarships must be used between September 2009 and August 2010. Application forms are available from online at www.worcesterart.org/Education and at Worcester Art Museum's Education Department. For more information about the awards or application procedures, please contact Paula Artal-Isbrand at (508) 799-4406 ext.3080 or paulaartal-isbrand@worcesterart.org.

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