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THREE LOCAL WOMEN WIN TRAVEL AND STUDY AWARDS FROM WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

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

(WORCESTER, Mass., June 26, 2009) – Worcester Art Museum has announced the three winners of the Frances A. Kinnicutt Travel & Study Award. The women, all of Worcester, received 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.

Nancy Burns will travel to Spain to trace the lives of painters Diego Velázquez and Francisco de Zurbarán. She is a curatorial assistant in the Prints, Drawings and Photographs Department at Worcester Art Museum.

Geraldine McGovern will participate in an eco-tour that visits archaeological sites in the Yucatan Peninsula, including areas written about by Worcester Art Museum's founder, Stephen Salisbury. She is a staff accountant in the museum's Finance Department.

Mari Seder will photograph architecture, sculpture and artifacts found in Mexico's ancient Mesoamerican sites in Oaxaca, Veracruz, Mexico City and Puebla. She is a photographer and occasional speaker at the museum's education programs.

The Kinnicutt Travel & Study Awards are offered to female residents of Worcester County and Worcester Art Museum students, staff and volunteers. Winners select their destinations and plan activities that revolve around their own interests, and scholarships cover almost half the cost.

The Frances A Kinnicutt Endowment Fund is administered by the Worcester Art Museum. Applicants were evaluated based on their response to the question: *How will this award be of value to you?* Awards were 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.

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Located on Salisbury St., in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Art Museum opened in 1898 and is one of America's most respected art museums. The museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. For more information, visit www.worcesterart.org.

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