

FRIENDS OF

European Art

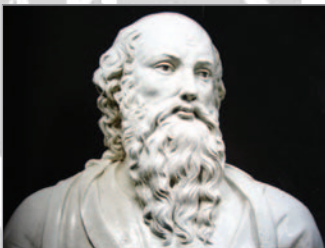
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Holy Family with the Infant St. John the Baptist, Balthasar Beschey, c.1730-40. Oil on oak panel. Phoenix Art Museum Collection. Funding provided by FEA.



Still-Life: Vanitas, Jan van Dalen, 1665. Oil on canvas. Phoenix Art Museum Collection. Funding provided by FEA.



An Aged Apostle, Andrea della Robbia, c.1490. Glazed terracotta. Phoenix Art Museum Collection. Partial funding provided by FEA.

IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT that with eight active support groups at Phoenix Art Museum, none existed promoting the art that Anne Connor considered to be the heart of the collection. Michael Komanecky, the Museum's curator of European art at the time, agreed with Anne that European art was the first love of most art enthusiasts and that it was time to look into creating another group. The goals of the organization would be educating museum members about European art, supporting exhibitions and raising funds to increase the European collection at the Museum.

July 23, 1997, Michael, Anne and five other enthusiasts held an organizational meeting of what would become Friends of European Art (FEA). The first official Board Meeting of FEA, with Anne Connor as its president, was held on December 9, 1997. Anthony Gully and Jeanne Hokin, professors at Arizona State University, helped the new support organization meet the goal of presenting quality lectures, and European-inspired Salons were soon a favorite with the growing membership.

At the hugely successful *Inaugural Party* held January 15, 1998, over 250 new members were recruited. Friends of European Art had started a tradition of exciting parties and unique fundraisers. Since that first *Inaugural Party*, FEA has sponsored a *Copper as Canvas Celebration*, *An Evening at Giverny* celebrating the Monet exhibition, four *Phoenix Antiques & Art Show Galas*, the *Discovering El Greco to Picasso* grand opening party, two *Le Grand Salons* showcasing *Degas in Bronze* and *Collecting the Impressionists*, two *Preview Parties* for the *Scottsdale Antiques & Art Show* and last year's successful *Carnivale* held in conjunction with *Rembrandt and the Golden Age of Dutch Art* and *Fierce Reality*. Other fundraising events have included Anne Connor's Cooking Class and the Annual FEA Golf Tournament.

With the funds raised, Friends of European Art has helped sponsor five quality exhibitions and funded the acquisition of three European objects of art.

In keeping with the goal of promoting interest in European art, FEA has taken 25 domestic and nine international trips in its short ten-year history. Visiting the greatest collections of European art in museums, homes and cathedrals throughout the United States, Canada and Europe has been a hallmark of this dynamic support organization.

But FEA has "only just begun" as this upcoming year will include another trip to Chicago, a spring trip to Venice and Northern Italy, the second *Carnivale*, numerous educational lectures, salons and, of course, parties. We begin the next decade with **X**, the **FEA 10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY October 12, 2007**. Watch for your invitation to this fabulous event as FEA looks back at the successes and toasts the memories of a decade of support of Phoenix Art Museum. Who knows what Friends of European Art will accomplish in the next decade. **Be there!**

Letter from the President

It is an honor to be the tenth president of Friends of European Art and follow in the footsteps of Anne Connor, Bets Manera, Susan von Hellens, Cheryl Schulz, Barbara Nichols, Terri Adrian-Hardy, Susie Baum, Joan Tully and Kathey Plenge, our past presidents.

Please join us in celebrating the fabulous volunteer spirit of our membership! Mark your calendars with a big **X** for *FEA's 10th Anniversary Party* on October 12th, chaired by Krista Larson. We will toast our accomplishments and look back at the great exhibitions, catalogs and art acquisitions made possible through the generous donations of our members over the past 10 years. FEA's continued support of the Museum includes the recent donation of \$1,000 to a library memorial fund for Sue Gordon, a former European curator at the Museum.

Begin this FEA year on September 11th and let Tom Loughman take you on a gallery walk through our recently renovated European Galleries.

Our extraordinary travel chairs, Susie Baum and Pam Farrer, have planned an exciting trip to Chicago, November 9th-11th. The number of trip participants is limited, so make your reservation now.

Start planning your mask for our fundraiser, *Carnivale* on February 29th, chaired by Dawn Schlott and Michelle Ray. As last year's *Carnivale* was such a success, we are planning to make this an annual event.

Please visit our Web site at www.FriendsofEuropeanArt.org to see the latest updates on lectures, salons, travel (like our spring trip to Venice and the surrounding centers of art) and news.

Thank you for being involved in this wonderful group of art enthusiasts. I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Jennifer Wright, President, Friends of European Art

Curator's Column

So there we were, enjoying a traditional Russian meal of sauerkraut soup and meat dumplings in a tiny restaurant perched upon the fabled medieval walls of the city of Novgorod, when I realized the enormity of it all. A cadre of Friends of European Art members had reached the soul of a great ancient culture at the continent's eastern edge. And a week into a marvelous trip, it all felt reasonably familiar. Not only were we ensconced that day within one of the three UNESCO World Heritage Sites visited on the trip, but we also felt engulfed by Russian culture and history. A few days later, after we returned home, I stopped at the Museum. The galleries where just two weeks earlier I had revisited my favorite works of art from the Rijksmuseum (yet again), were filled now with contractors demolishing temporary walls and framing out new ones. We had hosted over 130,000 daytime visitors and over 12,000 school children, plus hundreds of additional after-hours guests, including the 300 of

you that attended *Carnivale* in early February. And as I rolled back in my mind to *Fierce Reality* and *A Century of Irish Art*, I thought to myself: how many times in one life are there accomplishments like this to celebrate?

As we look forward to the coming year of projects, there are plenty of opportunities to outdo ourselves yet again and experience the profound accomplishments of European art together. There are many programs coming up soon, a marvelous trip to Chicago, and several exhibitions featuring European art. But most of all, consider attending the party on Friday, October 12th, that celebrates the start of this organization's tenth year of supporting the Museum. It will be a time to remember great moments in your own life spent in the company of other lovers of European art, maybe in a special exhibition, or at a fundraiser, or somewhere exotic in the world. I hope to see you there, and look forward to even greater encounters with European culture here at the Museum.
Tom Loughman, Curator of European Art

Anne Connor
(1997-1999)

Bets Manera
(1999-2000)

Susan von Hellens
(2000-2001)

Cheryl Schulz
(2001-2002)

Barbara
(2002)



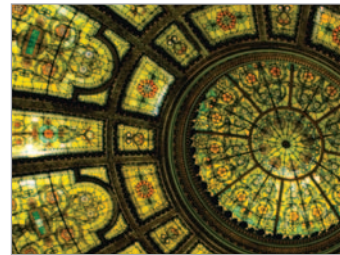
Chicago

November 9-11, 2007

Spend three art-filled days with Friends of European Art this fall. This trip includes visits to the Art Institute, the Field Museum, a tour of Tiffany Glass in the Loop, and an architecture tour. We will stay at a great boutique hotel, enjoy fine and delicious food, and a fabulous dinner at one of Chicago's finest restaurants. Cost is \$850 per person, single supplement is \$325.

To reserve your place, send a check payable to Friends of European Art for \$400 to Susie Baum at 4943 E. McDonald Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

SOLD OUT!



Venice

April 8-18, 2008

FEA'S SPRING TRIP TO VENICE AND NORTHERN ITALY

Highlights of this trip include St. Mark's Cathedral, the Guggenheim Museum and the Doge Palace in Venice. We also will visit Padua, Verona and Vicenza. Tours of a local vineyard and a villa by Palladio are planned. The trip will end on the beautiful shore of Lake Garda. Details will be mailed out later this fall.



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- Chicago
- VENICE**

FEA Russia Trip

May 8-18, 2007

Thirty-four FEA members traveled to Moscow and St. Petersburg, this past May. Le Meridien National Hotel in Moscow overlooked Red Square with views of St. Basil's Cathedral. Highlights of the trip included visits to the Tretyakov Gallery, Pushkin Museum, State Armoury, Hermitage and Russian Museums and the ancient city of Novgorod.



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