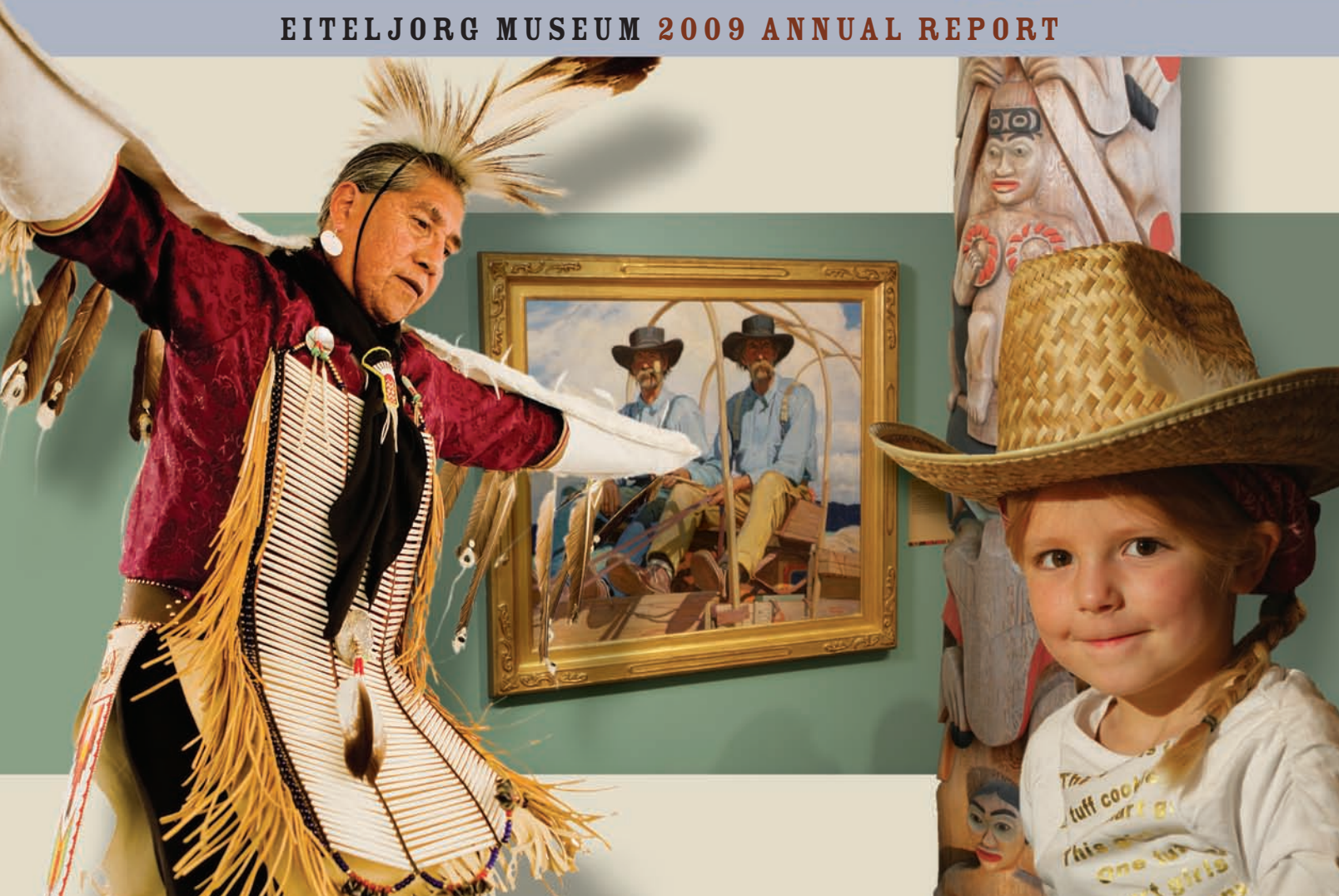


PROJECT  
*New Moon*

A NEW PHASE IN THE  
MUSEUM'S HISTORY

EITELJORG MUSEUM 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2009, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art celebrated its 20th anniversary.

With your support we have grown and flourished over the last two decades and together we have accomplished much in this short history. We have staged and executed major exhibitions by important artists like Ansel Adams, Georgia O'Keefe, Frederick Remington and Charlie Russell. We have created nationally important events like the Western art sale and show, *Quest for the West*<sup>®</sup>; *The Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art*, the ground-breaking contemporary Native American/First Nations art program; and one of the premiere Indian Market & Festivals in the nation. We have explored the diversity of the American West through the stories of Native Americans, African American, Latinos and Jewish pioneers. The Buckaroo Bash has become a stellar annual fundraiser and one of the most fun evenings in our city's social scene.

In 2005, a mere 16 years after the grand opening of the museum, we doubled the size of the building adding 50 percent more gallery space, the Sky City Café, the Nina Mason Pulliam



## WHILE LOOKING BACK, THE EITELJORG PLANS FOR FUTURE

Education Center, the beautiful Allen Whitehill Clowes Sculpture Court and more; all the while, building an operating endowment, capping the \$41 million *Eye on the Future* campaign. All this in just a brief twenty years of existence.

Thank you for your support and generosity. We hope we can continue to count on you, because our institution has work to do.

We have celebrated many milestones in our 20 years but we must assure another 20 years as successful as our first. This means the Eiteljorg Museum must be bold, innovative and forward-thinking. Last year, we celebrated not only our past, but also launched a plan for the future—a capital campaign named *Project New Moon*, a name that heralds a new phase for the museum.

This initiative is designed to help us stay fresh and relevant by making our galleries more experiential and dynamic; by renewing our commitment to bringing engaging traveling exhibits to Indianapolis; by increasing efforts to market the museum and by making the exterior of our building more inviting to potential guests visiting Indianapolis.

You will see changes in the museum starting mid 2010. We are excited about the museum's future and we know you will be too.

Thank you to all who have supported the museum over the past 20 years. We look forward to working with you as we continue into the next phase of our museum's life.

Sincerely,

John Vanausdall  
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Betsy Harvey  
Chairperson of the Board

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# New Moon

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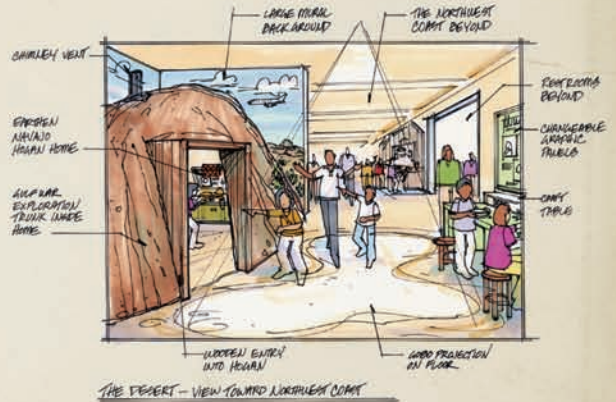
**A 20th anniversary** is a good time in our museum's history to look at where we are, where we've been and where we want to go. In 2009, the Eiteljorg Museum celebrated our past, then, in November, launched the *Project New Moon* campaign to secure the next phase in the Eiteljorg's evolution. The project has four main goals:

- Create a must-see winter holiday tradition
- Activate the museum experience every day
- Offer exciting special exhibits with attractive power
- Market and promote the museum at a dramatically higher level

This effort will dramatically change the way visitors and potential visitors experience the museum. Key elements of *Project New Moon* include *Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure*, seven trains racing from Indianapolis to the West

past local and national icons.

This dynamic holiday experience, created by Paul Busse and Applied Imagination, has formerly been a fixture only in cities like New York and Washington, D.C. Also, the Nina Mason Pulliam Education Center will become home to the brand-new R.B. Annis Western Family Experience, an interactive experience that illustrates how culturally diverse families have built their lives in the West. Add to these exciting projects, enhancements to the outside of the building, compelling new exhibits and a fresh marketing approach, and you'll find we are executing our mission like never before.



Meeting these goals requires funding, and in 2009 the museum embarked on an aggressive fund-raising campaign with a goal of \$4.5 million. We ended the year halfway to our goal. Of course, there is more to be done. If you are interested in becoming a donor to *Project New Moon*, please contact Susie Maxwell, VP for development at (317) 275-1311 or [smaxwell@eiteljorg.com](mailto:smaxwell@eiteljorg.com).



INDY'S UNION STATION MADE OF MATERIAL PLANT PARTS FOR JINGLE RAILS







**The 2009 Quest for the West® Art Show and Sale**

Quest for the West was a huge success, generating more than \$800,000 in sales and beating all internal projections despite national economic uncertainty. Quest continues to grow and has become one of the top Western art sales in the country.

**Buckaroo Bash** presented by The Saturday Evening Post had a record year in 2009. This popular annual fundraiser was getting too large for the museum to hold, so the event made its way back to the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Guests enjoyed great food and drinks and many even took a ride on a mechanical bull—a first for the Bash. The event raised \$115,000 for the museum’s educational and public programs serving school-age children. Thank you to the Adobe Society for putting on the event.



**Art Quantum: The Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art** took a huge leap forward this year, technologically speaking, with the introduction of a brand-new website dedicated to the art and artists of the Fellowship program, in addition to contemporary Native American issues. This dynamic site allows guests to interact with the artists and allows guests to engage in conversation with people around the world. Through the new website, we were able to webcast live and subsequently archive the entire Fellowship symposium. We were honored to have this group of artists as 2009 Fellows:

- Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)
- Jeffrey Gibson (Mississippi Band of Choctaw/Cherokee)
- Faye HeavyShield (Kainai-Blood)
- Wendy Red Star (Crow)
- Edward Poitras(Gordon First Nation)



QUEST FOR THE WEST IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE ARTISTS

FUN AT BUCKAROO BASH



JIM DENOMIE (OJIBWE) AFFLICTED WARRIORS, 2005 OIL ON CANVAS

**New acquisitions for the collection** come to us by a number of different means.

A bequest of the Honorable Paul H. Buchanan, Jr., brought us an important oil painting by Thomas Worthington Whittredge. Artist relationships led to significant contributions to expand the growing collection of contemporary Native American art. There are always new friendships that develop, leading to surprising additions such as the basket made by Rose Anderson. We want to thank Mel and Joan Perelman for their continued contributions of pottery, baskets, and katsinas. Terry and Becky Rader continued the gifting of their exceptional katsinas. German collector Dorothee Peiper-Riegraf thinks enough of our contemporary collection to gift two hand-colored lithographs by David Bradley. This year included a round of the *Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art*. Purchased acquisitions for the program added depth and quality to the collection, made evident in the accompanying exhibit and book publication. An important painting by Dan Smith was the purchase award during *Quest for the West*® and it was with equal pleasure that our Indian Market & Festival purchase prize allowed us to acquire two very different sets of contemporary traditional clothing. Finally, we were able to commission a remarkable birch bark container by David Moses Bridges to accent the Woodlands gallery. To all of our donors we offer heart-felt thanks.

The staff continues to make major progress in collections care and management. With the addition of Crista Pack in the grant-supported conservation technician position, it has been possible to annually clean and wax the 10 outdoor sculptures located on the museum's grounds and complete other minor object treatments. Our three-year grant from the Institute



**David Moses Bridges  
(Passamaquoddy)  
Birch bark Bandbox, 2009**  
Museum purchase with funds  
from Ellen M. Reed

## ACQUISITIONS AND COLLECTIONS CARE

for Museum and Library Services continued, allowing contracted conservators to make great progress in surveying the entire collection. We have now surveyed 3,127 objects and have documentary photographs linked to 4,279 records in our collections management software. During the year, Native American clothing, dolls, katsinas, toys and models were surveyed. We also completed the survey for all sculpture including bronze and stone objects. All textiles were surveyed and properly rolled in preparation for the arrival of a specially-designed mobile storage unit, funded in part by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation Assistance Grant. A large storage cabinet for Native American textiles and clothing was purchased with another preservation assistance program grant from the NEH and the Carolyn Kincannon Fund. Significant progress was made in completing storage mounts and containers for the nearly 800 objects in the Kersting collection and for beaded items. Much of this was possible because of the efforts of collections interns and volunteers: Christa Barleben, Sarah Stierch, Kayleigh Weber, Elizabeth Lawn, and Kate Goeddel. We especially thank Amanda Brekhus who started working at the museum in 2008 as an IUPUI University Fellow and then joined the staff as a collections cataloger.

*by James H. Nottage, vice president and chief curatorial officer*

**Bequest of the Honorable Paul H. Buchanan, Jr.**  
Thomas Worthington Whittredge (American, 1820–1910)  
**Long's Peak from Denver, Colorado**, 1866, oil on canvas

**Gift: Courtesy of Anita Fields**  
Anita Fields (Osage)  
**Considering the Earth and Above**, 2008, clay

**Gift: Courtesy of Jeffrey Gibson**  
Jeffrey Gibson (Cherokee and Mississippi Band of Choctaw)  
**Mythmaker**, 2006, oil paint, urethane foam, pigmented silicone, glass beads, and tree stump

**Gift: Courtesy of the Will L. and Vesta Graham family**  
Hopi sifter basket and scourge whip, before 1908

**Gift: Courtesy of Roger and Francine Hurwitz**  
Edgar Payne (American, 1882–1947)  
3 pencil drawings, undated

**Gift: Courtesy of Jack M. Kline**  
Rose Anderson (Pomo, 1918–1996)  
Basket, ca. 1990, willow, sedge root, quail topknot feathers, mallard feathers, meadowlark feathers  
Penobscot sewing basket, early 20th century, hand-pounded ash, thread, metal, cloth  
Penobscot scissor sheath, early 20th century, metal, vegetal material



**Gift: Courtesy of Paul and Grace Markovits**  
Anita Fields (Osage)  
**Opposites Attract**, before 2005, clay

**Gift: Courtesy of Barbara A. Noble**  
Cherokee Basket, before 1969, ash splint

**Gift: Courtesy of Dorothee Peiper-Riegraf**  
David Bradley (Chippewa)  
**Lucky Casino Dollar**, 1998  
Lithograph on paper, mounted on masonite  
David Bradley (Chippewa)  
**Indian Market Dollar**, 1998  
Lithograph on paper, mounted on masonite

**Gift: Courtesy of Mel and Joan Perelman**  
Travis Boyd (Hopi)  
**Red Tail Hawk Katsina**, ca. 1995, cottonwood root, acrylic paint

Aaron Honanie (Hopi)  
**Eagle Dancer Katsina**, 1996, cottonwood root, acrylic paint

Aaron Fredericks (Hopi)  
**Home Katsina**, early 1990's, cottonwood root, acrylic paints  
Bill Dixon (Navajo)  
**Warrior Spirits and Petroglyphs**, ca. 1995, acrylic on canvas

Jeffrey Gibson (Cherokee and Mississippi Band of Choctaw)  
**Mythmaker**, 2006, oil paint, urethane foam, pigmented silicone, glass beads, and tree stump  
Gift: Courtesy of Jeffrey Gibson

Patty Ortiz (Mata Ortiz)  
**Ghost Catchers Spirit**, 1997, clay pot

Jesus Martinez (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1997

Salvador Almazon (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1997

Lionel Lopez Saenz (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, before 1997

Salvador Almazon (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1997

Kerry David (Hopi)  
Miniature Scavenger Katsina, 1997, cottonwood root

Arturo Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, ca. 1998

Juan Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1995

Nicolas Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1996

Jaime Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1996

Jorge Quintana (Mata Ortiz)  
Cay pot, 1997

Juan Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1999

Neil David Sr. (Hopi)  
Two Koshare Katsinas, 1998  
cottonwood root

Juan Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 1976

Lois Gutierrez de la Cruz (Santa Clara Pueblo)  
Clay pot: **Basket Maker**, 1999

Joseph and Barbara Cerno (Acoma)  
Clay pot, ca. 2000

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**Gift: Courtesy of Mel and Joan Perelman** (*continued*)  
Cesar Dominguez (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, ca. 2000

Mauro C. Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 2000

Reynaldo Pedregon Lujan  
(Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, ca. 2000

Helen Sando Garcia (Jemez)  
Clay bowl, 1998

Helen Sando Garcia (Jemez)  
Double Storyteller clay figure,  
1998

Crystal Hanna (Cherokee)  
Clay stirrup bottle:  
**Soulmates**, 2003

Crystal Hanna (Cherokee)  
Clay bowl: **Surprise**, 2003

Armando Mora (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot, 2007

Nena Quezada (Mata Ortiz)  
Clay pot: **Effigy Bowl**, ca.  
2000

**Museum Purchase with funds from The Gund Collection of Western Art**  
Three hand-tinted lithographs based on original paintings by Henry Inman from the McKenney and Hall portfolio, *The Indian Tribes of North America*, 1836–1838

**David Vann—**  
**A Cherokee Chief**  
**Peah-Mus-Ka**  
**Tai-O-Mah—**  
**A Musquaquee Brave**

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Daniel Smith (American)  
**Stillwater Crossing**, 2009,  
acrylic on canvas  
2009 *Quest for the West* Western  
Art Society Purchase Award



**Gift: Courtesy of R. Terrance and Rebecca J. Rader**  
25% fractional interest in  
collection of contemporary  
Katsinas

**Museum purchase with funds from Ellen M. Reed**  
David Moses Bridges  
(Passamaquoddy)  
Birch bark Bandbox, 2009

**Museum Purchase: Eiteljorg Fellowship for Native American Fine Art Acquisition Fund**  
Wendy Red Star (Crow)  
Fancy Shawl Project, 2009  
**Rez Dogs, Housings, Rez Cars, Sweat Lodges, Basketball Hoops**  
fabric, ribbon



Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Blue Eyed Chief**, 2008  
oil on canvas

Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Edward Curtis, Paparazzi: Chicken Hawks**, 2008  
Oil on canvas

Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Hole-in-the-Day**, 2009  
Oil on canvas

Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Edward Curtis, Paparazzi: Skinny Dip**, 2009  
Oil on canvas

Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Spirit**, 2007  
Oil on canvas

Jim Denomie (Ojibwe)  
**Afflicted Warriors**, 2005  
oil on canvas

Thomas Worthington  
Whittredge (American,  
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**Long's Peak from Denver, Colorado**, 1866, oil on canvas  
Bequest of the Honorable Paul H.  
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Faye HeavyShield (Kainai-Blood)  
**hours**, 2007  
beaded book

Edward Poitras (Gordon First Nation)  
**Home and Garden**, 2009  
Installation: canvas, rope,  
wood, rice, dollar bills

Jeffrey Gibson (Cherokee and Mississippi Band of Choctaw)  
**Red Black White Series**  
acrylic and spray paint on  
paper

**2009 Indian Market Purchase Award**  
Niio Perkins (Akwesasne Mohawk)  
**Wampum Wedding**, 2009  
Ensemble: cotton, synthetic  
suede, beads, wampum,  
leather, velvet, brass, silver  
Margaret Roach Wheeler  
(Chickasaw-Choctaw)  
**Mississippian Pre Contact**, 2009  
Outfit: Flax, goose feather,  
squirrel tails, imitation eagle  
claw, shells

**2009 Quest for the West Western Art Society Purchase Award**  
Daniel Smith (American)  
**Stillwater Crossing**, 2009  
acrylic on canvas

## **INCOME**

Foundations and Grants	\$ 2,095,446
Contributions & In-Kind Revenue	\$ 1,444,600
Investments	\$ 1,023,320
Special Events & Programs	\$ 668,052
Merchandising & Product Development	\$ 400,180
Building Rental, Cafe & Catering Revenue	\$ 313,917
Admissions	\$ 162,465
Memberships	\$ 147,825
Miscellaneous	\$ 50,758
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	<b>\$ 6,306,563</b>

## **2009 OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES**

## **EXPENSES**

Exhibitions/Education/Events & Programs	\$ 1,723,940
Building Services/Security	\$ 1,123,486
Administration	\$ 928,578
Curatorial, Collections & Design	\$ 852,529
Merchandising & Product Development	\$ 384,605
Development & Membership	\$ 365,150
Public Relations & Marketing	\$ 363,844
Building Rental	\$ 172,990
Guest Relations	\$ 133,968
Capital Expenses	\$ 68,618
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## DEDICATIONS

This annual report is dedicated to three exceptional civic leaders, lost to the Indianapolis community in 2009, who made a profound impact on the life of the Eiteljorg Museum and its future. The museum will forever be indebted to these three individuals for their outstanding leadership and devotion.

**Ruth Lilly's** support of the arts, humanities, health and education in the Indianapolis community leaves an extraordinary legacy that continues today. Mrs. Lilly joined Harrison Eiteljorg in establishing an operating endowment for the Eiteljorg in the early 1990s. A second generous gift brought the museum's *Eye on the Future* campaign to a successful close. Both gifts were instrumental in securing the Eiteljorg's future.

**August "Gus" Watanabe's** contributions are legendary. Through his work at the IU School of Medicine, Eli Lilly and Company and BioCrossroads, Dr. Watanabe spent decades making Indianapolis and the world better for all. Gus and his wife Peg made a major contribution to the museum's *Eye on the Future* campaign, and established the Watanabe Library that supports students, teachers and researchers in the study of Native America and the West.

For more than a decade, **Carol Wichman** served as a staff member and leader at the Eiteljorg Museum, first as its director of development and later as assistant to the president. During her tenure, Carol helped launch the *Eye on the Future* capital campaign, and served the board and CEO with great skill and dedication. She was a founding board member of the Women's Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.