From the Director’s Chair

—Vonda K. Givens

**Laissez les bons temps rouler!**

To borrow a catchphrase from the ’80s TV show The A–Team, “I love it when a plan comes together.” Perhaps you’ve had this experience too. You’re part of a conversation when an idea is hatched—just a seed of a plan—and that idea grows, is slowly nurtured, and over time you realize that this small seed has grown into a fully blossoming flower. It’s a thrilling experience!

I’ve had this experience twice in the past year: first, with our popular Live, Play, Eat exhibition, that revived our on-site exhibitions program, helped us break a monthly attendance record, and as I write, has been extended two more weeks. I’ve also had this experience with our upcoming exhibition: **Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection**.

Inspired by the exhibition **Women, Art, and Social Change: The Newcomb Pottery Enterprise**, which has toured North America since late 2014 and will soon be hosted by the nearby Princeton University Art Museum, our **Early Newcomb** exhibition will feature a private collection of 28 examples of early Newcomb pottery amassed over the past three decades by Barbara Fuldner, a great-granddaughter of Gustav Stickley, and her late husband, Henry Fuldner. The dining room of the Log House will be the setting for the exhibition, affording a rare opportunity to see Newcomb pottery in an authentic period Arts and Crafts setting. Stickley’s Craftsman furniture and the home’s interior will serve as the backdrop for the pottery, and examples of textile work from both enterprises will provide a rich, visual context.

**One Newcomb Pottery: Two Complementary Exhibitions**

**Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection**

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms

May 7–November 6, 2016

**Women, Art & Social Change: The Newcomb Pottery Enterprise**

Princeton University Art Museum

May 7–July 10, 2016

The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms is delighted to join with The Princeton University Art Museum in bringing two complementary exhibitions featuring the distinctive ceramics and handicrafts of Newcomb Pottery to New Jersey. These two exhibitions, both opening on Saturday, May 7, provide an opportunity to see a range of objects produced by this important southern pottery. The Princeton University Art Museum will host the nationally traveling exhibition organized by the Newcomb Art Gallery of Tulane University and circulated by the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms will present a selection of early Newcomb pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection.

**Stickley Museum Exhibition**

The exhibition at the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms will feature a private collection of 28 examples of Newcomb pottery, selected from over 250 objects in the Fuldner Collection at Tulane University. The exhibition will highlight the distinctive forms and hand-painted designs of Newcomb pottery, which were influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement. The exhibition will be on view in the Dining Room of the Log House, the Stickley’s Craftsman-style home, providing a unique context for the pottery.

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Pottery exhibition began with a phone call on a late Friday afternoon in the summer—not a typical time for launching groundbreaking ideas! But that phone call led to an email, which led to a lot more phone calls and emails, until we had more than an idea. We had an exhibition.

A passionate and dedicated team has been planning this exhibition and its accompanying catalogue. Our museum is partnering with Princeton University Art Museum on programs, including a lecture at Princeton by Martin Eidelberg on June 18 (watch our website for updates), and planning our own exciting events, from a Farms Afield day-trip to special Girl Scout workshops. I’m most excited about a full-blown celebration planned for Saturday, June 4. In honor of Newcomb Pottery, its rich history and origination in New Orleans, we’re hosting a “NOLA Night” at Craftsman Farms, bringing a little of the Big Easy to Stickley’s Garden of Eden. Mark your calendar now!

I generally open this column with a phrase more sober than the Cajun expression so often associated with New Orleans, but “let the good times roll,” is how I’m feeling. Although all I did was take a phone call on a late Friday afternoon, I’m proud of helping to nurture the seed of a good idea into full bloom.

I hope you’ll be inspired to see the Early Newcomb Pottery exhibition at the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms. I also hope you’ll make a day of it by visiting the Princeton University Art Museum for the Women, Art, and Social Change exhibition too (but make plans now, both exhibitions open on the same day, May 7, but the Princeton exhibition closes on July 10). I hope you’ll attend any or all of our associated special programs and events. In short, I hope you’ll celebrate with us! I love it when a plan comes together. Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Princeton University Art Museum Exhibition
The exhibition at Princeton is devoted to Newcomb College’s handicraft programs from the years between 1890 and 1940. While the major focus will be on Newcomb pottery, examples of embroidered textiles, metal ware, jewelry, bookbinding, and graphic arts will be included. More than half of the exhibition’s 100 objects on view will be ceramics, and they will cover the full range of the enterprise’s history, from the familiar, beautifully crafted works in the Arts and Crafts mode to the less familiar Art Deco and Modernist works that Newcomb produced in its later years.

For further details on the exhibition and upcoming programs at the Princeton University Art Museum, visit artmuseum.princeton.edu.

Events Calendar
All events at the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms, unless otherwise noted. Please visit StickleyMuseum.org for further information or to register.

Saturday, May 7, 5-7 p.m.  Opening Reception: Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection  (See page 1.)
Saturday, May 14 at 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.  Live Animal Show with Animal Experiences!  (See page 4.)
Saturday, May 7 at 5-7 p.m.  Special Interest Tour: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition  (See page 5.)
Friday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Farms Afield: Princeton  (See page 4.)
May 28 at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.  Live Animal Show with Animal Experiences!  (See page 4.)
Saturday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.  Special Interest Tour: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition  (See page 5.)
Saturday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m.  Special Interest Tour: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition  (See page 5.)
Saturday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  Crafted Evenings “NOLA Night”  (See page 5.)
June 11 at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.  Paper Moon Puppet Theater!  (See page 4.)
Saturday, June 18, 3:00 p.m., Presented in Partnership with Princeton University Art Museum at Princeton University Art Museum Lecture by Dr. Martin Eidelberg: “Newcomb Pottery: Myths of Regionalism and Gender”
Saturday, June 25 at 11:30 a.m.  Special Interest Tour: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition  (See page 5.)
Please join us for our upcoming Farms Afield: Boston, Wednesday-Friday, July 27-30. Showcasing Boston’s key early role in the American Arts and Crafts movement, this trip combines favorite activities from past trips with exciting “uniquely Boston” experiences.

Explore the American Arts and Crafts movement in Boston, from a custom walking tour of the historic North End neighborhood, home to the Revere and Saturday Evening Girls potteries, to a private curator’s tour of the Arts and Crafts collections of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

Farms Afield: Boston’s can’t-miss experiences include an exclusive cocktail party in the exquisite home of a Stickley descendant and Arts and Crafts collector and a catered dinner at Stonehurst, the magnificent 1886 Robert Treat Paine estate, the domestic masterpiece and collaboration of visionaries H. H. Richardson and Frederick Law Olmstead.

Enjoy a welcome dinner at the Union Oyster House, America’s oldest restaurant and a National Historic Landmark, and accommodations at The Boxer Hotel, a newly renovated boutique hotel in Boston’s historic (1904) Flatiron Building.

Farms Afield: Boston begins in the late afternoon on 7/27 and ends in the late morning on 7/30. An itinerary will be provided in advance.

Trip activities require moderate walking, include two walking tours and a lengthy museum tour. Please plan accordingly.

Farms Afield fees: $1350 per person based on double occupancy; $300 supplement for a single room. Fees include 3-night accommodations, 5 meals (daily breakfast and 2 dinners), and all planned activities. Farms Afield: Boston is a Member Exclusive. Space is limited. Early registration is encouraged. By prior arrangement, attendees are welcome to pay trip fees in installments.

Please note that transportation is not provided to Boston.

Visit theboxerboston.com, for information on getting to The Boxer Hotel by cab, train, subway, or car, and a neighborhood parking guide.

Full refunds are available through 7/6/16; after this date only 50% refunds are available. No refunds after the trip begins.
Skip the cartoons and spend Saturday Mornings at the Stickley Museum! We’re excited to announce a new series of quality children’s programs designed to educate and entertain young audiences about values Gustav Stickley held dear, like the value of home and our place in the natural world.

**Live Animal Show with Animal Experiences!**
Get up close and personal with animals in a fun and safe environment. This 30-minute show introduces children to wild, exotic and farm animals. Kids will learn about each animal, their natural habitat, and what we can do to protect their homes—they’ll even get to pet some of the animals! Each animal was rescued by Happy Tales Animal Sanctuary, given a loving, permanent home and has an amazing story that is sure to leave you with an ear-to-ear smile!

May 14 and May 28 at 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

**Paper Moon Puppet Theater**
The Touring Company of the Paper Moon Puppet Theater brings us Punch and Judy and the Three Little Lambs, a classic puppet show production sure to delight young spectators. Share the fun as the three little lambs foil their old nemesis Mr. BBW Wolf. This 50-minute show begins with an interactive session as puppeteers stroll through the audience with marionettes.

June 11 at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

$8 children $8 adults
Advanced registration is required. For more information and to register, visit StickleyMuseum.org.

**Meet us at the Princeton University Art Museum**
where we’ll tour *Women, Art, and Social Change: The Newcomb Pottery Enterprise*. The inspiration for our own concurrent exhibition, Princeton’s exhibition brings together works created during the entire 45-year lifespan of the Newcomb enterprise.

Then we’ll walk through charming downtown Princeton to the historic Nassau Inn and enjoy a buffet lunch in the famous Yankee Doodle Tap Room with its massive 18th century stone hearth and 13-foot wide Norman Rockwell mural.

We’ll take in some of the area’s distinctive historic sites, like Bainbridge House, Nassau Hall, the University Chapel and Palmer Square on a private Historical Society of Princeton Walking tour. The early history of Princeton, the founding of the University and Princeton’s role in the American Revolution are just some of the stories that we’ll hear on tour.

This trip is a benefit of membership. You must be a member to attend.

**Farms Afield: Princeton**
Friday, May 20, 2016, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (approx.)
Meet at Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
$55 Members
Advanced registration is required.
Visit StickleyMuseum.org or call 974.540.0311 to register.
Space is limited. Transportation to Princeton is not provided. Rain or shine. Comfortable footwear and weather-appropriate clothing is recommended. Attendees will walk from the museum to the Nassau Inn. The Princeton Walking Tour covers approximately 2 miles on foot.
Crafted Evenings:

NOLA Night

“NOLA Night” will celebrate the Newcomb Pottery Exhibition

Please join us as we bring a little of the Big Easy to Stickley’s Garden of Eden! In honor of the rich history of Newcomb Pottery, which originated at Tulane University in New Orleans, the Stickley Museum will host NOLA Night on Saturday, June 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a party celebrating the singular tastes and sounds of the Big Easy. The evening will feature live jazz, Cajun-style heavy hors d’oeuvres, signature NOLA cocktails, and the museum’s special exhibition: Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection. Masks and beads will be provided!

Before the party starts, guests who upgrade to the VIP package will be treated to an exclusive Inside the Exhibition panel discussion, featuring Barbara Fuldner, Marilee Meyer and Adrienne Spinozzi. Fuldner, a great-granddaughter of Gustav Stickley, together with her late husband Henry Fuldner, assembled the beautiful collection of early Newcomb pottery on view. In addition to being an independent consultant, researcher, appraiser, and broker, Meyer helped the Fuldners build their collection and curated the exhibition. Spinozzi, whose research provided a central focus for the exhibition and catalog, is a Research Associate at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The panel will provide an in-depth look into the development of the collection, the genesis of the exhibition, and the history and legacy of Newcomb Pottery. The VIP package also includes a complimentary exhibition catalogue.

Crafted Evenings: NOLA Night
Saturday, June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
$40 (Party only)

VIP Package (NOLA Night Party + Panel Discussion & Catalogue)
4:30-7:30 p.m.
$65

Special Interest Tours: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition

For an in-depth look at the Early Newcomb Pottery exhibition, make plans to attend a Special Interest Tour, offered Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. (see below for dates). Set in the context of Gustav Stickley’s own Log House dining room, Early Newcomb Pottery features 28 unique pieces produced pre-1915. We’ll delve into the rich history of Newcomb Pottery and examine the relationship between Newcomb Pottery and Stickley’s own Arts and Crafts endeavors through an exploration of specific pieces on view.

Photography (for personal use) will be permitted during Special Interest Tours.

Special Interest Tour: Early Newcomb Pottery Exhibition
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.
May 14 and 28; June 4 and 25;
July 9 and 23; Aug. 13 and 20;
Sept. 10 and 24; Oct 8 and 22
$5 Members
$10 Non Members
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Art Pottery—pottery created first and foremost as objects of artistic expression—captivated the nation in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The overwhelmingly positive response to decorative ceramics on view at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition made a lasting impact on many. In addition to encouraging the public to collect beautiful things, it also spurred the creation of decorated pottery on a scale never seen before or since in this country. This phenomenon gave rise to the dozens of art potteries that developed around the turn of the century, and by and large, the most common source of inspiration for decorating pottery was the natural world.

This was certainly the case for Newcomb Pottery, where southern plants, flowers, small creatures, and landscapes dominated the subject matter. Early in the pottery’s production, it was decided that the designs should derive from indigenous flora and fauna, underscoring its locale in New Orleans, Louisiana. Drawing directly from nature was an essential skill for the decorators at Newcomb. As evidenced in a large collection of floral studies by Harriet Coulter Joor (1875–1965), one of Newcomb’s most celebrated artists, the decorators not only drew the motif from different perspectives, but often annotated their sketches with the plant’s various names, notes about when they bloomed, and even literary allusions. As seen in her “Rain-lilies” study from 1899, Joor indicated the months in which the lilies bloomed, the range of colors, and even the various widths of the foliage (Fig. 1). She also noted that it “blooms profusely after rain,” all a part of her meticulous observation of her subject. While some of her studies are cursory sketches, others are more finished watercolors, such as “Spiderwort” (Fig. 2). In this work, Joor carefully noted the proper Latin name, Tradescantia, alongside “Spiderwort” and “Job’s Tears,” the plant’s more common names. Joor’s asymmetrical composition reflects a familiarity with Japanese design. This cache of Joor drawings provides invaluable insight into this important aspect of the design process at Newcomb.

While drawing from nature was a critical skill, the decorators did not simply copy their studies onto their blank vessels. The next step in the process was to create a pattern from their drawings, a skill that required understanding of conventionalization, patterning, and spacing on three-dimensional forms. The Newcomb decorators were especially adept at adapting their plant studies into conventionalized designs—abstracted, flattened, and as a repeated motif. Another early Newcomb pottery vase exhibiting mastery of an abstracted tulip converted into a repeat pattern is one in the collection of the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms (Fig. 5). Its cur-
vilinear design of tulips is defined by the strong, sweeping lines of the stems which morph into the lower border in the Art Nouveau manner. This design represents the type of instruction presented in the pages of Keramic Studio, an important manual essential to potters and ceramic artists of the day. This vase was among almost thirty examples by Newcomb Pottery illustrated in the April 1903 issue of The Art Interchange (Fig. 6). The article, like those in many other magazines, featured work from the most prominent art potteries and potters of the period, and brought attention to the diverse ceramic work being produced throughout the country.

As these few examples illustrate, the Newcomb decorators were very knowledgeable of their surrounding environment and took great interest in learning about the local plant life that thrived in the South. The range of decorative motifs employed by the pottery attest to how serious the decorators were about the study of the natural world and how skilled they were at adapting their drawings into designs appropriate for ceramics.

**Figures:**

Fig. 1: Graphite drawing of “Rain-lilies,” 1899, Harriet Coulter Joor (1875–1965). Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2008.05.116.a)

Fig. 2: Watercolor of “Spiderwort,” undated, Harriet Coulter Joor (1875–1965), Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (2008.05.06)

Fig. 3: Pitcher decorated with lilies, 1905. Newcomb Pottery, designed by Harriet Coulter Joor (1875–1965), Fuldner Collection (22)

Fig. 4: Plate decorated with spiderwort, ca. 1901. Newcomb Pottery, designed by Harriet Coulter Joor (1875–1965), Fuldner Collection (4)

Fig. 5: Vase decorated with tulips, 1902. Newcomb Pottery, decorated by Sara Bloom Levy (1884–1955). Collection of The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms

Fig. 6: Photograph of Newcomb Pottery, ca. 1902-03, from The Art Interchange (April 1903), 89.

**Excerpted from:**

Adrienne Spinozzi, “That which is simple and familiar”: Newcomb Pottery, Gustav Stickley, and the Arts and Crafts Movement” in the exhibition catalogue Early Newcomb Pottery from the Barbara and Henry Fuldner Collection.

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Purchases made in the Museum Shop directly support the operations of the Stickley Museum and the care of this National Historic Landmark. So why not plan a trip this spring to see the magnolia trees in bloom, peruse our Newcomb Pottery exhibition, and find a special treat for yourself or a loved one in the Shop!

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