

Georgia Museum of Art volunteer receives 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award from GAMG

ATHENS, GA, January 20, 2009 – The Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries (GAMG) recently recognized Ann Scoggins, a volunteer of eight years at the Georgia Museum of Art, with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2009.

This award honors volunteers who have developed their museum's programs and exhibitions in an outstanding way, have enlisted the aid of other volunteers and have served as an advocate of Georgia museums and galleries. GAMG presented Scoggins with the award at its 2009 Annual Conference in Marietta, Ga., held Jan. 21-23.

“Ann has proven to be one of the most enthusiastic and involved patrons ever to donate her time and energy to the Georgia Museum of Art,” said Tim Brown, membership services director of the museum, who nominated Scoggins for the award.

Scoggins first volunteered as chair of the museum's Patrons' Lecture in 2000 and began serving on the board of directors of the Friends of the Georgia Museum of Art in 2001. Scoggins' fellow board members nominated her as an officer on the Friends' executive committee, where she served as secretary and then president. Scoggins was the first president asked to serve two consecutive years.

In 2006, Scoggins co-chaired the 10th Elegant Salute, the museum's biennial gala, and helped raise a record-breaking \$6 million. Scoggins is the only volunteer asked to co-chair this event for a second time. Under her leadership, the 2008 Elegant Salute, “A Hardhat Salute,” raised more than twice the anticipated amount.

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Museum Information

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Endowment for the Arts. Individuals, foundations and corporations provide additional museum support through their gifts to the Arch Foundation and the University of Georgia Foundation. The Georgia Museum of Art is located in the Performing and Visual Arts Complex on the East Campus of the University of Georgia. The address is 90 Carlton Street, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 30602. The museum's galleries and shop are now closed in preparation for construction of the museum's expansion. Events and programming will continue on museum premises through the end of February 2009. "GMOA on the Move," a series of off-site events and exhibitions, will launch March 3, 2009. For more information and event times and locations, please visit www.uga.edu/gamuseum.