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Bruce Museum Names Board of Trustees and Presents Special Awards



Bruce Museum Board of Trustees new Executive Committee for 2016/ 2017 includes, from left, seated, Martha R. Zoubek, Leah Rukeyser, Aundrea B. Amine; standing, George E. Crapple, James B. Lockhart III, Patricia W. Chadwick, Jan Rogers Kniffen, William Deutsch, and Robert H. Lawrence, Jr.

GREENWICH, CT, July 7, 2016 – The annual meeting of Bruce Museum, Inc. on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, included the election of four new trustees and the re-election of six trustees to the Board of Trustees as well as the announcement of the recipients of the Employee of the Year Award, the Executive Director’s Award and the Chairman’s Award. Executive Director Peter C. Sutton awarded Employee of the Year to retiring staff member Ron Shaw, Director of Security and Network Services. The Executive Director Award was presented to outgoing Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. The Chairman’s Award was given to Bruce Museum Curator of Science Daniel Ksepka and the Science Department, and a special acknowledgement was given to Assistant to the Director/Board Liaison Kathy Reichenbach.

The newly elected trustees include Felicity L. Kostakis, Class of 2017. Born in Sydney, Australia, she now lives in Old Greenwich and is an avid artist and member of The Greenwich Art Society, the Greenwich Arts Council and the Bruce Museum Collectors Council.

New trustees for the Class of 2019 include Kamie Lightburn, Leah S. Rukeyser, and Betsey Ruprecht. Lightburn lives in New York City and Connecticut. She worked in marketing and merchandising of fashion and luxury brands for over 15 years. She had leadership roles with the The FIT Couture Council, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, the Central Park Conservancy, and Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Kamie is also closely involved with several other charities including the Youth America Grand Prix Gala, the New York Botanical Garden, and Flagler Museum in Palm Beach.

Leah Rukeyser was an educator for 28 years and has long been involved with Paul Newman's SeriousFun Children's Network for seriously ill children. She has been active in the Bruce Museum for 19 years, serving as Chairman of the Board as well as chairing numerous committees.

Betsey Ruprecht, a dealer in nineteenth-century to Modern European furniture and decorative objects and arts, is President of Decorative Antiques, Ltd., which she started in 1988. Betsey is a Trustee of New York School of Interior Design and Head of Institutional Advancement there. She was Vice President of Decorative Arts at Sotheby's and an active volunteer at the Greenwich Historical Society.

Returning trustee for the Class of 2017 is Susan Lynch, a past Honorary Co-Chairman of the Bruce Museum Board. Returning trustees for the Class of 2019 include Michael Grunberg, Managing Partner of Grunberg Realty in New York City; Jan Rogers Kniffen founder of J. Rogers Kniffen Worldwide Enterprises LLC, providing equity research and financial and management consulting services to companies in the retail sector; and Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., PhD, a plant biochemist retired executive from UST/USSTC in Greenwich. Nicole Reynolds had a career in financial services and fundraising; Charles M. Royce is Chairman and Portfolio Manager of The Royce Funds; Judith Wertheimer was a corporate and securities attorney and has worked as a lecturer in business law.

Following the meeting, the Bruce Museum Board of Trustees selected its new Executive Committee for 2016/ 2017: Jan Rogers Kniffen, Chairman; Aundrea B. Amine, Vice Chair; George E. Crapple, Vice Chair; William Deutsch, Vice Chair; James B. Lockhart III, Vice Chair; Patricia W. Chadwick, Treasurer; Martha R. Zoubek, Secretary; Robert H. Lawrence, Jr., Member-at-Large; and Leah Rukeyser, Member-at-Large.

The Bruce Museum is a museum of art and science and is located at One Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at (203) 869-0376 or visit the website at brucemuseum.org.



New and returning trustees of the Bruce Museum Inc. Board of Trustees are, from left, seated, Felicity L. Kostakis, Kamie Lightburn, Leah Rukeyser; standing, Michael Grunberg, Jan Rogers Kniffen, and Robert H Lawrence, Jr.



Outgoing Board Chairman Robert H Lawrence, Jr., recognized staff member Kathy Reichenbach for her outstanding work as liaison to the Bruce Museum Board of Trustees.



Bob Lawrence receives the Director's Award from Executive Director Peter Sutton.



Executive Director Peter C. Sutton presented Employee of the Year to Ron Shaw.



Jan Rogers Kniffen was named Chairman of the Bruce Museum Board of Trustees.



Bob Lawrence, third from left, presents Curator of Science Daniel Ksepka with the Chairman's Award along with Science Department members Kate Dzikiewicz, Tim Walsh, Anne Burns and Cynthia Ehlinger.

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