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## de Saisset Museum Awarded Prestigious Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

SANTA CLARA, Calif. – Sept. 17, 2007. Thanks to a 2007 Conservation Project Support grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the de Saisset Museum will be able to perform a detailed conservation assessment of its works on paper collection. The de Saisset Museum's works on paper collection—which includes prints, drawings, and photography—consists of more than 5,000 works that comprise one of the museum's most important collection strengths. Grant funds will allow the museum to determine the physical condition of these works on paper and to ascertain which works may require future conservation treatment. The resulting information will allow the de Saisset Museum to more effectively utilize its permanent collection for future exhibitions and as a teaching and learning tool for the Santa Clara University campus and larger community.

“The de Saisset Museum is honored to receive this prestigious award,” says de Saisset Museum Director Rebecca M. Schapp. “This support will allow the museum to analyze this important part of the collection and will be instrumental in helping us with long-term planning for the museum's permanent collection.”

“The Conservation Project Support awards help museums develop comprehensive strategies for the care of their collections, safeguarding pieces of our nation's story, now and for future generations,” says Anne-Imelda M. Radice, Ph.D., Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Conservation Project Support awards help museums identify conservation needs and priorities and perform activities to ensure the safekeeping of their collections. The grants are awarded

through competitive peer review and require, at least, a 100 percent match by the applicant. These grants help museums develop a logical, institution-wide approach to caring for their collections. The program is an essential component of the Institute's goal of sustaining cultural heritage as a means of creating and sustaining a nation of learners. Applicants apply for the project that meets the institution's highest conservation needs.

### **About the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Its mission is to grow and sustain a "Nation of Learners" because life-long learning is essential to a democratic society and individual success. Through its grant making, convenings, research and publications, the Institute empowers museums and libraries nationwide to provide leadership and services to enhance learning in families and communities, sustain cultural heritage, build twenty-first-century skills, and increase civic participation. To learn more about the Institute, please visit: <http://www.ims.gov>.

### **About the de Saisset Museum**

The de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University is the South Bay's free museum of art and history. The museum is one of only two museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset Museum supports SCU's goal of educating the whole person through diverse exhibitions, collections, and educational programs.

### **About Santa Clara University**

Santa Clara University, a comprehensive Jesuit, Catholic university located 40 miles south of San Francisco in California's Silicon Valley, offers its 8,377 students rigorous undergraduate curricula in arts and sciences, business, and engineering, plus master's and law degrees and engineering Ph.D.s. Distinguished nationally by one of the highest graduation rates among all U.S. master's universities, California's oldest operating higher-education institution demonstrates faith-inspired values of ethics and social justice. For more information, see [www.scu.edu](http://www.scu.edu).