

Museum Acquires Painting by Local Artist



John Olbrantz, left, Director of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem on November 3, 2011, receiving a recent acquisition from artist Michael Gibbons of Toledo.

Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University has recently acquired a painting by artist Michael Gibbons from the Michael and Judith Gibbons Trust for its permanent collection. Located at 900 State Street in Salem, Oregon, the museum has a significant collection of art by notable Oregon artists. Upon learning of the acquisition Mr. Gibbons responded, "I am honored to be included in the company of such distinguished and influential artists".

The painting titled "Barn on the Elk City Road" is a prime example of Mr. Gibbons extensive survey of the Yaquina River watershed region where he and his wife Judith have made their home for thirty years. "The barn is to American landscape painting as the temples of antiquity were to the 17th century painter, Nicolas Poussin", says Gibbons. Again Gibbons comments; "The character and histories of early barns, constructed of indigenous materials, is on a fast track to extinction as modern structures made of materials unrelated to the regions(s) replace them". This barn, a landmark on the Elk City Road, is cherished and maintained by Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bentsen, owners of the historical structure.

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