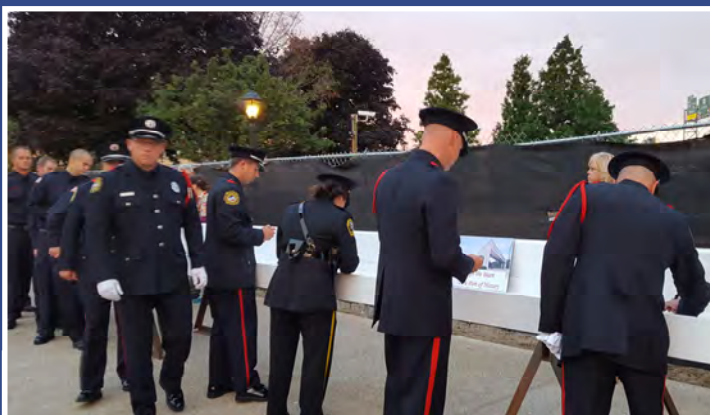




Topping Off Ceremony for the DeVos Learning Center



(l-r) Dr. Jim Gardner, Executive for Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries and Museum Services; Red Cavaney, Chairman of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation; Foundation Trustees Susan Ford Bales, Doug DeVos, Steve Ford join Trustee Rich DeVos in Topping Off the final beam in the construction of the new DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on October 12, 2015.



The Topping Off Beam (below) was signed (left) by Grand Rapids area Police Departments, Fire Departments, Emergency Service Personnel, Patriot Guard Riders, as well as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and citizens of Grand Rapids during the September 11th day-long Scout Salute at the Gerald R. Presidential Museum.

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*Letter from the Foundation Executive Director,
Joseph S. Calvaruso*



Recently appointed Consul General of Japan, Mitsuhiro Wada and Mrs. Wada paid their respects at the Tomb of President Gerald R. Ford and Mrs. Betty Ford on October 23, 2015. In 1974, President Ford became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Japan. I was honored to accompany Consul General and Mrs. Wada on a tour of the Museum and a visit to President Ford's Foundation office.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum closed October 12, 2015, as the construction of the Foundation's complete renovation of the permanent exhibit began. When the Museum reopens in the late spring of 2016, the new exhibits will include the latest in interactive technology to vividly explain the

remarkable life of our 38th President. In addition, artifacts never before displayed will be in the new exhibit. The last permanent exhibit renovation was in 1997.

Once again this year the Museum was a venue for ArtPrize. Nearly 200,000 visitors came to the Museum during the nineteen day period of the event. The public vote grand prize winner *Northwood Awakening* by Loveless PhotoFiber was displayed in the Museum lobby.

Author and historian Evan Thomas was the last to speak in the Museum's auditorium before the closing. His stories painted a graphic picture of the White House President Ford inherited. Foundation programs and events in Grand Rapids will continue during the Museum renovations at off-site venues. Programming at the Ford Library in Ann Arbor is unaffected and will continue as usual.

On October 12, we held the Topping-Off Ceremony for the DeVos Learning Center, located at the south end of the Museum. This will be a state of the art learning facility focused on President Ford's character, integrity, and public service. Educational programming at the facility will be provided by both Foundation and Museum staff.

A special thanks goes to our Capital Campaign supporters, especially the DeVos Family, and those involved in the planning to make the DeVos Learning Center and the Museum permanent exhibit renovations possible.

The Foundation collaborated an outstanding temporary exhibit on President Ford's naval service, including the Foundation's CVN-78 ship model. The model has been on display since September at the Midland Center for the Arts. The CVN-78 ship model will be displayed elsewhere in Michigan before coming back to the Museum for the re-opening.

We recently received the sad news that Gina Powell, Master Sergeant Alvy Powell's wife, passed away unexpectedly. Our hearts go out to Alvy and the entire Powell Family.

I especially want to recognize the boundless time and effort put forth by our Foundation Trustees and by our many volunteers, sponsors, and partners. It is truly an honor to work with each of you and our Foundation partners. I wish you and your family a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2016!



Adventureland staff hold the plaque that will be placed in the camp dining hall.

On July 28th the Boy Scouts of America's Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lake, Michigan formally dedicated their Cub Scout Adventureland to Betty Ford. The Adventureland is the premier destination for boys ages 7 to 10 years old where they participate in fun, value-based activities throughout the year.

The local council, President Ford Field Service Council, invited their board members and staff to participate in the formal dedication where a plaque was placed in the camp dining hall.

Program Specialist of Gerber Scout Reservation, Matt Langlois, said the dedication to Mrs. Ford was a natural decision. "The Ford family has always been deeply involved in the Scouting mission," Langlois said. "And because Betty was a Den Mother while her sons were in Cub Scouts, she is the perfect person to have the Adventureland named after." Joseph Calvaruso, the Executive Director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, took part in the dedication and spoke highly of the Boy Scouts dedication to excellence. *Courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America, President Ford Field Service Council.*

USS Gerald R. Ford Crew Moves Aboard



Ship's Sponsor Susan Ford Bales (left) serves Petty Officer 2nd Class Julio Castro during the first meal aboard the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Captain John Meier (center), the ship's Commanding Officer, also helped serve lunch to the crew. Photo by Chris Oxley/Hill

The USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) reached a major milestone on August 3 as the ship's crew members moved aboard and ate their first meal prepared in the galley. The first-in-class carrier is in the final stages of construction and testing at Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia. "This is a day of well-deserved celebration for the shipbuilders and the crew," said Susan Ford Bales, Ship Sponsor of CVN 78. "This magnificent ship will be the crew's home and will serve the Navy and the defense of our country for the next 50 years. Dad would be bursting with pride today!"

Susan and the carrier's Commanding Officer Captain John Meier served a meal of prime rib, crab legs, shrimp, salmon and a 7-foot-long cake in the design of an aircraft carrier. The galley and associated messing areas were redesigned for the *USS Gerald R. Ford* and future *Ford*-class carriers, offering a new layout that provides more space and greater efficiency for sailors as they prepare for meals. The serving lines and messing areas are arranged to offer significant quality-of-life improvements compared to *Nimitz*-class carriers.

"This is the tipping point for *Ford*," said Captain Meier. "Currently pier-side in Newport News, we have water under our hull, and

1,600-plus sailors are eating, sleeping and working aboard. Our crew is fully aligned with Newport News Shipbuilding in executing the test program to deliver *Gerald R. Ford* next spring." CVN 78 is designed to house a crew of up to 4,660 sailors who will benefit from quality-of-life improvements in the ship's design. Compared to *Nimitz*-class carriers with berthing units that sleep up to 200 sailors, the *Ford* will have quieter berthing areas sleeping no more than 86 people. Each berthing unit features an adjoining washroom. Courtesy of Huntington Ingalls Industries.

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President Ford's Personal Office Chair - Now A Special Part of the USS Gerald R. Ford



Captain John Meier

Friends and family of President Gerald R. Ford recall fondly his affection for his personal office chair. Following President Ford's death, Mrs. Betty Ford gave his special chair to their son-in-law Vaden Bales.

Earlier this year, Vaden decided that the chair should be re-gifted to a place befitting its unique history. Vaden gave the chair to the *USS Gerald R. Ford*. In his Deed Of Gift to the carrier Vaden wrote, "I hope that all those who will have the privilege of occupying this chair will be inspired by the legacy of President Ford during one of the most turbulent periods in our nation's history. And when CVN 78 is tested in support of its mission for our country, I pray that her Commanding Officers and crews will find strength in the courage, dignity, and grace of their ship's extraordinary namesake."

Captain John Meier, Commanding Officer of the USS Gerald R. Ford, accepted the chair on behalf of the carrier, "I am honored to sit in the chair and to have the chair displayed so prominently in the ship's in-port cabin. The remarkable histories of this chair, President and Mrs. Ford's coffee table, Susan's needlepoint pillow of

the carrier, and the U.S. Flag from the President's casket at the State Funeral give the in-port cabin a very personal touch that ties the Command directly to President Ford's integrity and lifetime of service to America. Thank you for parting with the chair, Vaden, and thank you for entrusting it to the crew of the USS Gerald R. Ford."

Trustee Doug DeVos comments at Topping Off Ceremony:

"I'm pleased to wear two hats today. I'm honored to be a Trustee of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and also to represent our family in this celebration. But really this is a celebration that's about everyone here today. This Museum and this Learning Center are important because all of us as Foundation Trustees and all of us in Grand Rapids feel it's important to continue to tell the story of President Ford and his legacy.

I've had a chance to say before - Grand Rapids has a love affair with President Ford and the Ford Family. We really do! And for you, Susan [Ford Bales], and, Steve [Ford], the number of trips that you've made here to keep us connected with your family, to continue your dad's legacy, not just in a building but in real people, with real activities that tell the story of President Ford - your dad - is something we are so grateful to be a part of. And so, to Susan and Steve, thank you both for your activities with the Foundation and with Grand Rapids.

I was in Europe last week talking with some colleagues, one of whom was from Poland who'd started with us in the 1990's, and another was from Germany. He'd served in the German Army at the time that the "Wall" came down. It was moving to hear their stories about their experiences in Eastern Europe and what they went through. They shared stories of how they'd seen in their own lifetimes how important real leadership was to freedom loving peoples. Another colleague from Grand Rapids and I responded: "We've got a story, too! Let us tell you about real leadership; let us tell you about the integrity we ourselves saw." And because of the Foundation's programs here at the Museum over the years that I've been able to participate in, I'm able to see and understand what President Ford went through and how he, like the Boy Scouts here today, was "prepared" to step forward and to lead a nation that was broken and in a constitutional crisis. We explained to our European colleagues the crisis our Nation was going through in the 1970s. And we recalled the calming leadership and voice of President Ford when we heard him say, "Our Constitution works; here the people rule." It was President Ford who stood up for

that principle at a time when his leadership was desperately needed.

We explained that President Ford knew very well that pardoning Richard Nixon would probably cost him the election; and it did. But he knew it was right for our country. And so he did it because it was just that -- the right thing to do. We talked about the way he conducted his presidency; his leadership of transitioning a White House staff he did not hire or put in place, but yet he was able to work with effectively. And we emphasized how this remarkable leader was able to bring together an extraordinary group of people that not only served in his administration, but continue to serve with us as fellow Trustees in his Foundation. Many of those individuals went on to serve with distinction in future administrations. They continued to serve our country because President Ford created a team of people who knew what public service was all about.

Last year, on the fortieth anniversary of the pardon, scholars explained how President Ford went through a very detailed process of making sure all legal pieces were in place and, in particular, how Supreme Court precedent established that acceptance of a pardon constituted an acknowledgement of wrongdoing and guilt. President Ford relied on those principles and combined them into his decision. But yet, because of his human touch, he exhibited care and concern to communicate with President Nixon and to explain his decision forthrightly to the American people.

These are the stories of President Ford I've had a chance to experience. Dad and our family decided President Ford's Museum needed a learning center -- a special place where we can take the documents and history of this great man and bring them to life and tell his story. And in so doing we empower everyone to learn and live up to the integrity and honor that President Ford demonstrated. Now, we'll have a chance to continue that legacy so future generations can learn from his example, and better understand

the role of the leader that he was, and that his family continues to demonstrate to us as well.

It's an honor to be a part of our family's connection to President Ford and the Ford Family, just as it is in the faces I see here and indeed all of us in Grand Rapids who are connected to this legacy. It's important for us all to be part of it and not just have it be a piece of history but have it be alive; have it be relevant for this generation and for generations to come. It's a tremendous honor to have watched the work of the Foundation and have watched the Ford Family stay true and strong with Grand Rapids and to work with Trustees who commit their time, their energy and their resources to continue this legacy.

Dad and Mom always talked to us with pride about their relationship with President Ford. So many in Grand Rapids have similar stories of how significant he was to them. He served our nation honorably and in the most visible way, but he was still their friend and always connected to them in a personal and real way. In the years ahead, thousands of students will come here and hear these stories and learn about this legacy. And so, like my parents, I'm honored to be part of continuing that legacy.

This is a great day to be able to give future generations the resources necessary to put that story together in a way that can be told for decades to come. And in so doing, we'll make certain that visitors will be able to exhibit in their own way the values and principles we ourselves saw in President Gerald R. Ford".



Trustee Doug DeVos

Police Officers, Members of the Gerald R. Ford Council Boy Scouts of America, Students from Gerald R. Ford Job Corp, Mascots from Grand Rapids Drive (Buckets) and West Michigan Whitecaps (Crash the River Rascal) join (back row l-r) Foundation Chairman Red Cavaney; Executive for Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries and Museum Services Dr. Jim Gardner; Trustees Susan Ford Bales and Doug DeVos, Library/Museum Director Elaine Didier, Trustee Steve Ford and Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso and Honorary Trustee Rich DeVos (sitting) at the Topping Off Ceremony.

Topping Off Photos Courtesy of Jim Hill.



USS Gerald R. Ford Commissioning Tribute in Midland, Michigan



Left: Commissioning Co-Chairman Doug DeVos; Andrew M. Liveris, President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dow Chemical Company; Trustees Donald Rumsfeld and Susan Ford Bales at the CVN 78 Commissioning Tribute. **Center:** Susan Ford Bales (center) presents limited edition prints to co-hosts of the Commissioning Tribute Andrew N. Liveris (left) and Commissioning Committee member J. Donald Sheets. **Right:** Trustee Don Rumsfeld during his remarks.

On September 17, 2015, an exciting tribute was held at the Midland, Michigan Center for the Arts in support of the anticipated 2016 commissioning of the *USS Gerald R. Ford*. Special guests included former Secretary of Defense Don Rumsfeld, Ship's Sponsor, Susan Ford Bales, Commissioning Co-Chairman Doug DeVos, and several members of the official Commissioning Committee. Funds raised at the event will directly enhance the onboard lives of the ship's crew, including accessions to the ship's library, the Learning Resource Center/Training Classrooms, and the Chapel, and will provide support to the ceremonies and events surrounding Commissioning Weekend. Accessions to the carrier from these funds will also include the *President Gerald R. Ford Tribute Room*, the ship's ceremonial quarterdeck, and the Commanding Officer's in-port cabin. These rooms capture the history and life of the ship's namesake, and the rich history and tradition of the United States Navy. The funds will also provide support for crew members' education through the USS Gerald R. Ford Scholarship Fund.



Above Left: Susan Ford Bales presents Don Rumsfeld with a special memento of a rifle casing from a Three Volley Salute to President Ford, together with his five seals.

Above: Items from the CVN 78 Traveling Exhibit were on display in Midland during the Commissioning Tribute Reception, including the newly-found portrait of President Ford that Trustee Paul O'Neill gave to Susan Ford Bales at the 2015 Simon Lecture Luncheon. Susan is now making certain the wonderful portrait is displayed publicly in many locations.

Left: Susan Ford Bales and Don Rumsfeld (far right) meet with students and faculty from Albion College.

Day of Remembrance: Boy Scouts Honor Lives Lost in 9/11 Day Long Salute

Each year on September 11, the Gerald R. Ford Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum honor those who sacrificed their lives during the terrorist events of September 11, 2001, by hosting a Community Day of Remembrance and day-long Scout Salute.



Brigadier General Michael C.H. McDaniel

On September 10, 2015, in preparation for the 9/11 Community Day of Remembrance, WMU-Cooley Law School Professor and retired Brigadier General Michael C.H. McDaniel, an Eagle Scout himself, joined police, fire, EMS and military personnel, including over 100 Patriot Guard motorcyclists, as the flag that would be flown at the Museum during the memorial was escorted from the National Guard Armory into the City of Grand Rapids. The following is a small excerpt of General McDaniel's speech. The entire version can be viewed on the Cooley Law School Blog.

"To the Scouts, a few short words. My proudest moment was not pinning on these stars. It was pinning on the Eagle, to become an Eagle Scout. Scouts, you are here to honor and guard this flag, over the next 24 hours, as a symbol of our country. But know that while you are doing so, while you are sacrificing a small slice of time for this noble purpose, you are honoring the firefighters, the police officers, and the members of the military for their sacrifices. You, Scouts, you are not just the firefighters, police officers and military of tomorrow, you are the dedicated and informed future public servants that this country will always need, because public service in all its forms is the foundation of this great country." Courtesy of the Cooley Law School Blog.



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Left: Veteran and Patriot Guard Rider pays his respect during the Flag Raising Ceremony. **Above:** Members of Grand Rapids area Police and Fire Departments during the Flag Raising Ceremony. **Bottom Left:** The U.S. Flag arrives at the Museum escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders. **Bottom Center:** Scouts, Police, Fire and EMS Personnel salute during the Flag Raising Ceremony. **Bottom Right:** (l-r) Boy Scouts of America Sr. Development Director Aaron Turner, Scout Executive Kevin Nichols, Assistant Scout Executive Aaron Gach, Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley, President Ford Field Service Council President Wayman Britt and Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso prior to the Lt. Governors speech during the 9/11 Ceremony.



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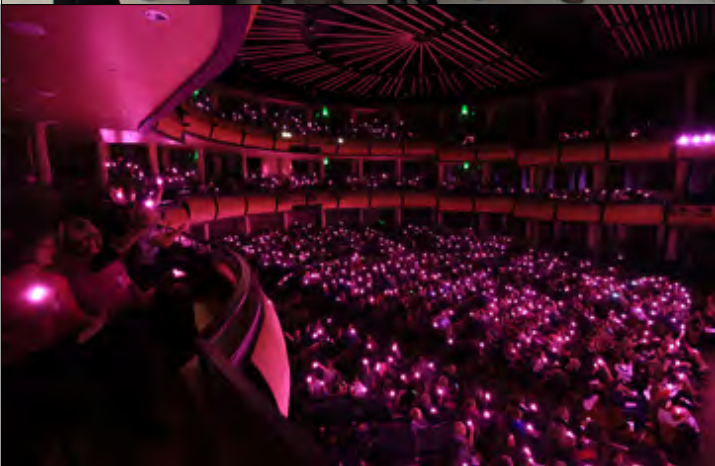
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(l-r) Amy Grant, Susan Ford Bales and Dr. Judy Smith, Chief, Spectrum Health Center, Grand Rapids, MI.



Let's Be Candid. Betty would be so proud!

On October 13, 2015, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation partnered with Spectrum Health to host the third annual *Candid Conversations*, a Betty Ford Breast Care Services and Spectrum Health Cancer Center event to celebrate National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Susan Ford Bales joined this year's free community event to foster public awareness and continue her mother's legacy of openness about her own experience with breast cancer. Her heartfelt remarks drew a standing ovation from the crowd of over 1,100.

Grammy-winning singer/songwriter and breast cancer awareness advocate Amy Grant shared personal insights and a few songs. The band *Mid-Life Crisis* and the Jenison Public Schools Music Department also inspired the audience with musical performances. Judy Smith, MD, Chief of Spectrum Health Cancer Center, served as emcee. Dr. Smith touched on the significant changes in

cancer diagnosis and treatment since 1974 when Mrs. Ford learned she had breast cancer.

Special guests enjoyed a trolley ride (photo upper left) to the Jenison Center for the Arts, and everyone was invited to the welcome reception featuring light bites, selfie stations, ask-the-experts and vendor booths. The crescendo to the evening—a lights-out, moving musical performance with the audience's pink flashlights illuminating the night. *Article and photos courtesy of Spectrum Health.*



On September 19th Susan Ford Bales joined the *Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure* in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Top Photo: Susan Ford Bales and Jennifer Jurgens signal the start the 2015 race. **Left Photo:** The Susan G. Komen 2015 West Michigan Race for the Cure survivor photo.



National Archives Representative Attends the Topping Off Ceremony for the DeVos Learning Center

On October 12, 2015 Dr. Jim Gardner, Executive for Legislative Affairs, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) participated in the "Topping Off Ceremony" for the DeVos Learning Center at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Following are his comments from the event.

"Good afternoon and on behalf of David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, congratulations to all whom were involved in this project. A special thanks to the DeVos family for their commitment to supporting the Ford Museum both physically with this addition and programmatically through the new outreach and programming it will make possible. Thanks as well to the Ford Foundation, to Red Cavaney, Steve Ford, Susan Ford Bales and Joe Calvaruso for their commitment to raising funds to make all of this possible. And to Director Elaine Didier and the staff of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum for their impressive investment in and commitment to not only the development of the new Learning Center but also the reconceptualization and redesign of the permanent exhibits.

I oversee all of the Presidential Libraries and we have various libraries at various points in the system; some are doing expansions, some are doing renovations but not both at the same time. So, the Ford Library is unique in taking on both at the same time; both this expansion and the redesign of the gallery. Moving forward at this time reflects the true collaboration of the Ford Family, the Foundation and the Library and Museum staff.



(l-r) Museum's Education Specialist Barbara McGregor and Deputy Director Jim Kratsas; Foundation Executive Director Joe Calvaruso; National Archives and Records Administration Executive for Legislative Archives, Presidential Libraries, and Museum Services Dr. Jim Gardner and Library and Museum Director Dr. Elaine Didier following the Topping Off Ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on October 12, 2015.

For the National Archives, education, civic literacy and student engagement is critical. We will soon launch significant new initiatives across the Archives linking the Museum in Washington, D.C. with the field offices and Presidential Museums to expand our outreach nationwide, to position the Archives as the National leader in civic literacy and engagement. We're committed to bringing greater meaning to the American Experience. We believe it's critical that the public better understands history so they can participate more effectively in their government. We're committed to education programming that engages diverse audiences in learning about government records and inspires them to more actively participate in America's democratic process. This new facility has the potential to position the Ford Museum as the flagship in these endeavors; a model for the public/private collaboration between the Archives, the Presidential Libraries and Museums and the Foundations. That collaboration is critical for the future of our shared goals and aspirations.

The timing couldn't be better for the development of this new Learning Center. We expect great things from the DeVos Learning Center, extending the global reach of the Library and Museum and its efforts to provide digital access to the archival documents that we hold; 440,000 of which have been digitized with the support of the Ford Presidential Foundation.

So, on behalf of the National Archives, many thanks to all of you who have worked to make this happen; the Ford Family, the Ford Foundation, the staff of the Ford Library and Museum and especially the DeVos Family. Congratulations, I look forward to coming back to see the finished product".

New Bicentennial Artifacts at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

An excellent opportunity to broaden the scope of the Museum's artifact collections materialized this summer. Paul A. Miller, a Central Penn College alumnus and World War II veteran, amassed a sizable American Bicentennial collection in his autumn years. When he passed away earlier this year, ownership of the collection passed to the Central Penn College Education Foundation. Todd Milano, President Emeritus of the college, contacted the Gerald Ford Museum to scout out any interest in the collection. Museum Registrar Jamie Draper and Curator Don Holloway immediately made travel plans to Pennsylvania to investigate. They discovered thousands of Bicentennial objects. A full day of sorting through the collection resulted in nearly 150 hand-selected pieces for the Museum.

The Museum preserves thousands of artifacts from America's Bicentennial celebrations. However, most came to the White House as handmade items from proud citizens and patriots. What the Museum lacked were representations of much of the mass-produced items from the Bicentennial. This latest addition helps fill the gap and will help round out the Museum's interpretation of the subject. Many people will recognize the items as those displayed in local department stores or sold in catalogs to commemorate our nation's 200th Birthday.

The Museum staff is very grateful for the generosity of the Miller Family and the Central Penn College Education Foundation. Many thanks must also be extended to the hard work and hospitality of Linda & Todd Milano.

Top: A small sampling of the items from the Paul A. Miller American Bicentennial Collection at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. **Bottom:** Mr. Paul A. Miller donated his Bicentennial Collection on July 21, 2014.



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Sue Miller



ARTPRIZE SEVEN

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 11, 2015

ARTPRIZE ArtPrize Seven took over the streets, businesses and open spaces once again this fall. For 19 days, three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids, becomes an open playing field where anyone can find a voice in the conversation about what is art and why it matters. Art from around the world pops up in every inch of downtown, and it's all free and open to the public.

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum once again opened its lobby, gallery and grounds to artists from across the globe. With 30 artists in all, the Ford Museum was again the top visited venue as over 195,000 attended between September 23 and October 11. The Museum was able to host 20 artists inside in the lobby and the temporary gallery space on the second floor. Outside, 10 artists were located on the plaza, grounds and pool of the facility. Of the 30 artists, many names were familiar from past competitions. Past artists still apply and are accepted through the same process as other artists each year.

This year the museum placed 6 artists in the Top 20:

2-Dimensional: *Triple Play* by Anni Crouter; *Northwood Awakening* by Loveless Photofiber

3-Dimensional: *Greatest Generation/Beta Team November* by Fred Cogelow

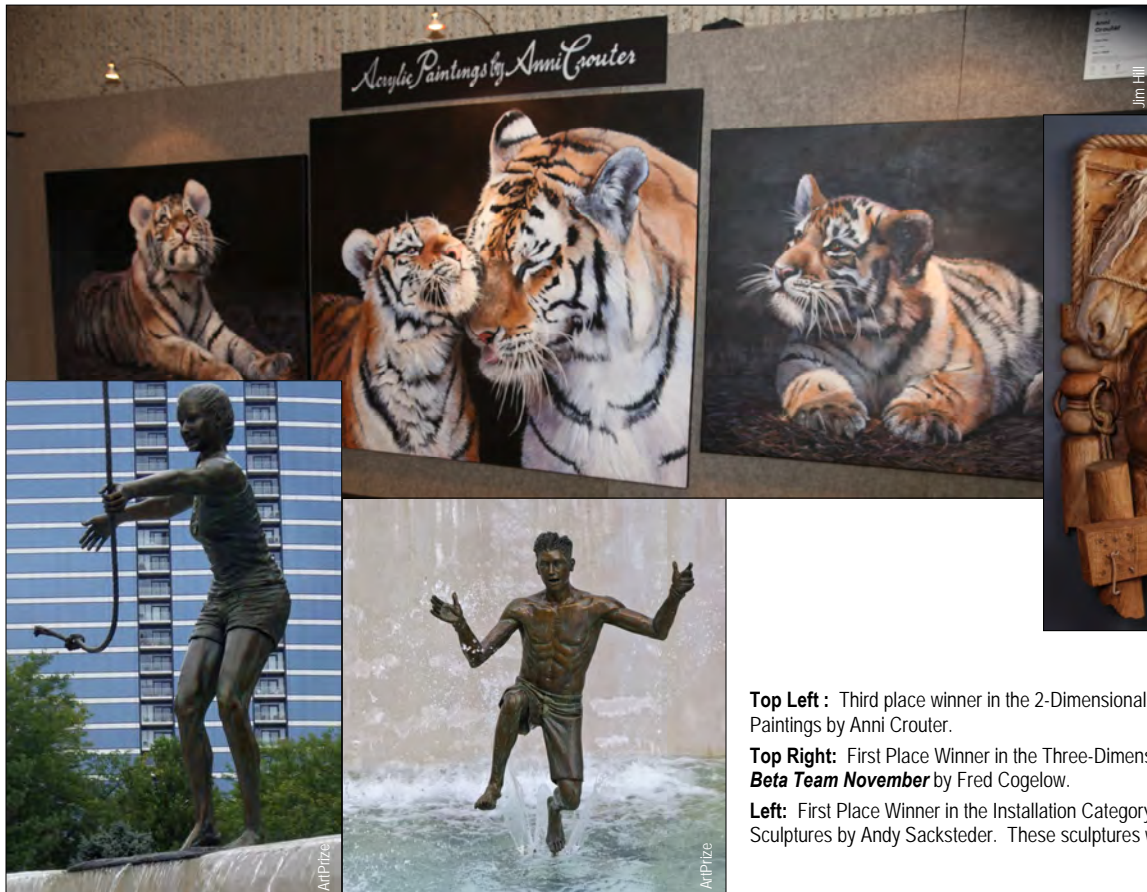
Installation: *Balancing Act* by Calvin Babich; *Reach and Splash* by Andy Sacksteder; *SENSI* by Gianluca Trania

Once again the Museum's education staff participated in ArtPrize Education Days. Over 300 students attended 18 organized classes taught by artists Anni Crouter and John Despres. New this year, the Museum hosted WZZM13 (ABC) with a newsroom inside and on the plaza.

The awards ceremony on October 9 was a sweeping success for the artists at the Ford Museum. Three of the four categories in the public vote were won by our artists: Ann and Steve Loveless took the two-dimensional category; Fred Cogelow won the three-dimensional award; and, Andy Sacksteder took the prize for installation. Ann and Steve Loveless won the top public award of \$200,000, the second time Ann has won the top prize (2013).



Trustee Steve Ford enjoys the Grand Prize and First Place Winner in the 2-Dimensional Category, quilted photofiber *Northwood Awakening* by Ann and Steve Loveless.



Top Left: Third place winner in the 2-Dimensional Category; *Triple Play*; Acrylic Paintings by Anni Crouter.

Top Right: First Place Winner in the Three-Dimensional Category; *Greatest Generation/Beta Team November* by Fred Cogelow.

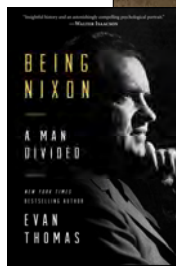
Left: First Place Winner in the Installation Category; *Reach and Splash*; Bronze Sculptures by Andy Sacksteder. These sculptures were placed in the Museum's fountain.

Betty Boyd Caroli
“Lady Bird and Lyndon: The Hidden Story of a Marriage That Made a President”
 Thursday, November 12, 2015

Ann Arbor: On November 12th, the Library welcomed Dr. Betty Boyd Caroli, accomplished author, professor and expert on the role of the First Lady in American history. Dr. Caroli delighted the audience with tales from her latest book, *Lady Bird and Lyndon – The Hidden Story of a Marriage That Made a President*, which gives a behind the scenes analysis of how this marriage influenced the 36th President of the United States. Lady Bird Johnson is often remembered as a passive wife who President Johnson married for financial reasons and exploited for political advantage. In her talk, Dr. Caroli shed new light on this successful marriage, revealing the relationship to be a functional political partnership in which Lady Bird was a key strategist, a crucial therapist and a woman of agency.



Betty Boyd Caroli



Evan Thomas
“Being Nixon: A Man Divided”
 Thursday, October 22, 2015

Grand Rapids: The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation and Museum joined with the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley University to bring in bestselling author, Evan Thomas on October 22. Thomas discussed his newly acclaimed book *Being Nixon: A Man Divided*. Touching on Nixon's Quaker roots and his constant struggles to retain power from real and perceived threats, Thomas gave insight into the man who lead the United States into talks with both China and the Soviet Union, but could not handle his own personal demons.

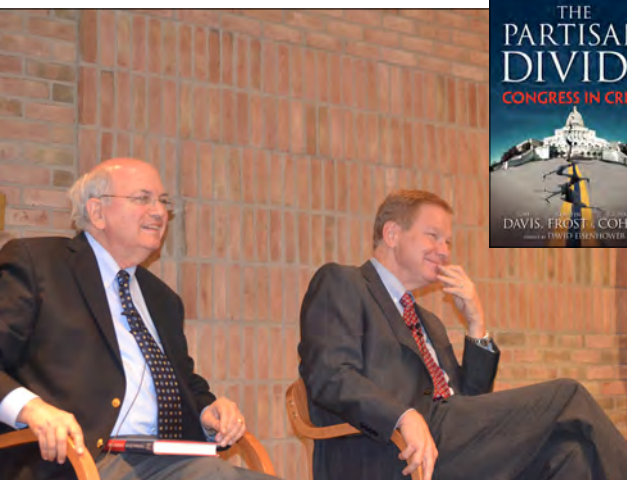


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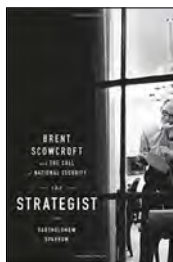


Tom Davis and Martin Frost
“The Partisan Divide, Congress in Crisis”
 Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Ann Arbor: Former Congressmen Tom Davis, Republican from Virginia, and Martin Frost, Democrat from Texas, spoke to a full and energized house at the Library about their new book, *The Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis*. Davis and Frost, both moderates, served a combined 40 years in the House of Representatives, held leadership positions, and became disenchanted with the partisan nature of Congress. In their talk, Davis and Frost discussed the reasons behind today's legislative gridlock and political polarization, such as state legislatures manipulating congressional districts in one party's favor (gerrymandering), the growth of super PACs, and the impact of cable news, talk radio, and the Internet on the political process. As a result, divided government has become the new norm. They also offered common sense suggestions for breaking this gridlock including laws requiring non-partisan oversight of redistricting efforts, campaign election reform and curbs on unregulated super PACs, holding congressional and Senate primaries on the same day nationwide in order to increase voter turnout, and a more transparent approach to the use of earmarks during the federal budgetary process.



Martin Frost (left) and Tom Davis at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

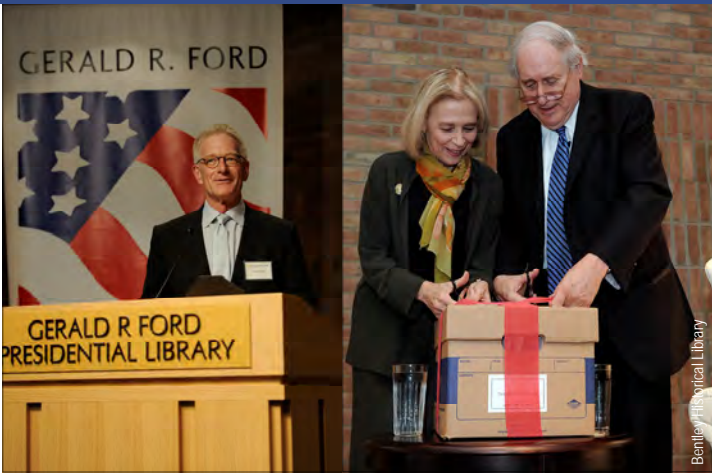


Bartholomew Sparrow
“The Strategist: Brent Scowcroft and the Call of National Security”
 Thursday, October 8, 2015

Ann Arbor: Professor Bartholomew Sparrow spoke to an attentive audience at the Library on his new biography of Brent Scowcroft, a much admired and respected national security adviser and strategist, entitled *The Strategist: Brent Scowcroft and the Call of National Security*. In his talk, Professor Sparrow shared insights about Scowcroft's family background, educational achievements, military service, and personal traits that allowed him to rise to the highest levels of government and succeed as a trusted aide and confidant to several Presidents and National Security Adviser under Presidents Gerald R. Ford and George H.W. Bush. Sparrow discussed three events from the Ford Administration that highlighted Brent Scowcroft's ability to craft strategy and achieve policy resolution: the *Mayaguez* Incident, the intelligence investigations, and the British Sterling Crisis. He described the Ford years and its foreign policy and national security challenges as a period of growth for Scowcroft which paid dividends during his tenure as President George H. W. Bush's National Security Adviser. Sparrow also attributed the successful working relationship and decades-long friendship between President Ford and Brent Scowcroft to the many traits they had in common. For example, they were both unassuming, modest, plain spoken, straight forward, enjoyed the company of others, and were secure in themselves and their abilities. Bartholomew Sparrow is Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin.



Professor Bartholomew Sparrow



On November 4th, University of Michigan Bentley Historical Library held an event at the Ford Library honoring former **Senator Carl Levin** for his recent donation of personal papers documenting his 36-year career in the United States Senate representing the State of Michigan. Following an introduction by Foundation Trustee Hank Meijer (left), Senator Levin and his wife Barbara (right) ceremonially “cut through the red tape” to commemorate the donation of his papers to the Bentley Library. The program also featured a “fireside chat” with Senator Levin and Terry McDonald, Director of the Bentley Library. Carl Levin was Michigan’s longest-serving Senator, and the donation of his papers will ensure that his legacy of public service will be preserved for generations to come.

Bilal Baydoun has a BA in History with High Honors from the University of Michigan, and is the first Gerald R. Ford Presidential Fellow. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Fellowship is awarded to exceptional Ford School graduate students who exemplify President Ford’s commitment to bipartisan cooperation, who are deeply engaged in community service, and who intend to pursue a lifelong career in the public sector. Bilal hopes to bring his unique perspective gained from direct experience within multiple facets of American healthcare to the Ford School Community. He is a first-generation college student, and hails from Dearborn, Michigan.

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02/18/2016	Grand Rapids Richard M. DeVos Center, Charles W. Loosemore Auditorium	7:00 PM	We are pleased to join The Hauenstein Center in welcoming H.W. Brands back to Grand Rapids to discuss his book "Reagan: The Life." To RSVP for this event please visit The Hauenstein Center's website: http://hauensteincenter.org/events.
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