

Holiday Sale to Benefit Art Department

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Conscientious shoppers who want to purchase gifts that keep on giving should circle Friday and Saturday (Dec. 3 and 4) on their calendars to mark the annual holiday sale by the Newcomb Art Department.



Handmade pottery, glass objects and other artwork from Newcomb Art Department students, faculty and alumni are part of the annual holiday sale on Friday and Saturday (Dec. 3 and 4). (Photo by William DePauw)

It's the one time each year when members of the community can purchase artwork made by students and faculty members of the [Newcomb Art Department](#). Not only do the creative pieces in glass, pottery and other media make one-of-a-kind gifts, but the money raised through the sale helps buy supplies for the art studios.

Proceeds from the event “help us fund new equipment and supplies for the glass area,” says professor Gene Koss, renowned glass artist who also holds the Maxine and Ford Graham Chair for the Fine Arts. “We wouldn't be able to maintain a state-

of-the-art glass studio without the help of the sale. Our students really pitch in and create some wonderful objects, and I want to thank them for all their hard work.”

The sale takes place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 200 of the art building in the Woldenberg Art Center on the uptown campus.

Suspended from the ceilings in two rooms will be dozens of hand-blown glass ornaments of various sizes, shapes and colors, along with displays of cast glass ornaments, glass bowls and drinking vessels, says Laura Richens, curator of the Carroll Gallery and an adjunct assistant art professor.

“The ceramics area is working together to create beautiful platters in a variety of sizes, along with ceramic pitchers, vases and jars,” Richens says.

Students, faculty and art alumni also will be contributing photographs, hand-printed cards, framed images and wearable items such as scarves, T-shirts and jewelry.

“The holiday sale is always a lot of fun because the various areas of the art department get together, plan and produce lots of work,” Richens says. “The money from the sale of those objects goes right back into their area, and the students help work at the sale. They get to explain their various artistic processes to the folks from all over campus and beyond who have come to do some holiday shopping.”

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