

# campaign focus

## BIRGER SANDZÉN

### Major Gift Announced

The Gallery is very pleased to announce a gift of \$100,000 to the Connections Capital Campaign from the Barton P. & Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust in Overland Park, Kansas. Mary Cohen, a new member of the Gallery board of directors, joins dozens of other donors who have pledged their support to the campaign.

“For a capital campaign to succeed,” says Kansas Governor and Honorary Campaign Chair, Mark Parkinson, “donors must step up in ways that exceed expectations. Mary Cohen’s generous gift exceeded our request and provides us with energy and inspiration as we move forward. It is a great testimony to Barton and Mary Cohen’s love of Kansas art and of Birger Sandzén.”

Mary’s gift brings the total collected for the campaign to \$1,280,353.

“Mary Cohen and her late husband Barton share Birger Sandzén’s dedication to the arts,” explains Larry Griffis, gallery director. “As a long-time benefactor of the arts, Mary is recognized for her encouragement of the arts and artists as well as substantial gifts of art for public enjoyment. Her gift to the campaign represents a very generous contribution and her kindness and support is greatly appreciated. The generosity of donors like Mary will enable the completion of the campaign, preservation of the legacy of Birger Sandzén, and the gift of art appreciation for future generations.”



*Governor Mark Parkinson, Mary Cohen, and Stacy Parkinson enjoy a moment at Cedar Crest.*

## Campaign Update

**Goal: \$3,000,000**

**Collected to Date: \$1,280,353**

*(as of September 30, 2009)*

Here is the schedule of campaign receptions for 2009 and early 2010. For more information about a particular reception, please contact the Gallery.

Current Schedule:

October 1: Hutchinson

October 11: Lindsborg (Hylningsfest)

January (TBA): Topeka

February (TBA): Colorado Springs

## Campaign Leadership

Mark & Stacy Parkinson, *honorary co-chairs*  
Ranee Koger, *campaign co-chair*  
Ruth Browne, *board chair*  
Larry Griffis, *gallery director*  
Clay Myers-Bowman, *development director*

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**Up North!** I headed north to Minnesota in early September to visit Sandzén supporters, collectors, and enthusiasts. What better place to look for friends of the Gallery than in a hub of Swedish culture in the U.S. I visited the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Minnesota History Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, and the American Swedish Institute and several individuals including Dr. Ed & Patty Lindell, Richard Hillstrom, and Jon O'Neal. I found a wealth of good will and love for the Gallery and Sandzén and I'm looking forward to going back again soon.

**Palm Springs.** I met Justin and Jeane Hilb through David Cook Galleries in Denver. Jeane grew up in Hutch and they have several Sandzén oil paintings and lithographs. They live in Palm Springs and summer in Colorado Springs. The photo at right is Justin and Jeane with Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson in their home in August.

Much to our delight, the Palm Springs Art Museum is mounting a huge Sandzén exhibit next year (April-September) and Justin and Jeane have agreed to host a campaign reception in their home in April. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to be part of an amazing event in the Sandzén world.

**Upcoming Trips.** I'm writing this in Colorado between visits to some of the wonderful people we met this summer. I'll be back in Colorado in October with a follow-up trip to Minnesota in November. Between these bigger trips, I'm helping plan the remaining receptions and visiting donors and prospects throughout the state. If you're interested in talking with me about the campaign, don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email: 785-410-3319 or [Clay@Myers-Bowman.com](mailto:Clay@Myers-Bowman.com).



*Justin and Jeane Hilb pose with Governor Parkinson in front of their Sandzén oil painting.*