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**Tulane University and Smithsonian Institution Partner for
National Tour of Newcomb Pottery**

(New Orleans, LA) Newcomb Art Gallery at Tulane University is partnering with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) to present the largest, most comprehensive collection of Newcomb arts and crafts to tour the country in nearly three decades.

The show, “Women, Art and Social Change: The Newcomb Pottery Enterprise,” will run from October 3 to March 9, 2014 at Newcomb Art Gallery before launching a national tour.

Critically acclaimed and highly coveted, Newcomb ceramics are considered some of the most significant expressions of American art pottery of the 20th century. The exhibition will feature more than 130 objects – the iconic pottery as well as lesser known textiles, metalwork, jewelry, bookbinding, and works on paper. Samples of ceramics from the Newcomb Guild (1942-1952) will also be on view.

“The exhibition brings together a variety of objects created during the lifespan of the Newcomb enterprise,” said Sally Main, show curator and senior curator of the Newcomb Art Gallery. “The finest examples of the pottery art form will be displayed alongside pieces that will come as a revelation to many – not only a rich variety of crafts but also photos and artifacts that breathe life into the Newcomb legacy.”

The Newcomb Pottery enterprise, in existence from 1895 to 1940, was established as an educational experiment of H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, Tulane University’s former women’s college. The quasi-commercial venture offered an opportunity for Southern women to support themselves financially during and after their training as artists. Inspired by the flora and fauna of the Gulf South, the pieces offer insight into the extraordinary women who made a lasting impression on American visual culture.

Representing 45 years of achievement in decorative arts, the exhibit is supported by grants from the Henry Luce Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works, which were matched by supporters of Newcomb Art Gallery. From New Orleans, the exhibition will travel to the Georgia Museum of Art in Athens, Ga. before continuing on a eight-city tour through 2016.

ABOUT THE GALLERY

The Newcomb Art Gallery is dedicated to enriching the cultural and intellectual life of the Tulane University and New Orleans communities and to sustaining the creative spirit of Newcomb College. Free and open to public, the gallery is located in the Woldenberg Art Center on the Tulane University uptown campus. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 5 and Saturday and Sunday 11 to 4. For more information, please call Teresa Parker Farris at 504-314-2406 or visit www.newcombartgallery.tulane.edu.

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