President’s Message
March 2011

The Gallery Council has given the MAG a portfolio of twelve woodcuts by Kiki Smith. Smith, a renowned contemporary artist who works in a variety of media, is considered a master printmaker; in fact, all of her prints have been/and are collected by the Museum of Modern Art. Her father, Tony Smith, was one of the major sculptors of the late 20th century and his piece “Playground” is part of our outdoor sculpture collection. The Council had set aside money in our treasury for “art acquisitions” making the acquisition possible. Grant Holcomb, Margie Searl and George Abraham (from the Art Committee) came to a Board meeting and made a compelling presentation on the woodcuts, their meaning and value to the MAG and the community. All of us can be proud of this expenditure; the woodcuts are an important addition to the MAG’s contemporary collection.

Margie Searl put all 12 of the woodcuts on display for us to see before our last Board meeting. They are so powerful and compelling. The more we looked at them, the more we saw. Kiki Smith put an amazing amount of detail into a few lines. We spent our money well!!

This is a busy time as we are preparing for end of year commitments. The Fanciful Fibers Event is coming along well; the call for volunteers will be going out soon. We all can sign up for one or two of the workshops so I hope to see you there.

The Gallery Council Board will be meeting with the MAG Development group in March to begin plans for our participation in the Centennial; we will update you on ideas, plans as we move forward in that arena.

If you see any of the MAG development people, Patti, Shirley, Larissa and Lu, please congratulate them on winning the RBJ’s award for 2011 Best Web site for a non-profit, cultural web site. A prestigious award that is well deserved by this hard working team!!

Red winged black birds were at the feeders today: spring is on its way!!!

Mary Sue Jack
Gallery Council President