

A gift to the college and the community

The Minthorn International Art Gallery and the Minthorn Collection of Chinese Art are the bequest of Dr. and Mrs. Minthorn to Lower Columbia College and the community it serves. This gift honors the Minthorns' lives of service to the community and the diversity of the people who have contributed to its development and sustenance.

An opportunity for global learning and understanding

Art tells us about culture and communicates ideas and visions. The Minthorn International Art Gallery and the Minthorn Collection of Chinese Art that it contains are part of Lower Columbia College's International Study Program, its multicultural curriculum and its goal to fully participate in the global community.







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About the Benefactors:

Dr. Herbert H. and Mrs. Anne B. Minthorn – "The Minthorn Collection of Chinese Art: A Lifetime of Collecting"

In the late 1950s, Dr. and Mrs. Minthorn became interested in Chinese art and artifacts and slowly began to acquire pieces to display in their Longview home.

They found porcelains and other artworks in jade and silk in a variety of places during their travels in the U.S. and abroad. They continued to collect throughout the years Dr. Minthorn worked as a physician in Longview.

Reading, research and discerning eyes helped expand their collection. Through the Minthorns' generous donation to the college, they have made it possible for many others to enjoy the pieces in their collection and the stories those pieces tell. Below is a sampling of the featured art.

Celadon Porcelain





Jade, Silk Embroidery, Cinnebar







Famille Rose, Rose Medallion Porcelain





Blue & White Porcelain







Terra Cotta Roof Ornaments





Qing Dynasty Porcelain, Ancestor Painting, Foo Dog





