

LONG TIME ART MUSEUM SUPPORTER TO RECEIVE STAR*Palm Springs Walk of Stars to Honor Gwendolyn Weiner for Their Patronage of the Palm Springs Art Museum**Gwen Weiner*

November 11, 2008 (Palm Springs, CA) - The Palm Springs Art Museum announced today that Gwendolyn Weiner will receive a star from the Palm Springs Walk of Stars in a ceremony on Sunday, November 16 at 1 p.m. in front of the museum. Presentations will be conducted by Steven Nash, Executive Director of the Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, Indian Wells Mayor Mary Roche, and *Palm Springs Life* editor Steven Biller. A private reception in the museum honoring Ms. Weiner will follow the unveiling of the star.

The Weiner family has actively supported the museum in many ways for more than forty years. Ted and Lucille Weiner and their daughter Gwendolyn were long-time residents of both Fort Worth and Palm Springs since the 1950's. Throughout the 50's and 60's the Weiners assembled an extensive collection of modern paintings, drawings and sculptures, which have since been inherited by Gwen. The collection has been on permanent loan since 1969.

Many of the significant works in the collection remain on view today and are a cornerstone in the museum's collection focus. The Weiner collection was recently assembled in its entirety in the *Picasso to Moore: Modern Sculpture from the Weiner Collection* exhibition which was on display at the museum for almost a year, where it highlighted the recent physical renovation of the museum. Ms. Weiner remains involved with the museum serving as Trustee Emeritus.

"Gwen's generosity has continued the legacy initiated by her parents of providing years of public enjoyment of important works of modern art masters," said Steven Nash, Executive Director of the Palm Springs Art Museum. "The sculptures and works of art accumulated by the Weiners are a significant portion of the museum's collection, and many of the works are prominently displayed in the museum. It is a privilege to have this close association with such a great patron of the arts."

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant E. Stewart Williams-designed building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features exciting exhibitions of contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian art in spacious galleries. It features two sculpture gardens, stimulating lectures and educational programs for all ages, and offers diverse performances at its Annenberg Theater. The Art Museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 17 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.