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CANVAS CONNOISSEURS

19th Century Art Collectors and Their Milwaukee Legacy
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Beyond Milwaukee's deep industrial roots lies a city with great artistic history that grew from the success of these early industries. Opening June 13, 2008, *Canvas Connoisseurs: 19th Century Art Collectors and Their Milwaukee Legacy* will paint an exciting picture of the city wealthy industrialists left behind, and how residents today still artistically benefit from their philanthropy.

Early 19th century Milwaukee saw the beginnings of breweries, manufacturing factories, and meat packing plants branded with names like Pabst, Blatz, Allis, Smith, Usinger and Plankinton. These names were not just business names, however, they belonged to real men with interests outside their professions, one in particular which united them all~ art collecting. Some did it for the love of collecting, others as a competition to acquire the newest and most sought after artists, and some simply to decorate their vast homes which new found wealth could afford.

Collaborating with Villa Terrace, Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee County Historical Society, Haggerty Museum of Art, Museum of Wisconsin Art, and the Milwaukee Art Museum, *Canvas Connoisseurs* will introduce guests to who the early collectors were, their most celebrated pieces, and how their collections impact people today. Long forgotten events such as the Milwaukee Exposition of 1884, the World's Fair of 1893, and the founding of the Layton Art Gallery in Milwaukee will be discussed as major influences which were conducive to the art collecting phenomenon of the 19th century.



The Pabst Mansion at 2000 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, is open Monday-Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm and Sunday noon-4:00pm (Closed Monday mid-January through February). The Pabst Mansion's admissions are **Adults \$8, Seniors/Students \$7, Children 6-17 \$4, Children under 6 are admitted free.** For info call 414-931-0808 or visit WWW.PABSTMANSION.COM.

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