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Rookwood Pottery highlighted at Braun Lecture

Considered to be America's preeminent art pottery, Rookwood Pottery of Cincinnati will be the topic of an illustrated lecture by Nancy Owen, at the annual Fred M. Braun Lecture in Art and Art History on Wednesday, November 14, at **Meadow Brook Hall**.

Nancy Owen is a lecturer in American art and women's studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. In her lecture, Rookwood and the Industry of Art, she will examine the Rookwood Pottery Company of Cincinnati as a nexus of women, culture and commerce in the late 19th and early 20th century United States. Owen will demonstrate these three topics are closely linked to various issues of the arts and crafts movement in America.

A grouping of Rookwood vases dating from around 1900-1920 from MBH's collection will be on special display for the lecture. Attendees also can view several bathrooms elaborately decorated with Rookwood architectural tiles during an optional tour.

The annual Braun Lecture—a collaboration of the Department of Art and Art History and Meadow Brook Hall—is funded in part through the Fred M. Braun Fund established 14 years ago by Dr. Jean Braun, professor emeritus of psychology at Oakland University, in honor of her husband.

The Braun Lecture evening includes an optional tour at 6:45 p.m., lecture at 7:30 p.m. followed by a dessert reception. The price is \$25 per person and reservations are required. For reservations or more information, please call MBH at (248) 370-3140.

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