Gift Planning

Including the Blanton in your legacy plan is an important investment in the museum’s future and its commitment to excellence in the arts. Your future gift can provide unrestricted financial support for the museum or strengthen a specific area of interest, such as exhibitions, acquisitions, conservation, or education. It may also take the shape of a promised gift of art to help build the Blanton’s collection. As part of The University of Texas at Austin, planned gifts to the Blanton may be made through a range of options—cash, securities, real estate, works of art, or other assets—that can maximize benefits to you, your loved ones, and the museum.

Mari and James A. Michener Society

In honor of its namesakes, novelist James Michener and his wife Mari—who gifted almost 300 twentieth-century American paintings to the Blanton and provided financial support for the museum’s building—the Michener Society recognizes donors who have provided for the Blanton through a planned gift or made a provision for the museum in their estate plans. Through their thoughtful generosity and foresight, these supporters play an important role in helping the museum reach new heights and have a lasting impact on generations of future students and visitors. Planned gift donors to the Blanton also are welcomed into the Texas Leadership Society, which is a special organization that recognizes people who have included the university in their estate plans.

Michener Society Members as of November 3, 2021

- Anthony Aziz and Sammy Cucher
- Ellen and David Berman
- Leslie and Jack S. Blanton, Jr.
- David G. Booth
- Annette DiMeco Carlozzi
- Michael Chesser
- Douglas L. Collins
- Adam Glick and Joshua Solon
- Suzan and Julius Glickman
- Robert L. Hardgrave
- Shannon and Mark Hart III
- Dr. Brent Hasty and Mr. Stephen Mills
- Jeanne and Michael Klein
- Holly and Josh Korman
- Antonio C. La Pastina and Dale A. Rice
- Professor Leon S. Lasdon and Laraine Kentridge Lasdon
- Carol LeWitt
- Earl and Natalie Littman
- Suzanne McFayden
- Laurence Miller
- John Newnam
- Charles and Carol Reynolds
- Lora Reynolds and Quincy Lee
- Jan Jones Roberts
- Marie & Reginald St. Germain
- Anton Stuebner and Michael Rubel
- Judy and Charles Tate
- Mrs. Elgin W. Ware (Karen)
- Anonymous

If you have arranged a planned gift to the museum or want to learn more about the Michener Society, please contact Anna Berns, director of development: 512.232.2327 or anna.berns@blantonmuseum.org.

The above includes individuals who have informed us of their estate plans. Every effort is made to accurately include those who wish to be listed. If there is an error, or you have provided for the Blanton in your estate plans but are not listed here, we apologize and ask that you please let us know.