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A Photographic Memoir: Print Sale to Benefit Wright's Hollyhock House

Los Angeles - The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is thrilled to announce a major gift of photographs from Victor A. Cusack, AIA. Cusack's gift consists of 31 framed, 11"x14" photographs of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin in Spring Green, Wisconsin, and Wright's Taliesin West in Scottsdale, Arizona, which Cusack took while an apprentice with Wright between the years 1938 and 1940. Each is signed and dated by the photographer. Cusack donated the photographs to DCA with the condition that all proceeds from their sale be used for future restoration projects at Hollyhock House. The photographs are currently on exhibition at Wright's Hollyhock House, and will remain on view through Sunday, April 2. The public and interested buyers may visit the exhibition during regular House tours.

In addition to viewing the exhibition during regular tours at Hollyhock House, two Conversations with the Artists have been scheduled for Saturday, February 11, and Saturday, March 11, both days from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During these times, Victor A. Cusack and the exhibition curator, Jeffrey Herr, will be available to answer questions from the public. Admission is Free to Conversations with the Artists.

In addition to the photographs, Cusack also donated his collection of over fifty books on the architecture of Frank Llovd Wright to the library jointly operated at Hollyhock House by DCA and Friends of Hollyhock House. They are available to the public for research and study at Hollyhock House, by appointment only.

After studying as an apprentice to Wright, Cusack spent several years in the United States Navy. Following his service, Cusack received his Bachelor's degree in architecture from Yale University. He moved to Los Angeles in 1945, eventually joining the architectural firm of William Pereira Associates. Cusack retired as the firm's Vice President in 1987 to pursue his own practice.

The photographs are available for \$300 apiece. A list of photographs and order forms are available at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and Hollyhock House during regular hours, or by contacting Virginia Kazor via email at vkazor@sbcqlobal.net. The public should also contact Ms. Kazor with any additional donations to further the rehabilitation of Hollyhock House.

Hollyhock House and the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery are facilities of DCA and located in Barnsdall Park, 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles 90027. Hollyhock House is open for one-hour public tours Wednesday through Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Seniors and Students, and Free for Children under 12 with an Adult. For information about tours, the public should contact Gabriel Cifarelli at (323) 644-6269 or met_gcifarelli@sbcglobal.net.

