

Bard Graduate Center News

Iris Award Winners

The Bard Graduate Center (BGC) has announced the recipients of the 21st Annual Iris Foundation Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the Decorative Arts. The recipient of the Outstanding Patron Award is Sir **Nicholas Goodison**, president of the Furniture History Society and former chairman of the London Stock Exchange, TSB Group, Courtauld Institute, National Art Collections Fund (now the Art Fund), Crafts Council of Great Britain, and *Burlington Magazine*. In 2016, he and his wife, Judith, donated a remarkable collection of more than 100 examples of contemporary British craft to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, England. Dr. **Alvar González-Palacios**, Lifetime Achievement in Scholarship Award honoree, is best known for his writings on Italian and French decorative arts and catalogues for such institutions as the Scuderie del Quirinale, Louvre, Prado, and Vatican Museums, among others. The Outstanding Mid-Career Scholar Award honoree is **Marie-Louise Bech Nosch**, specialist in Aegean epigraphy and Mycenaean textile production. She is the director of the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre for Textile Research. **Titi Halle**, owner and director of the antique costume and textile firm Cora Ginsburg LLC, is the recipient of the Outstanding Dealer Award. The newly launched Iris in Legacy Society has its first member: **Charles Stendig**, 92, who was the importer for some of the most iconic mid-century modern furniture designs, made the Bard Graduate Center part of his estate planning. The Iris Awards were presented at a luncheon at the Colony Club in New York City on April 5.