Proceeds from the annual Smithsonian Craft Show, through the SWC Grants process, benefit education, outreach and research programs within the Smithsonian Institution. All SI organizations, museums, scientific facilities and the National Zoo are invited to apply to the Smithsonian Women’s Committee for grants to fund specific initiatives. Proposals undergo a thorough research and evaluation process and the final grantees are selected by a vote of the entire active membership of the Committee.

The 16 grants listed below are awarded in 2007 to 11 different areas of the Smithsonian Institution for a total amount of $329,436. The Women’s Committee received 63 requests for projects totaling $1.9 million. We regret that we were unable to support all of these most worthwhile programs.

**2007 Grants Awarded**

**Archives of American Art.** $11,300 to preserve and enhance access to 25 oral history interviews critical to the study of American art history.

**Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.** $19,000 to support educational and family programming for “Mekong River: Connecting Cultures” program at the 41st annual Folklife Festival.

**Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.** $15,000 to support “Sound Sessions with Smithsonian Folkways”, a weekly one-hour radio program for public radio featuring solely the music and sound of Smithsonian Folkways.

**National Air and Space Museum.** $23,341 to develop multilingual visitor guides for distribution via the museum’s web site and as free printed brochures available to the public at the Museum Welcome Desk.

**National Museum of the American Indian.** $40,000 for the acquisition of approximately 100 Northern Plains Indian quilts assembled by Florence Pulford between the late 1960s and 1980s. To preserve, document, curate and catalog them; to produce a website about the collection and NPI quiltmaking.

**National Museum of Natural History.** $34,400 to enhance data and to create an electronic vehicle for telling the botanical story of the landmark US Exploring Expedition, an important reference for scientists and historians for 150 years.
National Museum of Natural History. $24,128 to make one of the world’s largest collections of documentation of endangered languages accessible to scholars and native Peoples.

National Zoological Park. $31,000 to produce an exhibit at the NZP highlighting the work of SI scientists and educate visitors to NZP on the effects of environmental contaminants on wildlife.

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC). $24,940 to support the Smithsonian Mobile Ecology Lab., a multi-disciplinary set of classroom activities offered to Baltimore and Washington, DC area schools.

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC). $25,500 to support five internships at SERC

Smithsonian Institution (SI) Associates Discovery Theater. $24,352 to support “Meet the Museum”, a new education initiative that pairs Discovery Theater with the educational departments of SI museums.

Smithsonian Institution (SI) Libraries. $6,300 for the preservation of pop-up and moveable books at the Cooper-Hewitt Library.

Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). $7,500 inclusion of select imagery of African American Women in Agriculture from Hampton University (VA) horticultural photography collection in the exhibition and tour of “Forget Me Not: Women in the American Landscape”.

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI): $12,000 to install an underwater video camera at the Galeta Point Marine Education Center on the Caribbean coast of Panama. This camera will provide a non-invasive way to take audiences beneath the waves to study the remarkably diverse elements and interactions of a coral reef habitat. Images will be shown in Galeta’s onsite auditorium to local schoolchildren and other visitors. They will also be available online.

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI): $6,350 to provide a rare opportunity for graduate level study in sponge taxonomy. Taxonomists document the world’s biodiversity, and the grant will train a new generation of investigators from the US and the Caribbean whose work will benefit the entire scientific community. Web-based materials will be developed for outreach to K-12 educators and the general public.

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI): $24,325 for a case study of the impacts on tropical rainforests of a global-warming event, similar in pace and magnitude to climate change in the 20th century, that occurred 55 million years ago. Studying changes in vegetation as a result of higher temperatures long ago may help to predict the long term consequences of modern global warming.