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Inuit sculpture donated

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Cheryl and Henry Kloppenburg, centre, cut a ribbon held by President Peter MacKinnon and Mary Buhr, dean of agriculture and bioresources, at the opening of the Inuit sculpture display.

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A display of Inuit sculpture, donated by Henry and Cheryl Kloppenburg, is now on permanent display in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

The 55 pieces in the collection include the work of several dozen artists who reside in 14 different communities in the Canadian Arctic. According to Henry Kloppenburg, the sculptures represent some 40 years of collecting, “a gratifying experience for us.” And donating the collection to the university means generations of students can enjoy the experience as well, he said.

The sculpture display, called the Henry and Cheryl Kloppenburg Collection of Inuit Sculpture, was officially opened Jan. 31 in the link between the College of Agriculture and Bioresources and the College of Engineering. It complements the Kloppenburg Collection, numerous paintings donated by the collectors that are on display through the Agriculture Building.

At the opening, Dean Mary Buhr said the donation adds an Inuit dimension “to the treasure trove that already graces this building. Artistic vision expresses the awe, reverence and respect that we feel as stewards of the Earth, and captures the very heart of why we are so proud to work in agriculture.”