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Global Village Museum Dedicates Gallery to Co-Founder John Roberts

The dedication of the *John E. Roberts Village Arts Gallery* will be held Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. Doors will open at 2 pm with the dedication scheduled for 3 pm.

Roberts co-founded the Museum in 2010 and remained a Board Member until his passing in May of this year. Roberts embraced the values of cultural diversity and acceptance, and his passion, dedication, and leadership at the Museum were an inspiration to many.

A Fort Collins native, Roberts earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Foreign Affairs from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1964. From 1964-1966, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer with camel-herding nomads in Somalia. Roberts then joined the U.S. Department of State and served for 34 years in 19 countries covering every continent except Antarctica. He also studied international law at the American University in Washington, D.C. and obtained a Master of Science in Regional Planning and Rural Development from Cornell University.

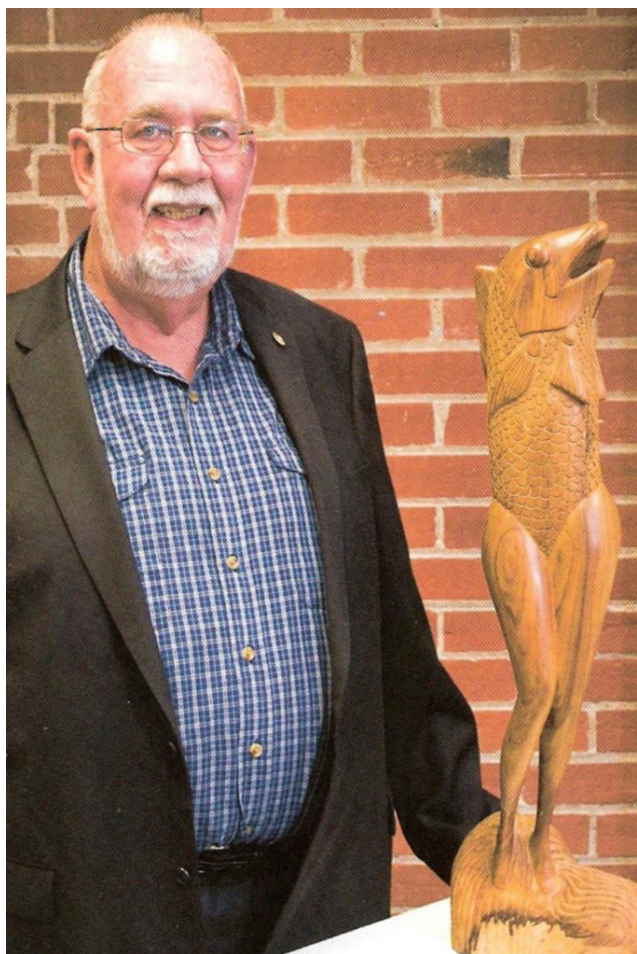
Retiring from foreign service in 1998, Roberts returned home and served as an Associate Professor of International Studies at Colorado State University from 1999 to 2008. In 2009, Roberts accepted a position as instructor with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Roberts was also engaged in community service with many organizations, including Rotary Club of Fort Collins, Rotary International, Centennial Chapter of the American Red Cross, Senior Advisory Board of City of Fort Collins, Community Advisory Board at the Lincoln Center, Fort Collins Symphony, and the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado.

Throughout his life and career, Roberts received numerous awards, including the Superior Honor Award from the U.S. State Department and the 2012 Rotarian of the Year. He was an avid international traveler, having visited 195 out of the world's 217 countries, and he was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Once asked to describe himself, Roberts said, "I'm always an internationalist, always a student, always a seeker, and always a servant." The dedication and remembrance of Roberts is open to the public with complimentary admission to the Museum. The Global Village Museum is located at 200 West Mountain Avenue, and Museum hours are 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday. In addition to expert presentations and programs, the Museum features four galleries, an international music room, handmade Tibetan dolls in the Losel Doll House, and a gnome scavenger hunt for children.

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IMAGE: John E. Roberts



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