

Security Cameras Purchased for Shafer Art Gallery

The family and friends of former Barton President, Jimmy Downing funded an endowment in 2002 to honor the late president's love and pride for the L. E. "Gus" and Eva Shafer Memorial Art Gallery. The endowment is to be used for education, acquisitions, and technology at Barton County Community College's Shafer Gallery. For the first expenditure from this endowment, the Foundation Board of Directors elected to purchase eight security cameras for the Gallery. With the permanent collection continuing to increase, the value of each piece being reappraised, the excellent exhibits on loan, and the change in the structure of the administration, we need to be assured that our collection is secure.

The new security system will detect any movement within the gallery and with seven of the cameras, all of the areas will have proper surveillance. The system will be connected to the existing security camera infrastructure allowing the Security office to monitor and record the interior area of the Gallery. In addition, Gallery staff and the Institutional Advancement Director will have access to monitor activity in the Gallery. The eighth camera will be located inside of the art collection storage room.

As it is referred to, the Shafer Gallery is the "gem" of the campus and now, because of the generosity of many people, we can again make improvements to protect what we are so grateful to have at our College. The benefits we gain for our students, faculty, staff, and community are invaluable, but one thing for sure is we appreciate the gifts from our art-loving artists and donors. We continue to make our Gallery an enlightening place to share the world of diversified art.