

Manitoga / The Russel Wright Design Center announces a \$50,000 grant from the Sara Little Turnbull Foundation

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“Manitoga is an exciting and important place to be,” shares Dorothy Dunn, Special Trustee, Sara Little Turnbull Foundation. “Under Allison Cross’s excellent leadership, it has become a dynamic destination where multi-sensory engagement with architecture and landscape offers visitors insights and inspiration. The Foundation recognizes an affinity between trail-blazing designer Sara Little Turnbull (1917-2015) and Mary Wright’s marketing genius as well as with Russel Wright’s body of work, inspired by nature and his travels to Asia.”

The grant will support Manitoga’s programs and initiatives including the artist residency program, a permanent gallery of the Wrights’ designs for the American home, and topical conversations among leading women in culture, business and design.

According to Cross, “The work of Russel and Mary Wright in their lifetime and of Manitoga today perfectly align with the extraordinary legacy and vision of Sara Little Turnbull who united design, culture, commerce and education in her life and career. We thank the Foundation for this leadership support which will help us keep the ideas and lessons of these three design visionaries alive.”

As a design professional and long-time Manitoga enthusiast, Dunn adds “women who are leaders in art and design deserve a tree house of their own.”

About the Sara Little Turnbull Foundation:

The mission of the Sara Little Turnbull Foundation is to further the advancement of underrepresented youth in design education and women in professional communities of design practice and leadership. The Foundation also promotes public awareness of design at the intersection of business, culture, and education.

About Manitoga:

Manitoga is the nationally landmarked home and 75-acre landscape in Garrison, New York of American industrial designer Russel Wright (1904 –1976). Manitoga / The Russel Wright Design Center stewards and interprets the site and Wright’s design legacy for a growing national and international audience of designers, design enthusiasts, students and scholars.



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