FRIENDS OF THE MEAD
Q&A with David E. Little about being a Friend

Q Who are the Friends of the Mead?
A Formed in 2009, the Friends are Amherst alumni and community members who provide vital support for the Mead’s educational mission. Team Mead, the museum’s volunteer student group, is a leading benefactor and catalyst of the Friends. We’re grateful for the generosity shown by all the Friends. Our current goal is to increase the number of Friends and total contributions so we can create more opportunities for all students, from athletes to scientists, to connect with the arts.

Q In the age of Facebook, it seems like everyone is “friends” with everyone. What’s so special about being a Friend of the Mead?
A If you’re a Friend of the Mead, you’re helping to connect a new generation of students with the intellectual and aesthetic pleasure of art. That’s what’s so amazing about the Amherst community. Alums have been making those connections possible for generations through their generosity.

Q If I become a Friend of the Mead, will the museum do “friend” things for me, like help me move or send me a special birthday card?
A Well, if you don’t live nearby already, we do hope to inspire you, through great exhibitions and installations, to relocate to Amherst. If that’s not possible, you’ll still receive invitations from us to engaging events throughout the year. We can’t help you move, but we can give you a lot to look at and think about. We can also help entertain your friends and family. For free.

Q Can a museum be my best friend?
A It depends. Do you need to touch everything on your best friend’s walls? If you do, then, umm, no. But seriously, like a best friend, the Mead is always here for you. We’re open longer hours than almost any museum in the country, and you can visit our collection any hour, day or night, on the web. Yes, of course, we will be your best friend—and introduce you to many more.
Be a Friend

Levels

$25 Student
$50 Individual
$75 Dual/Family
$250 Supporter
$500 Benefactor
$1,000 Patron
$2,500 Director’s Circle

Giving options

Option 1 Visit our secure web page: amherst.edu/give/mead.
Option 2 Give by phone at 866-542-GIFT (4438).
Option 3 Return the form below with your check (made payable to “Trustees of Amherst College”) to Friends of the Mead Art Museum, AC 2228, Amherst College, P.O. Box 5000, Amherst, MA 01002-5000.

NAME

ADDRESS

CLASS YEAR (IF AMHERST COLLEGE ALUMNA/ALUMNUS)

PHONE EMAIL

LEVEL
HOURS  Open Tues. through Sun. 9 am–5 pm, and until 8 pm on Fri. year-round. Open until midnight Tues. to Thurs. and Sun. during the academic term.

ADMISSION  Free and open to the public.

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