Walter Bareiss, President of Schachenmayr, Mann and Company, has been elected a Trustee of The Museum of Modern Art, David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Board, announced today.

A well-known collector and art patron, Mr. Bareiss has been a member of the Museum Collections Committee since 1956. A member of the Junior Council of The Museum of Modern Art since 1949, he helped to organize the Art Lending Service and served as Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Council from 1958 until 1962.

In 1958, an exhibition of fifty paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints and illustrated books selected from the Bareiss collection of over 500 objects was shown as a benefit for Recent Sculpture: USA, an exhibition sponsored by the Junior Council.

Born in Tuebingen, Germany, in 1919, Mr. Bareiss received his early education in Europe. His interest in collecting was first encouraged by his American-born father, whose own collection of old masters has been shown several times in Europe. Walter Bareiss came to the United States in 1937 to enter Yale University and, while majoring in economics, took many fine arts courses which provided an additional stimulus for his strong interest in the arts. His first purchases, Japanese prints and early Chinese ceramics, were acquired while he was still an undergraduate. In addition to modern art, Mr. Bareiss also collects Greek vases.

He graduated from Yale in 1940, studied one year at Columbia Law School and then entered the U.S. Army. Since 1947 he has been active in various phases of the textile business here and abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Bareiss, the former Molly Stimson, now live with their five children in Munich, Germany. There, he serves as a member of the Collection Committee for 20th century art of the Bavarian State Museums.

Mr. Bareiss, who maintains an office in New York, is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Yale University Art Gallery Associates and a Vice-President of the Longview Foundation.

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