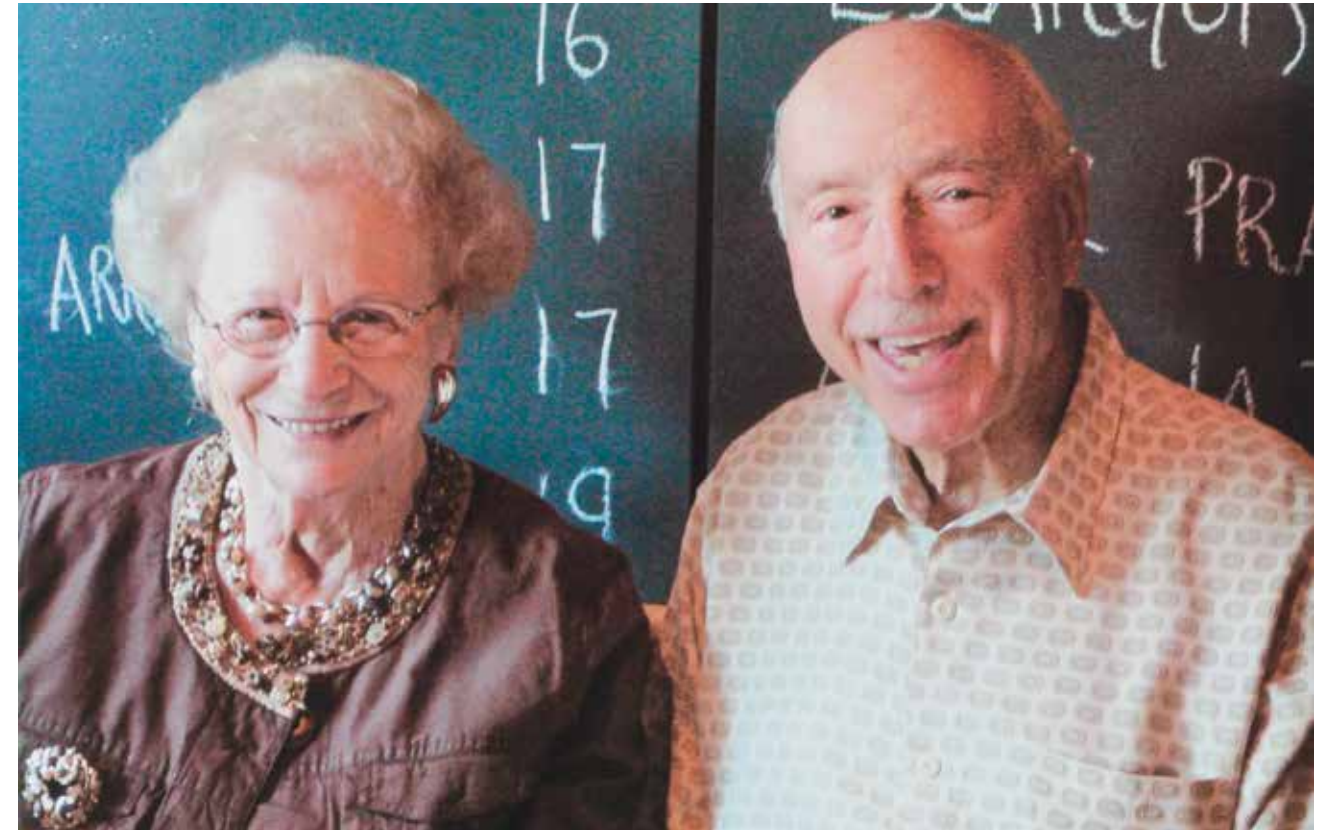




Mary and Harry Klonoff, Crystal Cruises, circa 1997
Courtesy of the family of Mary and Harry Klonoff



Mary and Harry Klonoff at Harry's retirement from the University of British Columbia, circa 1989
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Heffel is pleased to offer an exceptional group of works from the Estate of Mary and Harry Klonoff, both of whom were passionate collectors and admirers of the arts.

Dr. Harry Klonoff met the love of his life, Mary Klonoff (Plosker), in 1937 at the age of 13 years, in Winnipeg. They fell in love shortly thereafter, were married in 1948 and were inseparable for the next 68 years.

Harry received his undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Manitoba, his master's degree from the University of Toronto, and his PhD in psychology from the University of Washington in 1954. He had a long and fulfilling career as a professor and psychologist, working at the University of British Columbia for 30 years, following which he opened his own clinical private practice, with the assistance of Mary. Harry served as a professor emeritus of psychiatry at UBC from 1990 until his passing in 2016. Mary attended the University of Manitoba as well, and subsequently served as a docent for the Vancouver Art Gallery and then as a realtor at LePage Realty.

Mary and Harry traveled the world together and dedicated much of their precious time to their family. In 1954, the couple welcomed twins Hillary and Pamela into the world, followed by their youngest daughter, Melanie, in 1957.

The couple loved the arts, and drew meaning and inspiration from it. They were passionate about acquiring both Canadian historical and contemporary paintings, and in particular works by the Group of Seven. They also collected Northwest Coast Indigenous masks, as well as Inuit carvings. A weekly highlight for the couple was searching for special artworks that gave them inspiration in South Granville, Vancouver; they would hold hands, admire their favourite works, and share in their love of art together. Art was a powerful bond between them, and it stimulated their imagination throughout their lives.

Additional works from the collection will highlight Heffel's online auctions this fall, including examples by Arthur Lismer, Jock Macdonald and Gordon Smith, among others.