Three ArtPrize Firsts for Ann and Steve Loveless

College of Arts & Letters alumna Ann Loveless and her husband Steve achieved three firsts in 2015 at the seventh annual ArtPrize® in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ann is the only artist to win the grand prize two times; Ann and Steve are the first collaborative team to win; and Steve is the first photographer to be awarded the grand prize. The couple’s 5-feet-high by 25-feet-long entry, which won the $200,000 public vote grand prize, was created in a process they call PhotoFiber, a mixed media of photography and textiles. The composition begins on the left as a photographic print and gradually transitions into Ann’s quilted mosaic technique. Ann says Northwood Awakening represents the awakening of a beautiful Northern Michigan woods after winter just as the leaves pop out on the trees and the trillium are in full blossom. Her 2013 grand prize winning entry, Sleeping Bear Dunes Lakeshore, recently was donated to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and is now on permanent display at the park’s Phillip A. Hart visitor center in Empire, Michigan.