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### DELAWARE ART MUSEUM'S HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Wilmington, DE (November 12, 2009)—The Delaware Art Museum is pleased to announce the return of the annual Holiday House Tour for its 25th year. This eagerly anticipated event has been a highlight of the Wilmington holiday season since its inception. Presented by the Delaware Art Museum Council, the Holiday House Tour features a self-guided tour of seven Wilmington homes and two artist studios decorated for the holidays, as well as the Delaware Art Museum, on Saturday, December 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance can be purchased at the following locations: Delaware Art Museum, Hardcastle Gallery, Janssen's Market, Kitchen Kapers, Old Country Gardens, and PUFF. Tickets are also available by calling (302) 571-9590 ext. 548, or by visiting the Museum's website at [www.delart.org](http://www.delart.org). (Online purchases end after December 1.) On the day of the tour, tickets will be \$25 at the Museum.

#### House & Studio Descriptions

- Classic cars, Christmas trees, holiday artifacts, and music in a bucolic setting
- “An Empty-Nest Christmas” set in a delightful carriage-house home
- An elegant Westover Hills setting for holidays and entertaining
- A Bancroft Village home filled with colorful, whimsical furnishings and decorations
- A condominium overlooking the Brandywine River filled with an exciting contemporary art collection
- The contemporary home of two versatile artists, a perfect setting for a collection of modern art
- The home of an artist and collector that takes visitors on a trip around the world
- **Mr. and Mrs. Rick Rothrock:** Stone will never look the same after entering Rick Rothrock's home and studio

- **Charles Allmond Studio:** Charles Allmond left the fields of agronomy and law to become a sculptor

The Delaware Art Museum is one of the stops on the tour, and visitors can explore current exhibitions and the permanent collection. Exhibitions include:

- *Fantasies and Fairy-Tales: Maxfield Parrish and the Art of the Print*—A selection of some of Parrish’s most famous images, book illustrations, magazine covers, and advertisements.
- *Maxfield Parrish: Illustrated Letters*—Youthful illustrated letters produced by Parrish as a teenager during a European tour.
- *Masterpieces in Miniature*—Nine miniature versions of masterpieces by luminaries such as Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Edward Hopper.
- *Delaware by Hand: Masterworks*—Works by Delaware artists that continue the state’s colonial, nautical, and agricultural craft and art traditions, as well as those of the multi-cultural present.

There will be a guided tour of Highlights from the Permanent Collection at 1:00 p.m. and *Fantasies and Fairy-Tales: Maxfield Parrish and the Art of the Print* at 2:00 p.m. Visitors will also be able to meet with local artisans and purchase their art as holiday gifts. Box lunches, which must be purchased in advance, will be served. In addition, live holiday music will be performed by Strings Plus One, Centreville Singers, Concord Madrigals, and other local school and community groups.

The Museum Store Holiday Sale will be ongoing, offering 10% off total purchases from November 27 through December 31 (and 20% off for Museum Members).

### **About the Delaware Art Museum**

The Delaware Art Museum, located at 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806, is open Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday noon – 4:00 p.m. Admission fees are charged as follows: Adults (19 – 59) \$12, Seniors (60+) \$10, Students (with valid ID) \$6, Youth (7 – 18) \$6, and Children (6 and under) free. Admission fees are waived every Sunday thanks to support from AstraZeneca. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at [www.delart.org](http://www.delart.org)

Founded in 1912, the Delaware Art Museum is best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators, and urban landscapes by John Sloan and his circle. Visitors can also enjoy the outdoor Copeland Sculpture Garden and a number of exhibitions throughout the year.