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AN AMERICAN VISION: TEACHER FELLOWSHIPS

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM OFFERING TEN FELLOWSHIPS FOR TEACHERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH UPCOMING AMERICAN DECORATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

(WORCESTER, Mass., May 1, 2007) –In conjunction with the Worcester Art Museum’s upcoming exhibition, **An American Vision: Treasures from the Winterthur Museum**, WAM is offering ten Teacher Fellowships for summer study through the Museum’s intensive Teachers’ Institute. **An American Vision: Integrating the Decorative Arts Across the Curriculum will be held June 25-29, 2007**, and is appropriate for K-12 teachers in any discipline.

The Winterthur Museum is the nation’s pre-eminent museum of American furniture, paintings and decorative arts, originally collected and founded by Henry DuPont. The collection is primarily material culture from Colonial times through the early 19th century. We are extremely fortunate to bring this collection to Worcester. It is an exciting opportunity to teach about the formation of our country and its history through the beautiful, functional objects that reflect lifestyles and historical values.

The **Teachers’ Institute** will examine the WAM collection of decorative arts—furniture, silver, glass, ceramics, and more—as well as objects coming to the Museum in the Winterthur exhibition. The Institute will include lectures presented by art historians and other experts in the American decorative arts. Methods of integrating the historical and cultural significance of decorative arts into classroom curriculum will be discussed and applied.

There are **10 fellowships** available for the Institute that will provide tuition waivers for teachers attending and some assistance with busing costs for class attendance during the exhibition. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency, and private donations make these fellowships possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 10, 2007

PDF of application attached. Application available via website at www.worcesterart.org/education, or you may call 508.799.4406 x3007.

TEACHER INSTITUTE

An American Vision: Integrating the Decorative Arts Across the Curriculum

June 25-29, 2007

An American Vision: Treasures from the Winterthur Museum Exhibition opening

Saturday, November 4, 2008

An American Vision: Treasures from the Winterthur Museum

Exhibition on view November 5, 2007—April 6, 2008

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum, which opened to the public in 1898, is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture. View paintings by Cassatt, Gauguin, Goya, Monet, Sargent and Whistler; admire floor mosaics from the ancient city of Antioch; see cutting-edge contemporary art; and discover the Museum's many other treasures. Special exhibitions showcase the masterworks, seldom-seen gems, and important works on loan. Enjoy a delectable lunch in the Museum Café, and browse the Shop for unique gifts and mementos.

Dedicated to the promotion of art and art education, the Museum offers a year-round studio art and art appreciation program that enrolls over 7,000 adult and youth students each year. Public tours are offered Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m., September through May. Audio tours are also available in English and Spanish.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Third Thursdays of every month, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and full-time college students with current ID, and FREE for Members and all youth 17 and under. Admission is also FREE for everyone on Saturday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon (sponsored by The TJX Companies, Inc. and National Grid).

The Museum is located at 55 Salisbury St., Worcester, Mass., easily accessible from the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90), Route 290 and Route 9. Free parking is available near entrances on Salisbury, Lancaster and Tuckerman streets. For more information, call (508) 799-4406 or visit the Museum web site at www.worcesterart.org.

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AN AMERICAN VISION TEACHER INSTITUTE

June 25-29, 2007

Fellowship Application

Please fill in the following blanks and questions as thoroughly as possible and submit to Honee A. Hess, Director of Education, Worcester Art Museum, by **MAY 10, 2007**. A letter of support from your principal or other school administrator will be helpful. Questions? honeehess@worchesterart.org These fellowships are available through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and include tuition for the **American Vision Teacher Institute** and transportation assistance for a class visit to the Museum during the exhibition's stay in Worcester (November 5, 2007-April 6, 2008).

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

Home Address: _____

_____ Phone: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____

What subject(s) do you teach?

What grade levels do you teach?

How would attendance at this Teacher Institute benefit you as a teacher?

What interests/skills/background would you be bringing as student to this Institute that might be beneficial to other students?

How do you now OR how would you incorporate learning about American decorative arts into your classroom teaching?

How do you now OR how would you incorporate art materials and methods in your classroom teaching?

What museum programs would you like to see in the future?

Check any of the following to which the answer is yes:

If I were awarded this Fellowship, I would be able to attend this Teachers' Institute and be a participating member of the class.

If I were awarded this Fellowship, I would be able to bring my class(es) to the Museum during the run of the American Visions exhibition.

Enclosed is a supporting letter from my principal or other administrator.

Signature

Date