TICKETS ON SALE FOR 28TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Wilmington, DE (November 8, 2012) – Presented by the Delaware Art Museum Council, the 28th Annual Holiday House Tour returns this year on Saturday, December 8th. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m., the self-guided Tour features ten spectacular Wilmington-area homes and studios bedecked for the holiday season. The Museum will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for shopping at 12 artisan booths and in the Museum Store, and will also feature live seasonal music and light holiday fare in the Thronson Café. This year’s Holiday House Tour is sponsored by Nordstrom.

Tickets are $25 in advance or $30 the day of the Tour. Tickets will be available by credit card at delartholidayhousetour.org or at the Delaware Art Museum. Tickets can also be purchased by cash or check at the following locations: Everything But The Kitchen Sink, Janssen’s Market, Kitchen Kapers in Concord Gallery, Minster’s Jeweler’s in Newark, Old Country Gardens, and P.U.F.F. All tickets are non-refundable. Each Holiday House Tour ticket will include one holiday raffle ticket. Prizes will be drawn at 3:30 p.m in the Museum. You do not need to be present to win.

Tour highlights include:

- A one-room schoolhouse that has grown into a charming antique and art-filled home.
- A gracious red brick Georgian colonial filled with the treasures of an artistic family.
- A 1910 house with masterfully modern renovations.
- An unusual townhouse constructed with reclaimed pews from Trinity Episcopal Church.

For a complete description of all ten homes, visit delartholidayhousetour.org.

From 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m the following 12 artisans will be in the Museum:

- Nancy Butler (Handmade Jewelry)
- David Scott Ennis (Mixed Fiber)
- Michele Madinabeitia Foster (Fused Glass)
- Maureen Kamerick (Hand-woven Silk Scarves)
- Claire Lamberth (Jewelry)
- Joan Nelson (Silver Jewelry)
- Marlene Sontchi (Handbags)
- John A. Styer (Turned-wood Heirlooms)
- Patricia Brown Tolton (Ceramic Art Tiles)
- Beth Trepper (Photography)
- Diane Troutman (Polymer Clay/Resin)
- Nancy Carol Willis (nature books, puppets, giclée wildlife prints, and Delaware scene prints)

Live seasonal music schedule:

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Q-Winds
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Centreville Singers
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Suzuki Flute Group & the Adult Ensemble of the Music School of Delaware
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. The Tatnall Singers
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. St. Marks High School Concert Choir
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Johnson Brothers violin duets

Complete home descriptions, performance information, and artisan profiles are available at delartholidayhousetour.org.

Tour-goers can also enjoy the Museum’s collections and exhibitions before or after their tour. Current exhibitions include:

- So Beautifully Illustrated” – Katharine Richardson Wireman and the Art of Illustration – an exhibition of early to mid-twentieth century magazine covers,
advertisements, and illustrations for fashion and family-oriented features by illustrator and artist Katharine Richardson Wireman.

- **Centennial Juried Exhibition** – A 97-artist exhibition featuring diverse contemporary art works by artists living in Delaware or within 100 miles of the Museum.
- **12 x 12** – A youth exhibition of artworks 12 inches in width and diameter by Delaware artists ages 13 – 18.
- Always on view are the Museum’s renowned collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art and the Museum’s spectacular collection of American art and illustration.

**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. For more information, call 302-571-9590 or 866-232-3714 (toll free), or visit the website at delart.org.

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

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