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**HERMITAGE TO DISPLAY FAMILY JADE COLLECTIONS IN EXHIBITION:  
*EAST MEETS WEST***

Norfolk, VA- As its annual winter exhibit, [the Hermitage](http://theHermitage.org) will display two Sloane family-member jade collections, side by side, as *East Meets West*. *East Meets West* opens to the public on December 12<sup>th</sup>, with a members-only special reception held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The exhibit will be on display in the Hermitage galleries through January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

With its majestic and exotic associations, Chinese jade has enjoyed a long-standing history as a treasured art form. Well-known for the skill required to maneuver such a difficult medium, visitors experience first-hand jade's renaissance in Western culture.

Of those entranced by this art form, [Florence Sloane](http://FlorenceSloane.org) and her son, William Sloane, Jr., found jade irresistible, and made it a sizable portion of their respective art collections. Florence, intensely interested in the Asian arts, amassed her collection for display at the Hermitage in Norfolk, Virginia. William, settled in Texas with his wife, gifted his collection at his passing to the Waco-McClennan County Library of Waco, Texas. The exhibit will explore the aesthetics of the stone, the arduous processes used to create the intricate designs and of course, the unique and innate beauty of this admired art-form. This wonderful complexity continues to amaze all who appreciate jade's fine craftsmanship.

For more information on the exhibition *East Meets West* or program offerings, contact Caitlin Smith, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-2052 ext. 207, or [cs@thfm.org](mailto:cs@thfm.org).

*The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history in this Norfolk historic home. The Visual Arts School houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. Open daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5-closed Wednesdays. Free for Museum Members, children under 6, and Active Duty military. Admission: \$5 for Adults, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students. For more information on the museum and membership offerings call 757-423-2052 or visit [www.thfm.org](http://www.thfm.org).*

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