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Lecture and Workshops Being Offered in Conjunction with Current Hermitage Museum Exhibition

Norfolk, VA – An exhibition lecture and several workshops are being offered in conjunction with the recent exhibition, *Kazuko Mukoyama: Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions*, currently on display at the Hermitage Museum & Gardens.

The exhibition lecture, *The Art of Kazuko Mukoyama*, is being presented at the Hermitage Museum on Saturday, February 13th by Professor Agnieszka Whelan of the Old Dominion University Department of Art and Institute of Asian Studies. The presentation focuses on the intriguing evolution of the art of Kazuko Mukoyama. It gives an overview of contemporary and traditional Japanese art and explains how these motifs are represented in the body of work on display in the Hermitage Galleries. Space is limited. Reservations are required. Cost is \$10 for non-members and \$8 for Museum members.

The workshops being offered are as follows:

Sushi Making in the Historic Hermitage Kitchen

Saturday, January 30, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Japanese Kite Making Children's Workshop

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Japanese Sume-I Painting for Beginners

Sunday, February 7, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Origami Workshops

Year of the Tiger, Saturday, January 23, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Hearts, etc: Valentine's Day Origami, Saturday, January 30, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Asian Dragon, Saturday, February 13, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Japanese Paper Dolls, Saturday, February 20, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Raku Kiln Firing

Saturday, February 20, starting at 11:00 a.m.

Detailed workshop descriptions and prices are available online at www.thfm.org.

The exhibition, *Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions*, is on display through February 26th.

For additional information on the exhibition lecture, related workshops, or the exhibition *Contemporary Perspectives, Ancient Traditions*, contact Kate Gebler, Public Programs Manager, at 757-423-205 x207 or kg@thfm.org.

The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family 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 and Thursdays. 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.