



WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW

A Benefit for East Side House Settlement

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58TH WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW CELEBRATES THE ROCKEFELLER FAMILY PATRONAGE OF HISTORIC HUDSON VALLEY

(NEW YORK, NY—November 15, 2011) The Winter Antiques Show’s 2012 loan exhibition, *Celebrating Historic Hudson Valley 60: Rockefeller Patronage in Sleepy Hollow Country* highlights more than 25 objects from **Historic Hudson Valley’s** five National Landmarks and marks the 60th anniversary of John D. Rockefeller Jr.’s founding of Sleepy Hollow Restorations, now **Historic Hudson Valley**. The exhibition showcases fine and decorative art objects from **Philipsburg Manor, Van Cortlandt Manor, Washington Irving’s Sunnyside, Montgomery Place, and the Union Church of Pocantico Hills** in Hudson Valley. **Historic Hudson Valley** was established in 1951 as a museum and educational non-profit dedicated to the preservation of buildings, landscapes, and collections within Hudson Valley.

The pieces selected for this year’s loan exhibition exemplify the multi-generational Rockefeller legacy of research-based collecting, preservation, and interpretation of history. The fine and decorative arts objects chosen speak to the organization’s three-part collecting scope: the possessions of the New York families who once owned these river estates; historical resources which provide context for the people of the past who lived and worked on these properties; and emblematic objects representing key events in Hudson River Valley history.

Prominently reflected in the loan exhibition is Historic Hudson Valley’s spiritual father, Washington Irving (1783-1859), whose efforts as a writer and amateur architect thrust the concept of “Sleepy Hollow Country” upon the international stage during the 1800s. Beginning in the early 19th century, the Sleepy Hollow area was recognized the world over as quintessentially American. Washington Irving, chief among the writers and artists referred to as the “Kindred Spirits,” immortalized this and other locales in the Hudson River Valley as otherworldly places steeped in deep traditions, folklore, magical power, and scenic beauty.

Irving gave the area even greater fame in 1835 when he purchased a cottage in Tarrytown and remodeled it into his fancifully romantic dwelling, Sunnyside. Within a few years of its creation, Sunnyside achieved icon status, its image widely depicted in fine and commercial art as an idyllic symbol of American home life. The whole of America consumed goods and services with such names as Sleepy Hollow, Sunnyside, Knickerbocker, Gotham, and Rip Van Winkle—all catch phrases derived from Washington Irving’s creative spirit.

Jeff Daly, formerly the Chief Designer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will design the loan exhibition. The exhibition is sponsored by **Chubb Personal Insurance** for the 16th consecutive year.

Highlights of the Exhibition (images are available):



Historic Hudson Valley. John Henry Hill (1839-1922), *Sunnyside with Picnickers*, New York, 1878, Watercolor on paper, Gift in memory of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., by her children.



Historic Hudson Valley. John Wesley Jarvis (1780-1840), *Washington Irving* (1783-1859), New York, 1809, Oil on wooden panel.



Historic Hudson Valley. *Pair of tobacco jars*, Probably Delft, the Netherlands, c. 1750, Tin-glazed earthenware.

To complement the exhibition and offer deeper contexts for the objects on view, a series of lectures is presented during the show. All lectures are held in the “Tiffany” Room at Park Avenue Armory. Seating is on a first-come basis and is complimentary with admission:

Celebrating Historic Hudson Valley at Sixty

Friday, January 20, 2:30 p.m.

Waddell W. Stillman, President, Historic Hudson Valley

America's Medicis: The Rockefellers and Their Astonishing Cultural Legacy

Sunday, January 22, 2:30 p.m.

Suzanne Loebel

Star Ceramics at Historic Hudson Valley

Saturday, January 28, 2:30 p.m.

Kathleen Eagen Johnson, 2012 Loan Exhibition Project Director and Museum Consultant

Style and Sentiment: Personal Accessories from Historic Hudson Valley

Saturday, January 28, 4:00 p.m.

Jessa J. Krick, Collections Manager, Historic Hudson Valley

For high-res images, please visit: <http://www.winterantiquesshow.com/cms/press/index.shtml> or email Alexandra Sturm at asturm@rubenstein.com.

About the Winter Antiques Show

The Winter Antiques Show celebrates its 58th year as America's most prestigious antiques show, featuring 75 renowned experts in American, English, European, and Asian fine and decorative arts in a fully vetted Show. The Show was established in 1955 by East Side House Settlement, a social services institution located in the South Bronx. All net proceeds from the Show benefit East Side House Settlement. The Winter Antiques Show will run from January 20-29, 2012 at the Park Avenue Armory, 67th Street and Park Avenue, New York City. Show hours are from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily, except Sundays and Thursdays, 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Daily admission to the Show is \$20, which includes the Show's award winning catalogue. To purchase tickets for the Opening Night Party or Young Collectors Night call (718) 292-7392 or visit the Show's website at www.winterantiquesshow.com.

About East Side House Settlement

East Side House Settlement was founded in 1891 to help immigrants and lower income families on the East Side of Manhattan. In 1962, it moved to the South Bronx where it serves 8,000 residents annually within one of America's poorest congressional districts, the Mott Haven section of the South Bronx. Among the initiatives that focus on educational attainment as the gateway out of poverty is the innovative and highly acclaimed Mott Haven Village Preparatory School, a national model profiled in Business Week. For more information, please visit www.eastsidehouse.org.

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