

# MUSCARELLE MUSEUM OF ART

at The College of William & Mary

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## **MUSCARELLE MUSEUM OF ART TAKES INSPIRATION FROM EXHIBITION TO CREATE EXPANDED SHOP FOCUSED ON DAZZLING ARRAY OF FRENCH GIFTS**

Williamsburg, Va. (November 1, 2011) – The Muscarelle Museum of Art has taken inspiration from one of its current exhibitions to expand and refine its gift shop to reflect the French art from the show on view.

A collection of Impressionist masterpieces entitled *Seeing Colors: Secrets of the Impressionists* is now on view at the museum. Since the French masters are such a significant part of this show, a French-inspired holiday gift shop seemed especially timely.

“We felt that with iconic French art on display at the museum, it was the perfect time to expand and offers gifts and other items that are a reflection of that art,” said Amy K. Gorman, curator of gifts for the Muscarelle. “Many of these items are unique and cannot be found anywhere else in the area. The holidays are such a special time in Williamsburg, and we’re pleased that we can add such a wonderful, destination shopping experience for visitors to the area.”

Shoppers are greeted at the entrance to the shop by a beautiful, gilded Eiffel Tower replica; products they can expect to find in the shop include:

- A line of fine linens inspired by French provincial kitchens
- Exquisite 19<sup>th</sup>-century inspired enamel jewelry and hair clips
- Miniature enameled Faberge eggs
- Reminiscent of the fields of France, there are many items that utilize high-quality lavender, including wreaths, ribbon woven wands, as well as culinary lavender
- And much more.

There is no admission charge for the shop and it is open on the same schedule as the museum. For more information, visit [wm.edu/muscarelle](http://wm.edu/muscarelle) or call 757.221.2700.

### **ABOUT THE EXHIBITION**

The Muscarelle Museum of Art will be the only mid-Atlantic venue for *Seeing Colors: Secrets of the Impressionists*, an exhibition featuring paintings, drawings, and prints on loan from the High Museum of Art, Atlanta.

More than forty original works by the leading Impressionists in Europe and the United States, including Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, Childe Hassam, William Merritt Chase, and John Henry Twachtman will be displayed and discussed in terms of the innovative techniques these renowned artists used to revolutionize painting and initiate the modern era in European and American art.

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*Seeing Colors* will be on view in the upstairs galleries of The Muscarelle Museum of Art until January 22, 2012.

## **ABOUT THE MUSCARELLE MUSEUM OF ART**

The Muscarelle Museum of Art is located on Jamestown Road on the campus of The College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and extended weekend hours through the 2011 holiday season of 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Docent tours are available at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sundays, and other times as announced. Admission to the Museum for this exhibition is \$15.00. Admission is free for Museum members, The College of William & Mary faculty, staff, and students, and children under twelve. For more information about this exhibit or the Museum in general, please call 757-221-2700 or visit [www.wm.edu/muscarelle](http://www.wm.edu/muscarelle).