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CONCORD MUSEUM

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June through August 2010 at the Concord Museum in historic Concord, Massachusetts

“into your hands...”

A Special Exhibition at the Concord Museum now through Sunday, September 19, 2010

The Concord Museum celebrates the 375th anniversary of the founding of the town of Concord with a special exhibition featuring objects that have been passed down in Concord's families and then entrusted to the Concord Museum. These extraordinary objects—spanning twelve generations— come with fascinating stories that tell us much about the town and those who have lived and worked here: famous residents and ordinary citizens, ministers and mothers, journalists and farmers, school girls and teachers, war heroes and literary icons. Some of the objects commemorate a personal event like a wedding or the birth of a child; some, a nationally important event like the opening battle of the American Revolution. In many cases the objects have never traveled further than a mile from where they were made; others have traveled far and wide, finally coming home to Concord. The exhibition includes portraits, jewelry, needlework, ceramics, clothing, furniture, clocks and silver, all donated to the Concord Museum by family members with the intent to preserve Concord's history for generations to come. The title *“into your hands...”* is taken from a 1942 letter written by Lucy Merriam Brigham describing her gift of family possessions to the Museum. Included free with Museum admission.

21st Annual Concord Garden Tour

Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, 2010

The Concord Museum's 21st annual Garden Tour on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, is organized by the Guild of Volunteers as a benefit for the Museum's education initiatives. Each of the nine private gardens reflects the individual interests and passions of the owners and their families and will inspire both new gardeners designing their first perennial bed and accomplished landscapers with acres of garden rooms. This pre-eminent garden tour, an unequalled opportunity both to share in the delights of beautiful and historic private gardens in Concord and to support the Museum's education programs, is self-guided, 9:00-4:00. Garden-goers pick up their maps at the Museum prior to starting out. Tickets are good for either or both days, but each garden may only be visited once. Tickets thru May 28: \$32, \$26 Concord Museum Members; after May 28 or at the door: \$38, \$32 Concord Museum Members. Sponsored by RBC Wealth Management and Seasons Four. Reservations: 978-369-9763 or visit www.concordmuseum.org

Be Our Guest: Admission Free Summer Evenings at the Concord Museum

Wednesdays, June 16, July 21 and August 18, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

A summer evening is the perfect opportunity to visit the Concord Museum. Bring family, friends or out of town guests to linger in the Museum's engaging history galleries and special exhibition, *“into your hands...”*, take in the quiet eloquence of the *“Exploring Concord”* film, and enjoy the historic beauty of period rooms filled with Concord antiques. Create your own memories with family-friendly, hands-on activities. Visit for the first time or revisit favorite galleries – all free on Wednesday evenings, June 16, July 21 and August 18, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

With one of the oldest collections of Americana in the country, the Concord Museum in historic Concord, Massachusetts is renowned for its national treasures: the lantern that hung in the church steeple on the night of Revere's famous ride; the largest collection of Henry Thoreau's possessions anywhere, including the desk where he penned *Walden* and *“Civil Disobedience;”* Ralph Waldo Emerson's Study, an important gathering place for the greatest American writers of his day; and outstanding furniture, clocks, silver, and ceramics. The Museum's *“Why Concord?”* history galleries are the perfect place to explore the principles of liberty and putting one's beliefs into

action. Explore the Puritan establishment of the privilege of local self-rule, how the Patriots responded to threats to their freedom in 1775, and the influence of Thoreau's civil disobedience.

MUSEUM ADMISSION: General admission to the Museum is \$10 for adults, \$8 Seniors (62 & over), \$8 Students with valid id, \$5 Youth 6-18. Members and children under 6 are free.

SUMMER HOURS: In June, July and August, seven days a week, 9:00 – 5:00; Wednesday evenings June 16, July 21 & August 18, open free from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS: The Concord Museum is easily accessible from Route 495 or Route 128 and Route 2 and is located at the intersection of Lexington Road and Cambridge Turnpike, ¼ mile east of Concord Center. The Museum's entrance is on Cambridge Turnpike; parking is free.

For further information contact the Concord Museum at (978) 369-9609 (Taped information) (978) 369-9763 (Reservations) • cm1@concordmuseum.org • Web site: www.concordmuseum.org. The Concord Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

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