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M&G Offers Free Admission for Community Day

Greenville, SC - The Museum & Gallery is offering **free admission** for Community Day on Saturday, March 12 at both the Wade Hampton and Heritage Green locations in conjunction with the Smithsonian Museum Day.

Community Day is one of several events throughout the year that gives visitors the chance to enjoy a glimpse of M&G's extensive collection of European Old Master paintings and antiquities at no cost. "We hope Community Day will encourage our neighbors in the SC Upstate to visit one or both M&G locations! The collection is meant for everyone to enjoy and benefit from; you don't have to be an art lover to visit—just bring your curiosity," said Erin Jones, M&G director.

Families can start their day exploring "The Art of Sleuthing" exhibition at Heritage Green beginning at 10 a.m. Fakes and forgeries will fascinate adults while children have fun completing a scavenger hunt, hands-on activities, and crime solving.

Guests will especially appreciate a rare glimpse at a Vermeer forgery on loan from the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. Another highlight of the exhibit focuses on Nazi-looted art and includes a loan from the North Carolina Museum of Art that was restituted to its rightful owners.

After touring "The Art of Sleuthing," families can make their way over to M&G's main location on the campus of Bob Jones University, open from 2-5 p.m. There they have the opportunity to stroll through 30 galleries of European art and artifacts, seeing an Italian Baroque collection that has been ranked with that of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the National Gallery of Art.

Many of the paintings guests will see on display have traveled to prominent museums around the world. M&G's "Head of Christ" from the school of the famous artist Rembrandt van Rijn was included in an exhibit at the Louvre in 2011. In January 2016, "Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom" returned from an exhibition in Germany.

The main M&G location also offers scavenger hunts and a learning center where children can get a feel for daily life in ancient Rome. Children receive a prize in the Gift Shop on the completion of their scavenger hunt.

"From the child being introduced to the basics of art and design to the established art connoisseur, M&G has something to offer everyone," said Jones. "We count it a privilege to share this unique and special collection with the Greenville community and beyond."

M&G at Bob Jones University is open Tuesday-Sunday from 2-5 p.m. M&G at Heritage Green is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for seniors. Children 12 and under are free.

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