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**Main Line Art Center Fine Craft Sale Kicks Off Holiday Season
Dec. 2-12, Free Admission**

HAVERFORD, PA (October 18, 2011)—With brightly colored scarves, hand-sculpted ceramics, and intricate baubles galore, Main Line Art Center's highly-anticipated Holiday Fine Craft Sale is returning Dec. 2–11 with a Members' Early Shopping Preview on Dec. 1 from 5-7 pm. This juried sale, sponsored by Bank of America, features an amazing assortment of handmade jewelry, unique ceramics, glass art, hand-dyed scarves, milled soaps and more, all handcrafted by 50 professional artists from the region. You can find something special for everyone on your shopping list while supporting our local artistic community.

A Main Line shopping staple, the Holiday Fine Craft Sale is free and open to the public. The sale is open Dec. 2 from 10 am–9 pm; Dec. 3 & 4 from 10 am–5 pm; Dec. 5–8 from 10 am–7 pm; Dec. 9 & 10 from 10 am–5 pm; and Dec. 11 from 10 am–3 pm. Main Line Art Center Members are invited to beat the crowds and shop early on Dec. 1 from 5-7 pm (new Members welcome!). The Art Center will also run a silent auction of items from the sale Dec. 1–8. A portion of the proceeds from the Fine Craft Sale and the auction support the Art Center's award-winning education and community outreach programs for all ages, levels and abilities that advance the mission of "Art for Everyone."

Artists featured in this year's Fine Craft Sale include:

Ceramics

John Armstrong, Sharon Bartmann, Robert Deane, Laura Demme, Barbara Hanselman, Lana Heckendorn, Charlotte Lindley Martin, Kathryn Narrow, Marcia K. Reiver and Jennifer Wankoff

Fibers and Wearable Art

Jean-Marie Baldwin, Liz Chang, Anne Foresman, Karla Hartsfield, Gretchen Hulse, Meg Kennedy, Suzanne Kopko, Marilyn Lavins, Kathy Makransky, Leslie Friedman Rifkin and Kathryn Robinson

Glass Art

Sandra Chierici, Amber Cowan and Rina and Newt Malerman

Jewelry

Andrea Abrams-Herbert, Dawn Bergmaier, Norry Cosica, Angela Duffin, Layne Freedline, Abra Gorby, Michele Grady, Pat Henriques, Amy Brett Krumholz, Ian Lander, Joanna Morrison Marcuse, Shelly Rabuse, Susan Rifkin, Jennifer Roche, Rachel Singer, Anna Thompson and Cynthia Murray

Mixed Media

Michie Taylor, Sandra Webberking, Julie Zeelander

Soaps and Bath Products

Beverly Kelly and Theresa Spross

Woodwork

Tom Bowman, Herman Fortkamp and Natural Renaissance

In the spirit of the season, the Art Center has planned holiday-themed adult and family workshops. For more info and pricing, visit www.mainlineart.org.

Adult Workshops

Holiday Cards: Prints without a Press

Wed., Nov. 16-Dec. 7, 6:30–9:30 pm

Show your love and learn printmaking techniques to produce beautiful cards in your own home.

Silk Scarf

Sun., Nov. 20, 10 am–3 pm (15 min. slots)

By practicing Ebru marbling techniques, you can paint a swirling colorful silk scarf, perfect to give, perfect to keep.

Glass Ornament

Sun., Dec. 4, 12–3 pm @East Falls Glassworks

This beginner-friendly workshop provides all of the tools, training, and materials to fabricate a blown glass ornament.

Family Workshops

Tuition for family workshops covers one adult-child pair so that parents, caregivers, and grandparents can share in the creative, memory-making experience.

Gift Wrapped with heART

Sat., Dec. 3, 1:30–3 pm

Learn the craft of paper marbling and make each present extra-special with handmade wrapping paper.

Menorah

Sun., Dec. 4 & 11, 1–3 pm

Create a new family treasure by molding and glazing your own handmade menorah.

Funny Family Ornaments

Sat., Dec. 10, 1:30–3 pm

Bring in photos from home and create unique, mixed-media ornaments that will be a delight each holiday season.

Gingerbread House

Sun., Dec. 11, 10:30 am–12 pm

A house made of candy! Make and decorate your own gingerbread house with graham crackers, icing, and sweet treats.

Main Line Art Center also has the creative solution to a problem facing many parents during this time of year: What to do with the kids during holiday break? The Art Center is offering Holiday Art Camp Dec. 19-23 and Dec. 27-30 in half days for kids ages 4-6 and half or full days for ages 6-11. Before care, after care, and lunch care programs are also available. Register for one day, or for a discount register for a combination of any 3 days. Parents are encouraged to call or register online early, as spaces fill up quickly!

For 75 years, Main Line Art Center has enriched the lives of artists of all ages, levels and abilities through high quality visual arts classes led by professional Teaching Artists, community outreach programs serving diverse audiences, cutting-edge exhibition and events, and artistic development opportunities. The Art Center continues to support the mission originally set forth by its founders: To inspire and engage artistic creativity for all ages and

abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. Last year alone nearly 15,000 individuals, ages two to senior citizens, participated in our programs and chose the Art Center as their home for creativity and growth, just as generations of community members have before them.

Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road in Haverford, behind the Wilkie Lexus dealership just off of Lancaster Avenue. The Art Center is easily accessible from public transportation and offers abundant free parking. For more information, please visit www.mainlineart.org or call 610.525.0272.

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