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Main Line Art Center Offers Valentine's Day Programming

HAVERFORD, PA (January 10, 2011)—Main Line Art Center is a sweet place to spend February! This month we are celebrating La Dolce Vita (the sweet life) with an exhibition and workshops centering on desserts and Valentine's Day.

The festivities begin with the **There's Always Room for Dessert exhibition** – a celebration of artwork inspired by desserts. The Art Center's gallery will be filled with unique and eye-catching artwork in all mediums that will make your mouth water. This exhibition opens with a reception on First Friday, Feb. 4 from 6-9 pm, which will include a presentation of prizes graciously donated by North Bowl, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philadelphia Film Society, Tango, Tiffin in Wynnewood and other Art Center supporters and awarded by prize juror Patrick Gauthron of Aux Petit Delices, former pastry chef for Le Bec Fin. Artwork will be available for viewing and purchase through February 24. The Art Center will donate 10% of their commission on any sold items to MANNA, (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) which prepares and delivers nutritious meals to individuals and families living with life-threatening illnesses. The exhibition as well as the reception are free and open to the public.

Also on First Friday, Feb. 4 is Foodapalooza, sponsored by First Friday Main Line, taking place around the corner at Haverford Estates. Come taste the best of the Main Line!

Forget the tired box of chocolates and red roses—This year, show your Valentine how much you care by creating a one-of-a-kind gift!

Workshops for adults include:

- **Painting Junk Food** – Sat., Feb. 12, 10 am-2 pm
Create your own intimate still life from a yummy assortment of provided junk food!
- **Valentine's Silk Scarf & Paper Marbling** – Sun., Feb. 6, 10 am-3 pm
Print your own silk scarf and several matching marbling paper prints – perfect for love notes.
- **Fused Glass Gems & Tiles** – Sun., Feb. 6 & 13, 1-4 pm
Melt your lover's heart with beautiful gems to use in jewelry or create tiles for a mosaic picture frame.
- **Paperweight & Ornament Workshop at East Falls Glassworks** – Sun., Feb. 13, 12-3 pm
Heat things up in the hot shop! Design a solid sculpted paperweight and a blown ornament in this class designed for the total beginner.

Workshops for children and families include:

- **Clay Time Together** – Sat., Feb. 19-March 5, 10-11 am
Enjoy family time as you explore the world of clay through hand-building techniques.
- **Handmade Mugs & Hot Cocoa** – Sun. Jan. 23 & 30, 1-4 pm
Keep warm all winter long with your own homemade mug!
- **Ceramic Valentines & Picture Frames** – Sat., Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 1-3pm
Use stamps, textures, and words to make ceramic picture frames and special valentines.
- **Homemade Food Clay Dessert Sculptures** – Sun., Feb. 6, 10:30 am-12 pm

Learn how to make air-dry clay from household pantry items to sculpt a colorful and decorative dessert.

- **Food Color Art** – Sun., Feb. 20, 1:30-2:30 pm

Learn the craft of paper marbling and create your own decorative papers from ordinary household items.

Founded in 1937 by a group of local artists, Main Line Art Center's mission is to inspire and engage artistic creativity for individuals of all ages and abilities and to celebrate and strengthen the essential role of visual art in community life. With its vast and wide-ranging course offerings, the Art Center has become a regional leader in visual arts education. Its extensive outreach programs and promotion of new artists through multiple exhibition opportunities help attract individuals new to the arts and cultivate support from art patrons.

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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