

**Join the Friends of Kresge
For a Day at the Meyer May House
And the Grand Rapids Art Museum
November 12, 2009**



Join the Friends of Kresge in Grand Rapids for docent-led tours of Frank Lloyd Wright's Meyer May House and the Grand Rapids Art Museum special exhibition: *American Impression: Paintings from the Phillips Collection*.

The Meyer May House, located in the Heritage Hill neighborhood east of downtown, was commissioned in 1908 by Meyer S. May, a prominent Grand Rapids clothier, and his wife Sophie Amberg. An example of Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style architecture, the house stands apart from the typical Victorian and classical revival houses of the neighborhood. Restored to its original concept by Steelcase and opened for visitor tours in 1987, the Meyer May House offers a rare opportunity to view a totally designed living environment, a composition of light, planes, and space just as Wright envisioned it in 1908.

The exhibition, *American Impression: Paintings from the Phillips Collection* features fifty-four works by the pioneers of American impressionism — Childe Hassam, Theodore Robinson, John Twachtman, J. Alden Weir, William Glackens, and Maurice Prendergast. These artists created a new interpretation of America's landscape and cities. Duncan Phillips (1886–1966) was among the early collectors of American impressionist paintings, acquiring most of the works in this exhibition directly from these artists. The poetic vein of American impressionism satisfied Phillips' passion for modern landscape painting as well as the lyrical quality that portrayed the changing light of seasons and times of day. Also on view, *Tissot's London 1871-1882: The Art and Culture of City Life* and *James McNeil Whistler and the Romance of Great Cities*.

Schedule: Dean Charter bus leaves lot 89 (Corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane) at **8:40 am SHARP**. Arrive at Meyer May House for docent-led tour; lunch at Leo's Restaurant in downtown Grand Rapids, then to the Grand Rapids Art Museum for a docent-led tour of their special exhibition as well as time on your own; return tentatively 5:00 pm.

Cost: \$65.00 per person for Friends of Kresge; \$75.00 per person for general public. Price includes Charter bus transportation to and from Grand Rapids; admission and docent-led tours to both Meyer May House and Grand Rapids Art Museum's special exhibition and lunch at Leo's Restaurant. **Reservation deadline: November 3, 2009. No refunds after that date. Our trips fill quickly; after October 8th call for trip availability.** For more information contact Cari Wolfe, Assistant Education Curator at 517/353-9835 or wolfeca1@msu.edu

Yes, I want to take a day trip with the Friends of Kresge to Grand Rapids on November 12th.

___ \$65.00 Friends of Kresge ___ \$75.00 General Public ___ \$35.00 (I want to become a member)

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Questions or want to reserve your spot by phone?
Call Cari Wolfe, Assistant Education Curator, KAM at 353-9835