

Biggs Museum of American Art

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Loving Traditions The Ann Marcus Valentines Card Collection February 3, 2012 – March 25, 2012



Dover, DE – The Biggs Museum of American Art is pleased to present a large sample of the late 19th – and early 20th – century pop-up valentine card collection of Ann Marcus. Mrs. Marcus has been collecting these delicate art forms for over fifteen years and has amassed a collection of hundreds of cards. The Ann Marcus collection includes cards decorated with the iconic valentine decorative motifs of flowers, hearts and cupids. These collapsible three-dimensional, or “pop-up” cards, became especially popular with the addition of delicate layers of brightly-colored tissue paper and a sculptural quality that was easily mailed. The cards of the *Loving Traditions* exhibition will be featured within the Museum’s new *Curator Choice Gallery* on the first floor. At the end of the exhibition, Museum guests will find materials to create their own valentine cards in the Museum’s interactive art program gallery, *Sewell’s Studio*. Plan to bring your “valentine” to the Museum between February 3 and March 25, 2012 to learn about these remarkable greetings. Please call 302-674-2111 for information on the *Loving Traditions* exhibition and valentine making workshops.

About the Museum

The Biggs Museum seeks to serve a diverse public as a regional museum of fine and decorative arts, made from 1700 to present, representing the State of Delaware and the surrounding Mid-Atlantic region. The Biggs Museum engages audiences through a compelling program of temporary exhibitions and programming. The Biggs Museum encourages the development of creativity and an appreciation for art by offering a comprehensive slate of educational programming for all ages. The Biggs Museum of American Art is a private, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Sunday; 1:30 p.m. until 4: 30 p.m.

Admission: Biggs Museum is free to the public year-round. Fees may apply to certain programs and special events.

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