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Event: Bank Of America's "Museums On Us" at Hill-Stead

Place: Hill-Stead Museum, 35 Mountain Road, Farmington, CT 06032

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Hill-Stead Museum Receives Bank Of America's Museums On Us! Award

Hill-Stead Museum, Farmington, CT, is among 56 organizations selected by Bank of America to receive a \$10,000 Museums On Us! award in 2005. Museums On Us! is a nationally recognized program that promotes arts and culture by providing Bank of America customers free admission to museums during the month of May. Visitors need only show a Bank of America ATM, debit or credit card in order to enjoy complimentary admission at participating institutions. Other Connecticut Museums On Us! sites are the Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, Mystic Seaport, New England Air Museum and Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Museums On Us! was launched in 1998. Since then the program has inspired nearly 250,000 people to visit arts-and-culture sites throughout the Northeast. For more information on Museums

On Us! visit www.bankofamerica.com/museums. For information about visiting Hill-Stead Museum, call 860.677.4787 or visit www.hillstead.org.

A National Historic Landmark and a Save America's Treasure, Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, CT, is noted for its 1901 33,000-square-foot house filled with art and antiques. Pioneering female architect Theodate Pope Riddle designed the Colonial Revival-style house, set on 152 hilltop acres, to showcase the Impressionist masterpieces amassed by her father, Cleveland iron industrialist Alfred A. Pope. Collections include original furnishings, paintings by Claude Monet, Edgar Degas, Édouard Manet, James M. Whistler and Mary Cassatt, as well as numerous works on paper and Japanese woodblock prints. Stately trees, seasonal gardens, over three miles of stonewalls and woodland trails for walks or cross-country skiing accent the grounds. A centerpiece of the property is the c. 1920 sunken garden designed by landscape architect Beatrix Jones Farrand, and today the site of a summer-long poetry festival. Hill-Stead is a stop on the Connecticut Impressionist Art Trail and a member of Connecticut's Historic Gardens. The house is open year-round for tours Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm, November - April, and 10 am – 5 pm May - October. For tour information and driving directions, call 860.677.4787.

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