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Family Valentine Fun at Museum Sunday

Waterbury, CT ... Get ready for fun that the whole family can enjoy when the Mattatuck Museum Arts & History Center hosts *Be My Valentine: Valentine's Day Through the Ages* on Sunday, February 14, 2010 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Create unique Valentines for your loved ones while learning a variety of art techniques! Antique Valentines from the museum's collections, on display especially for this event, provide a glimpse into Valentine's Days gone by. The Valentine's Day celebration is part of *Museum Sunday* and admission is free for everyone. An art gallery tour begins at 1 pm followed by a tour of the history gallery at 2 pm. Other exhibits include *Banded Together: The Story of the Naugatuck Valley Project*, and the Waterbury Button Museum.

The Valentine workshop will be led by Deborah Lasher, an experienced art teacher who works with kindergarten through 6th grade students at Artsplace in Cheshire. Ms. Lasher is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and an artist specializing in colored pencils. She loves working with children who are naturally open to creativity, and has chosen crafts that all family members can enjoy doing together.

Enjoy antique valentines from the museum's collection, and make beautiful valentines to touch the hearts of your family and friends at the Mattatuck Museum's *Museum Sunday*. The museum is open from noon to 5 pm and the Valentine workshop begins at 1. Admission is free.

The Mattatuck Museum features a dynamic, regional history exhibit designed to engage audiences of all ages with interactive displays, oral histories, historic movie clips, and a Conversations Table – one of only four in the United States. Art galleries house a permanent collection of work by Connecticut artists from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, including American giants John Trumbull, Erastus Salisbury Field, Frederic Church, John Frederick Kensett, Arshile Gorky, Kay Sage, Yves Tanguy, Peter Poskas, Abe Ajay, and Alexander Calder. Not to be missed is the fascinating display of over 10,000 buttons.

Located at 144 West Main Street, Waterbury, the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Convenient, free parking is located directly behind the museum on Park Place. The Mattatuck Museum Arts & History Center is operated with support from the Connecticut Commission on Cultural & Tourism, and is a member of the Connecticut Art Trail, fifteen world-class museums and historic sites (www.arttrail.org). For more information about *Museum Sunday*, the valentines workshop, and other programs, please call 203-753-0381 ext 10 or visit the website at www.MattatuckMuseum.org

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