

WINTERTHUR WELCOMES ART NEEDLEPOINT TO ITS LICENSED PRODUCTS PROGRAM

Winterthur, DE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library is pleased to announce the addition of Art Needlepoint to its exclusive Winterthur Licensed Products Program. Based in Canton, Massachusetts, Art Needlepoint produces exquisitely designed needlepoint canvases and kits using the highest quality mono deluxe needlepoint canvas. Working with artists and museums from across the world, Art Needlepoint offers a large variety of artwork for every taste and skill level.

Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont (1880–1969) loved textiles for their colors, patterns, and textures. From quilts to gowns, samplers to bed hangings, the Winterthur collection includes some of the finest textiles made or used in America. Art Needlepoint’s first collection for Winterthur highlights several of the museum’s most noteworthy needlepoint examples, as well as designs inspired by drawings, prints, and floor coverings.



“We are thrilled to see these Winterthur designs become accessible to needlepoint artists,” stated Kristin L. DeMesse, director of Licensed Products at Winterthur. “The designers at Art Needlepoint have done a fantastic job of selecting collection pieces that reflect the scope and significance of the Winterthur textile collection. For instance, three of their

canvases feature scenes from an elaborate set of crewel and silk bed hangings with embroidery made in America or England between 1690 and 1740; they depict pastoral scenes of frolicking animals, shepherds and huntsmen, and fanciful flowers set on a background of rolling hills. The original bed hangings allegedly belonged in the Penn family.”

Art Needlepoint’s first collection for Winterthur includes nearly 50 designs, which can be purchased online at www.artneedlepoint.com or www.winterthurstore.org.

The Winterthur Licensed Products Program was launched in 1982 to make available high-quality furnishings and decorative accessories based on both objects and designs from the world-renowned Winterthur collection. In addition to the unparalleled collection of nearly 90,000 decorative and fine arts, Winterthur founder Henry Francis du Pont laid the foundation for an exceptional library, which contains countless printed books and periodicals, manuscripts, ephemera, trade catalogues, and more. Winterthur licenses more than 30 companies to reproduce, adapt, or interpret designs from the Winterthur collection. Revenue generated by the sale of licensed products supports educational programming at Winterthur.

For more information, visit www.artneedlepoint.com or contact Kristin L. DeMesse, Director of Licensed Products, at 302.888.4861 or kdemesse@winterthur.org.

Photo caption: Embroidered bed hanging (detail), America or England, ca. 1690–1740 Gift of Henry Francis du Pont 1957.1285.001

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Winterthur—known worldwide for its preeminent collection of American decorative arts, naturalistic garden, and research library for the study of American art and material culture—offers a variety of tours, exhibitions, programs, and activities throughout the year. General admission includes a tour of some of the most notable spaces in the 175-room house, as well as access to the Winterthur Garden and Galleries, special exhibitions, a narrated tram tour (weather permitting), the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens, and the Enchanted Woods children’s garden. \$20 adults; \$18 for students and seniors; \$5 for ages 2–11.

Museum hours

10 am–5 pm, Tuesday–Sunday

Winterthur, located on Route 52, six miles northwest of Wilmington, Delaware, and five miles south of U.S. Route 1, is closed Mondays (except during Yuletide), Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Winterthur is committed to accessible programming for all. For information, including special services, call 800.448.3883, 302.888.4600, or TTY 302.888.4907, or visit winterthur.org.

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