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**New Acquisition on View at the Morse:
Tiffany Hanging Shade is Installed in Lamps Exhibition**

WINTER PARK, Fla. (October 22, 2003) – One of the Morse Museum's latest acquisitions, a hanging shade from Louis Comfort Tiffany's summer home on Long Island, is a new highlight in the museum's special exhibition, *The Illuminated Vision: Tiffany Lamps and Lighting from the Morse Collection*.

The 13-inch high iridescent blown glass shade, formerly in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, is believed to be one of 16 identical shades that encircled the octagonal reception hall in Tiffany's 84-room mansion, Laurelton Hall.

The Tiffany lamps exhibition, which opened in February, has been extended through 2004 to allow more visitors to enjoy it. Including more than 40 Tiffany lamps, *The Illuminated Vision* represents the museum's most comprehensive exhibition ever of Tiffany lamps and lighting from the permanent collection.

The newly acquired Tiffany hanging shade – never before exhibited – becomes the museum's largest example of the Millefiori – "a thousand flowers"– technique of glassmaking. Using the Millefiori process, craftsmen fused sections of glass rods onto the surface while making a glass object. When the object was reheated and blown to shape, the Millefiori sections enlarged, creating flower motifs. The shade features green leaves and yellow and white flowers against an iridescent gold background.

High in the three-story reception hall in Tiffany's mansion, the 16 green, yellow and gold shades cast a dim and mysterious light to enhance the Oriental spirit of the room.

Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, free for children under 12, and free to all visitors after 4 p.m. Friday.

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