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Discover the Art of Fountain Pens at the Morse Museum

Note to Editors: Attached is a high-resolution image of the Museum's new installation of fountain pens, The Art of Fountain Pens. For more images, please e-mail pubaffairs@morsemuseum.org or call (407) 645-5311.

WINTER PARK, Florida— The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art this winter opened an exhibition of American writing instruments manufactured between 1875 and 1975 and focused on almost a hundred fountain pens—more than 30 from the golden age of fountain pens, 1920 through 1940.

The Art of Fountain Pens—the Museum's first-ever devoted to writing instruments as works of art—is complemented by period advertisements, a Tiffany desk set, and other writing accessories. The selection of pens on view illustrates many of the major technological and design innovations made through the years by the great names of the industry.

The exhibit, on view through Jan. 26, 2014, comprises representative examples including pens from L.E. Waterman, Parker, Wahl-Eversharp, W.A. Sheaffer, and others. They include dip pens, pens filled by eye droppers, and lever-, crescent- and piston-filled pens. There are fountain pens made of gold, hard rubber, Bakelite, celluloid, plastic, and resin, as well as pens decorated with gold and silver filigree. The designs, influenced by Art Deco tastes in the golden age of fountain pens, include a range of approaches to the pocket clip, early flat-top barrels, and the torpedo shapes that came into vogue in the 1930s.

Taken together, the Museum's display of these beautiful and functional objects provides a much-deserved reflection on a time and craft in our culture when the art of writing was central to everyone's life and the fountain pen was everyone's writing instrument.

The Morse Museum is located at 445 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, and is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, with free admission from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays, November through April. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$1 for students, and free for children younger than age 12. For more information, call (407) 645-5311 or visit www.morsemuseum.org.

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