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**Learn about American Art Pottery during
Free Summer Family Programs at the Morse**

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WINTER PARK, Fla.—This summer at the Morse, families are invited to explore the history of art pottery in America and discover the shapes, glazes, themes, and techniques that were once second to none in the world.

The Museum's free summer offerings for families—targeted to children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians—include a gallery tour with a take-home activity on Tuesdays and a film, tour, and an art activity on Fridays. Registration begins **May 6**. Space in these free family programs is limited, and **reservations are required**.

This year's Tuesday program has been organized in support of the Museum's major new exhibition, *Earth into Art—The Flowering of American Art Pottery* (October 16, 2018–September 27, 2020). The show, an installation of almost 100 objects, examines the roots of the ceramics industry in Ohio, the innovations in decoration and glazes, and the vital contributions of women.

Internationally recognized for its novelty, quality, and beauty, American art pottery was a distinctive artistic achievement for the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many consider it America's first success on the world art stage.

The Tuesday Family Tours, which will include a 40-minute tour of selected galleries and a take-home activity, are being offered on **June 18 and 25** and **July 9, 16, and 23**.

Friday Family Films, 90-minute programs that explore the reoccurring themes in Louis Comfort Tiffany's art and design, will include a short film, a tour of selected galleries, and a hands-on art project. They are scheduled for **June 21 and 28** and **July 12, 19, and 26**.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$5 refundable deposit per person is requested when securing a reservation for either program. Call (407) 645-5311, extension 136, to make a reservation or request more information.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Museum's collections also include extensive holdings of American art pottery as well as late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings and graphics, and decorative art from Europe and America. Summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and children younger than age 12 receive free admission and are always welcome with their parents or guardians. The Museum, located at 445 N. Park Avenue, is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.

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