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**LeMoyne Arts Gears up for the
56th Annual Holiday Show: The Art of Giving
“An International Holiday”
With a New Signature Ornament & New Opening Day
Public Opening Reception: Friday, November 29 – 5-7:30PM**

Champagne Brunch for LeMoyne Members Friday morning, November 29 – 9-11AM

Tallahassee (November 21, 2019) — LeMoyne opens its doors to the Holiday Season with “An International Holiday” on a different day this year. Rather than opening on Thanksgiving, the Holiday Show will kick off on Friday the 29th with the Member Champagne Brunch from 9-11AM, with bites sponsored by **Au Pêché Mignon**. LeMoyne Members will be the first to see the Holiday Show and choose their one-of-a-kind artisan crafted gifts. The festivities continue with the **Public Opening Reception on Friday, November 29, 2019 from 5-7:30PM** that will feature live jazz by **Joel Perez & Co.**, catering by **For the Table** and a brew tasting courtesy of **Proof Brewery**. Guests will enjoy an open bar and a festive signature drink. The morning event is for LeMoyne Members only. The evening event is free for LeMoyne Members and \$10 for non-members.

In addition to going in a different direction for opening day, LeMoyne is also showcasing a new artist, **Marilyn Proctor-Givens**, to create their signature ornament this year. Ms. Givens is a dynamic and celebrated teacher at Lincoln High School and has been an influential educator for over 30 years. A recent winner of the *PCM-G's Star Teacher Awards Program* and an active teacher, she is also a disciplined and talented artist. Ms. Givens carves out time on the weekends to create art in her new studio that gives her the flexibility and space to produce the LeMoyne signature ornament. Her creation is an engraved and painted cherry wood likeness of the Meginnis-Monroe House façade, with the painted red door as the focal point.

The wooden LeMoyne ornament was a collaboration of sorts - the line drawing of the iconic Meginnis-Monroe House was created by longtime LeMoyne supporter and local artist Mary Jo Spector. Utilizing her wood making and painting skills, Ms. Givens collaborated with LeMoyne, drawing inspiration from this idea and engraved its likeness on painted cherry wood.

The LeMoyne Arts Annual Holiday Show has been a tradition for over 55 years, this year the theme is “An International Holiday” that will feature pieces inspired by other cultures and countries. Visitors will find beautifully decorated galleries showcasing over 3,000 unique one-of-a-kind gifts and ornaments for sale, including paintings, photographs, jewelry, holiday décor, stained glass, hand crafted furniture, clothing, and ceramics. There are unique holiday celebrations that are deeply rooted in other cultures and holiday traditions vary greatly around the globe. Guests will experience a diverse and immersive exhibit this year that will delight all audiences. The 1,650 new lights adorning the oak tree on Gadsden Street were generously provided by **Esposito Lawn and Garden Center** and installed with the generous assistance of **Weston Trawick**. Come and experience the distinct ways traditions and celebrations can be interpreted through art at LeMoyne Arts this year.

WHAT: Opening events for **the 56th Annual Holiday Show: The Art of Giving - “An International Holiday”**

WHEN: Friday, November 29 - Public Reception 5-7:30PM/*Member Only Reception 9-11AM*

FEE: Both events are free for members; Evening Public Opening Reception is \$10 for non-members (pay at door).

BEFORE GOING TO OPENING EVENTS: RSVP@lemoyne.org

STARTING NOV. 30: *Special Holiday Show shopping hours through Dec. 24 at LeMoyne Arts will be: Tuesday - Thursday 11AM-6PM; Friday and Saturday 11AM-8PM; Sundays 1-5PM (Closed Mondays). Dec. 24 11AM-2PM. FEE: Daily entry will be free for members; \$5 for non-members. To become a member please email membership@lemoyne.org*

DECEMBER PROGRAMS AT LEMOYNE

TUES DEC 3 6-8:30PM Holiday Ceramic Platters

10AM-1PM – Pour Painted Glass Ornaments

FRIDAY DEC. 6 5:30PM – Live String Music

SAT DEC 7 10AM-2:30PM – Simple Stained-Glass Ornaments

FRI DEC 13 5:30PM Hot Tamales

SAT DEC 14 11AM-NOON Free Pre-K ArtSparks in French *presented by Alliance Francaise*

10AM-2:30PM Simple Stained-Glass Ornaments

12-1PM Come see Santa!

2-4PM Make Your Own Wreath Workshop

SUN DEC 15 2-4PM Holiday Hand Lettered Greeting Cards

SAT DEC 21 11AM-NOON Free Pre-K ArtSparks in Spanish *presented by Tutors for Tally*

To inquire about our education programs, contact education@lemoyne.org

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ABOUT LEMOYNE ARTS

LeMoyne was founded in 1963 as a fine art gallery and venue for art education activities for the citizens of North Florida. Rich in history, LeMoyne is located in Downtown Tallahassee’s Park Avenue Historic District and housed in a restored 1854 Antebellum home that serves as a beautiful visual arts gallery for changing local and regional exhibitions. Encompassing nearly one acre of land, LeMoyne complex includes an education building for year-round art classes, and a lush sculpture garden.