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The Museums at Lisle Station Park Display Artwork of Accomplished Local Artist

Photo: Art Piece from the John Phillips' Collection on Display at the Museums at Lisle Station Park Starting May 16

Lisle, IL - On Saturday, May 16, art enthusiasts are invited to the opening reception of the exhibit, *Capturing Culture: The Diverse Art of John Phillips,* from 2:00-4:00pm at the Museums at Lisle Station Park, 921 School Street.

The Museums at Lisle Station Park welcome you to enjoy refreshments while examining John Phillips' various styles of art, including 3D objects, illustrations and personal artifacts. John Phillips was a local, award-winning illustrator, painter, and designer, whose work has been exhibited at the Art Institute and several galleries throughout the Midwest. The Lisle Park District acquired the John Phillips' Collection in 1996 after the passing of his wife, Elverda Phillips. *Capturing Culture* will be on display in the Lisle Depot Museum through Saturday, October 24, 2015. This exhibit was made possible in part by a generous donation from the Lisle Partners for Parks Foundation. To learn more about the Lisle Partners for Parks Foundation, please visit lislepartnersforparks.org.

In addition to the opening reception, there will be two supplemental events this summer in the Netzley-Yender Farmhouse, during which John Phillips' work will be compared to various styles of art. On Saturday, June 13, at 4:00pm, art historian Wendy Bright will lead a discussion about Art Deco's influence on American culture and art, comparing this unique, modern style to paintings from the John Phillips' Collection. On Saturday, August 15, at 4:00pm, we will be viewing the movie *Drew – The Man Behind the Poster*, followed by a discussion on John Phillips' illustrations and paintings and the public perception of the term "art."

Daily admission to the museum is free, and tours are available by appointment. If you are interested in making a donation to The Museums at Lisle Station Park to help preserve the history of Lisle, please visit our website at LisleParkDistrict.org/museumsatlislestationpark-donors and complete the donation form. The museum will be open extended hours starting Memorial Day through Labor Day on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am-4:00pm and Thursdays from 1:00-4:00pm. For more information about the museum, exhibits, programs, birthday parties, and rental opportunities, call 630-968-0499 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org/museumsatlislestationpark.

The Lisle Park District provides a variety of leisure activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Park district facilities include Lisle Community Park; the Recreation Center which houses Gentle Learning Preschool, the Senior Center and multipurpose rooms; Sea Lion Aquatic Park; River Bend Golf Course;

Wheatstack – A Midwestern Eatery & Tap and numerous neighborhood playgrounds and parks offering amenities such as tennis courts, ball fields, walking paths and picnic areas totaling close to 400 acres. It is the mission of the Lisle Park District to enrich the quality of life for people of all ages by providing constructive and creative leisure opportunities. For more information about the Lisle Park District, please call 630-964-3410 or visit LisleParkDistrict.org.

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