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FREE CRAFT SUNDAYS AT ARAB MUSEUM OFFER FUN, CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AGES 6-12

Dearborn, MI (October 24, 2007) – The Arab American National Museum invites all children ages 6-12 to attend free craftmaking sessions on Sundays in November, as well as a special Christmas craft session on Sunday, December 16. All sessions are led by Museum educators and take place from 2-4 p.m. at the Museum. No advance registration is necessary.

While the little ones are getting creative, parents and older children may visit the Museum – **admission is free for all every Sunday**; hours are noon-5 p.m.

Craft sessions on November 4 and 11 relate to the current exhibition *Threads of Pride: Palestinian Traditional Costumes*. On November 4, kids will decorate handkerchiefs with cross-stitch designs. On November 11, the Palestinian version of the famous Arab dance step known as debkeh will be taught.

On November 18, kids will adorn belts and necklaces with colorful beads. Then, on Sunday, November 25 (Thanksgiving weekend), bracelets will be created with knotted cord and beads, followed by a short video about the nation of Yemen. These two Craft Sundays relate to *Silver Speaks: Traditional Jewelry of the Middle East*, opening November 15 in the Museum's Lower Level Gallery, running through March 30, 2008.

The craft session on Sunday, December 16 is devoted to Christmas. Kids will make greeting cards, decorate ornaments, build gingerbread houses and enjoy a story and photos with Santa Claus.

Questions about Free Craft Sundays at the Arab American National Museum may be directed to Lynn at 313.624.0210 or lblasey@accesscommunity.org.

The Arab American National Museum documents, preserves, celebrates, and educates the public on the history, life, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. We serve as a resource to enhance knowledge and understanding about Arab Americans and their presence in this country. The Arab American National Museum is a project of ACCESS, a Dearborn, Michigan-based nonprofit human services and cultural organization. Learn more at www.arabamericanmuseum.org and www.accesscommunity.org.

The Museum is located at 13624 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, MI, 48126. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday, Tuesday; Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$3 for students, seniors and children 6-12; ages 5 and under, free. Call 313.582.2266 for further information.

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