



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Visit the Gift Shop at the Morris Graves Museum**

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**Performance Headline: Visit the Gift Shop at the Morris Graves Museum**

The Morris Graves Museum of Art will offer coffee and free print to all visitors on Friday December 30, 2005.

The Museum Gift Shop features merchandise by local painters, potters, musicians, jewelry makers and authors whose work displays the craftsmanship and unique style of these talented artists. Some of the artists include Peggy Dickinson, John Pound, Joan Katri, Jim Lowry, Mary Nethery, Good Company, Shelly Mortensen, and Nancy Keiber. A new author to the Gift Shop is Irene D. Thomas, PhD. Her book titled "A Northern California Old Master" examines the life of Olaf Palm.

Olaf Palm (1935-2000) was a star of Mendocino's community of painters. A realist in the manner of the Dutch Masters, a chronicler of his time and environment (the Northern California, post Berkeley, back-to-the-land movement) and those who shared both with him, Palm continues to be well-loved for his painterly styles and remembered for the larger-than-life figure he was. A prolific painter in oils, Palm exhibited and sold from Hawaii to Cape Cod. Richard Dreyfus commissioned several paintings from him, as did the Hon. Willy Brown. Having come of age in the Santa Clara valley, evolved artistically along the Santa Cruz coast and during his European travels, he finally made his home for more than thirty years along the Mendocino Coast, where he lived the life of the quintessential Northern California artist -- living his art, painting his life. Being in the presence of Olaf Palm is what this book is about, an experience the author believes will spur a movement toward his recognition as an important California artist. Don't miss this opportunity to see why.

The Gift Shop also carries art supplies for children, Morris Graves merchandise such as prints, side bags, wine glasses, and T-shirts and many note cards and trinkets suitable for gifts and souvenirs. Many of the items in the Gift Shop come from distant lands. A jewelry box from India, candles from Germany, or a tea set from Italy can add to any antique lover's collection.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public Noon-5p.m., Thursday through Sunday.