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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Children's books by Local Authors at the Morris Graves Museum of Art**

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The Morris Graves Museum of Art will offer a FREE Morris Graves Catalog with a purchase of \$10 or more on Sunday August 19, 2007. Come and see the array of hand crafted gifts, antiques, and books! In preparation for the upcoming Children's Author Festival October 17th-20th, the Museum Gift Shop will be featuring children's book by local authors Mary Nethery, Natasha Wing, Pamela Service, and Barbara Kerley.

About the authors...

Author Mary Nethery grew up in California and has always loved to write. In the second grade, the author began her first novel complete with illustrations, and hasn't stopped writing. She has traveled extensively and has a passion for adventure, animals, kindness, and spunky characters--the themes most often found in her books. The Morris Graves Museum of Art currently carries *Hannah and Jack* and *Mary Veronica's Egg*, Both have received enthusiastic reviews.

Natasha Wing is a children's author and photographer. She writes fiction, concept books, and holiday books. She has also been published in children's magazines, such as Highlights, Babybug and Ladybug. Natasha is interested in a variety of topics - one reason why she writes children's books. "I explore the things I love, then write about them so kids can enjoy them, too." She especially likes writing for 5-8 year olds. The Morris Graves Museum of Art currently carries *The Night Before the Tooth Fairy*, *The Night Before the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School*, *The Night Before First Grade*, and *The Night Before Summer Camp*.

Pamela Service has written everything from a picture book retelling of the legend of Merlin to Young Adult novels involving time travel and creatures from outer space. "Even when I was little, I would weave long fantastic tales to entertain myself and anyone else who would listen. I began writing science fiction tales and sending them to publishers. The steady stream of rejections kept me quiet about this bizarre habit, but slowly I was learning the craft. Suddenly I was proudly admitting that I write for kids. And I began to realize that though I enjoy the other things I do, and use them in my books, it is the writing that I really love." The Morris Graves Museum of Art currently carries *Tomorrow's Magic*.

Barbara Kerley grew up in Virginia. After college, she joined the Peace Corps, teaching English, math and science in Nepal. Later, she and her husband moved to Guam, where Barbara taught English, learned to SCUBA dive, and had a baby. They left Guam and moved to California when their daughter Anna was eight months old. Several years later, while on a long car trip, Anna began asking questions about Guam. Barbara's first children's book, *Songs of Papa's Island*, grew out of that afternoon. The Morris Graves Museum of Art currently carries *Greetings From Planet Earth*, *A Little Peace*, *You and Me Together*, and *A Cool Drink of Water*.

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