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EXHIBIT ON WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMASES

OPENS AT VISITOR CENTER

Washington, D.C. — “Impressions of a White House Christmas” the drawings and paintings of Washington artist Lily Spandorf, opens November 27 at the White House Visitor Center, 1450 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The holiday show, sponsored by the White House Historical Association in cooperation with the National Park Service will continue through January 10, 1999.

The exhibit will feature 27 of Spandorf’s works, including Carolers on the North Lawn (Christmas 1992), Poinsettias (Christmas 1973), Chef Hans Raffert’s Gingerbread House (Christmas 1979), Mother Goose (Christmas 1986), and the Diplomatic Reception Room Tree (Christmas 1993).

Spandorf, an internationally renowned artist, began documenting White House Christmases while working for *The Washington Star* and has continued to record the festive occasion through many administrations. She has designed a United States Christmas postage stamp, and had a one-person show titled “Washington Never More” at the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The artist has exhibited widely in the city and is represented in public and private collections. She continues to record the changing history of Washington in her paintings, drawings, and watercolors. The White House Historical Association has acquired her White House Christmas collection.

The White House Visitor Center, in the historic Malcolm Baldrige Hall of the Department of Commerce at 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, offers a welcoming experience and orientation to the White House and President's Park. The Center serves as a ticket distribution area for the White House public tour program. Through its free video presentations and interesting exhibits, the facility also provides an alternative form of the White House for those unable to visit the White House itself. The Visitor Center is open daily 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's day.

The White House Historical Association, established in 1961, is a private nonprofit organization whose goal is to enhance public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the White House. Proceeds from the sale of the Association's publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and works of art for the permanent White House Collection.