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## FIRST LADIES THEMED GIFTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON AVAILABLE AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (November 12, 2007) – The holiday season is right around the corner! This year, visitors can make their gifts stand out from the usual array of sweaters, ties, and toys by giving a gift from the National Constitution Center. In conjunction with the Center's current traveling exhibit, *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image*, which runs until December 31, 2007, the Center is offering unique holiday gift choices for the whole family and beyond, including decorative china, memberships, books for kids and adults, jewelry, and more.

For a truly memorable gift, the Center is offering First Ladies China Sets. Perfect for collectors and those with a special interest in the White House, each historical set is modeled with a special floral design symbolizing a first lady, including Martha Washington's daffodil set, which symbolizes promise and joy due to the spirit of hope that she brought to colonial America; Mary Todd Lincoln's red rose set [Image Available], symbolizing the love that she brought to the White House, as well as her strong desire to be accepted among a more sophisticated crowd; and Eleanor Roosevelt's yellow rose set, which symbolizes the caring spirit she had for the American people.

If Aunt Betty doesn't need another scarf this year, guests may want to consider purchasing an "Invitation to Tea" Menu Set. The unique set includes recipes, a guide with entertaining suggestions, and a classical music CD to set the mood while serving tea to family or friends. If your gift recipient is the outdoorsy type, a gardening kit with wildflower seeds may be the ideal choice for those who love nature like Lady Bird Johnson, a well known advocate for beautification of the nation's cities and highways.

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Replica first ladies jewelry, such as a necklace modeled after one worn by Grace Coolidge [Image Available] and a fan pin resembling one of Edith Wilson's [Image Available], will also make your gift recipient feel special.

For book lovers, there is a vast array of options in the Center's store. For history buffs, the Center offers several biographies of the first ladies [Image Available], including those of Dolley Madison, Nancy Reagan, Hillary Clinton, and Laura Bush. For those with a specific interest in American history and presidential politics, *The President's Table: Two Hundred Years of Dining and Diplomacy* by Barry H. Landau is the perfect choice [Image Available]. Complete with 300 never before seen illustrations, this hardcover volume offers a sweeping history of the growth of the American presidency.

Kids may enjoy a book of Jacqueline Kennedy paper dolls, a first ladies coloring book, and *Eleanor*, an illustrated book about Eleanor Roosevelt's childhood and how she grew to become a powerful first lady. If little Tommy and Susie need some tips on proper etiquette, parents may want to select *Tiffany's Table Manners for Teenagers* or *365 Manners Kids Should Know* to inspire them to act as well-mannered guests at your house or the White House [Image Available].

For those on your holiday list who are an important part of your life all year – whether it is a child's teacher, a babysitter, or a neighbor – and for all those hard-to-buy-for individuals, a membership to the Constitution Center is a gift that gives all year round. National Constitution Center memberships start at \$35, and offer free access to the Center's changing and permanent exhibits for a full year. Members also enjoy advance notice and premium seating for special programs; discounts to the Museum Shop, Delegates' Restaurant, and evening programs; a monthly e-newsletter; and invitations to members-only events. An additional benefit for those who become members during the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibition is a special keepsake teapot ornament, while supplies last. Gift memberships purchased now can become active on December 26, 2007 for a full year of benefits. If visitors aren't ready to commit their gift recipients to a full year membership, they can purchase tickets to the *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* exhibition, which runs through December 31, 2007.

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Admission to *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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