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Salley Mavor Once Upon a Thread to be Installed at CCMoA December 12-January 26

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The Cape Cod Museum of Art is pleased to announce the **Arts & Humanities Student Outreach Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation** has provided a grant for the upcoming "Once Upon a Thread" exhibition by artist Salley Mavor scheduled for December 12, 2019-January 26, 2020 at the Cape Cod Museum of Art, 60 Hope Lane, Dennis, MA. The Museum will host an artist reception for families and young children on January 4, 2020 at 1pm. This exhibition is an opportunity to see the fine detail and 3-dimensional quality of Salley Mavor's bas-relief sculptural embroideries. A wide selection of her extraordinary hand stitched artwork will be shown, inviting visitors into a world full of childhood wonder. On display are a number of original scenes that are reproduced in her award-winning picture book, *Pocketful of Posies*, as well as other titles from Ms. Mavor's 25 year career illustrating children's books. Special additions to the show are several works on loan from private collections. The artist has also put together a scavenger hunt game, which is sure to appeal to families and anyone with a penchant for miniatures and/or needlework.

Salley Mavor learned to sew as a child and has created artwork with a needle and thread ever since. She remembers feeling that her pictures were not finished until something real was glued, stapled or sewn to it. As an illustration student at the Rhode Island School of Design, she left traditional mediums behind, preferring to communicate her ideas with sculptural needlework. She has continued to develop her techniques for over 40 years, creating 3-dimensional works of art that range from precious, to poignant to provocative. Known for her sweet and bucolic miniature scenes, Ms. Mavor recently branched away from the land of innocence by tackling real world topical issues. Her 2018 stop-motion animated film, *Liberty and Justice: A Cautionary Tale in the Land of the Free* is a satirical take on *Hansel and Gretel* that tells the story of the 2016 presidential election. Salley Mavor lives and works in her home studio in Falmouth.

The exhibition is scheduled during a time when outside activities are limited and when parents and caregivers may have time off due to the holidays to take their children to visit the CCMoA. Instructors will also be brought onsite to engage the children in art activities during the exhibition. "Story times" using Salley Mavor's and other picture books will also be hosted in an effort to attract younger audiences and families to the museum.

About the Cape Cod Museum of Art:

*Cape Cod Museum of Art, the regional art museum of Cape Cod, the Islands and Southeastern Massachusetts, is located off Route 6A, 60 Hope Lane, on the grounds of Cape Cod Center for the Arts in Dennis. Admission: free for members and children 12 and under; adults \$10, Seniors 62+ \$8; students aged 13-18 \$7. Gallery hours beginning December 1: Thursday-Saturday 10am - 4pm; Sunday noon - 4pm. **ARTfull Thursdays!** Free Admission to the Galleries from 4:00pm - 7:00pm on Thursdays. Special programs may also be enjoyed for a small fee. Information: 508-385-4477 or www.ccmoa.org.*