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**ART AS AMBASSADOR LECTURE ON JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP DOLLS**

Leading expert Alan Scott Pate gives lecture on 1927 doll exchange

**November 2, 2015 (KANSAS CITY, MO)** – In 1927, 58 Japanese dolls embarked on a diplomatic mission to the United States. They were exhibited and celebrated until World War II when the dolls were hidden away, and some were lost. Five of the recovered 47 dolls are on view now through January 3, 2016 at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures in *Messengers of Goodwill: The Japanese Friendship Doll Exchange of 1927*. On **Thursday, November 12, 2015** at **6:00pm**, Alan Scott Pate, guest curator and the leading American authority on Japanese dolls, will give a lecture that traces the history and recovery of the 32-inch-tall dolls.

Pate's lecture will conclude with an in-gallery question and answer session where attendees will view T/m's Miss Fukushima doll along with Miss Miyagi, Miss Hokkaido, Miss Hyogo, and Miss Shizuoka. The \$10 event fee includes admission to the gallery, lecture, and refreshments. Seating is limited and RSVPs are requested: (816) 235-8005 or [mercierk@toyandminiaturemuseum.org](mailto:mercierk@toyandminiaturemuseum.org).

**WHAT:** Art as Ambassador: The Friendship Dolls of 1927

**WHERE:** The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures  
5235 Oak Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 12, 2015  
5:30pm Doors Open  
6:00pm Lecture

**COST:** \$10 for general public  
Free for members  
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students

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