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Guam Humanities Council presents *Picturing America, Picturing Guam* Project

The Guam Humanities Council has received a small grant award under the 2008 *We the People Initiative* to conduct an educators' workshop and programs for the *Picturing America* project, an initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities. *Picturing America* brings high-quality reproductions of American masterpieces into classrooms and libraries, which are used in conjunction with a Teachers Resource Book and program Web site. The project aims to engage students and citizens with a deeper understanding of history and character through the study and appreciation of art.

The Council has dedicated the grant award to provide workshops for teachers and education students, as well as to develop and exhibit a local component *Picturing Guam*. By highlighting works of local masters in *Picturing Guam*, residents will be able to examine our own artistic heritage – painting, sculpture, architecture, fine crafts, and photography – in relation to America's art traditions. Through the lessons and activities developed around the project, students will be able to include local and national art pieces in their investigation of the cultural and political history of our island, as well as the character, ideas and aspirations of a country.

The Council will be providing workshops to teachers and education students at the Isla Center for the Arts located at Dean's Circle at the University of Guam in February 2011. All interested in participating, should contact the Guam Humanities Council for more information.

The Guam Humanities Council is a non-profit organization that provides foundational support and cultural and educational programs for the people of Guam. The mission of the Guam Humanities Council is to foster community engagement and dialogue, inspire critical thinking, celebrate diversity and enrich the quality of life of island residents through the power of the humanities.

We the People is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities that supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture. Previous GHC projects funded by *We the People* grants include *Families Under Siege: Stories of Family Life in Japanese Occupied Guam* (2004), *A Journey Home: Camp Roxas and Filipino American History in Guam* (2006), and for Guampedia, *Religion's Role in Guam History* (2005) and *The US Territory of Guam, "Where America's Day Begins"* (2007). A con-current Council project funded through the *We the People* initiative is *"8,000 – How Will It Change Our Lives?" Community Conversations on the US Military Buildup on Guam* (2008). Current projects include *"The Micronesian Question": Issues of Migration, Identity and Belonging on Guam* (2009).

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