



## THE W. R. JOHNSTON COLLECTION

A Museum of Fine, and Decorative Arts, East Melbourne

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION HOUSE MUSEUM EAST MELBOURNE**

This show *Christmas in July* (2-31 July 2007) brings together highlights of exquisitely crafted Christmas decorations that have drawn eager visitors to The Johnston Collection during the Festive Season over the past five years.

The decorations are all inspired by objects within *Fairhall* the residence of the late William Robert Johnston, whose passion for the Georgian, Regency and Louis XV periods is reflected in the collection he left for the enjoyment of his fellow Australians.

The finest of embroidery, decoupage, calligraphy and thread work are just some of the skills that have been employed by some of Victoria's finest craftspeople to create these extraordinary decorations. This is a show not to be missed.

The Johnston Collection House Museum is open Monday to Friday with three tours daily at 10am, 12 noon and 2.15pm. Bookings are essential and can be made by telephoning 9416 2515.

For further information contact Fil Natarelli on 9416 2515 or mobile 0402 405 001.

### **PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

Image 1:

Nativity Scene with embroidery decorations some of which is inspired by the green chandelier above.

Image 2:

A festive table loaded with tempting mince pies, a summer pudding, petit fours and a plum pudding all finely crafted from fabric.

29<sup>th</sup> June 2007