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**THE CORCORAN ANNOUNCES “ALIENS IN DC” SCAVENGER HUNT FOR
Ellen Harvey: The Alien’s Guide to the Ruins of Washington, D.C.
Latest “NOW at the Corcoran” exhibition on view July 3—October 6, 2013**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On July 24, the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design** challenges you to an urban scavenger hunt inspired by *Ellen Harvey: The Alien’s Guide to the Ruins of Washington, D.C.* Harvey’s new, site-specific project, the latest in the gallery’s NOW exhibition series, envisions the capital city in a far-distant future in which human civilization has come to an end and the earth is populated only by ruins, ripe for archeological interpretation by visitors from another planet.



On Wednesday, July 24, tourists and locals alike are invited to view the sites that intrigue Harvey’s alien visitors by participating in a scavenger hunt through some of D.C.’s most notable landmarks – including the White House, the WWII Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. A family-friendly hunt includes alien-inspired chalk-drawing and “pillar-builder” games along the route. For the young professional set, hunt challenges include photo opportunities and social media sharing. Thirsty participants can stop at on-route bars for tasty adult beverages. The Exchange Saloon will offer hunters a \$5 “Alien Fuel” cocktail to keep up energy for the tasks ahead, while The Bottom Line will have a \$4 “Brain Hemorrhage” shot for those participants who are thinking in overdrive.

Attendees are encouraged to grab a partner or form a team (each individual must register online separately), and meet at the Corcoran between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. There, they will be given a guide to the scavenger hunt and can choose which sites to visit, activities to participate in and challenges to complete. Roving Corcoran “aliens” will be stationed throughout the route to assist in challenges.

Special prizes, including Corcoran memberships, dinner at Todd Gray’s Muse, and a classic alien treat – Moon Pies! – await participants who return to the Corcoran once they complete their hunt.

Aliens In D.C. Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, July 24; 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$10 members; \$15 public; Children under 12 are free with the purchase of an adult admission

Pre-registration available at <http://aliensindc.eventbrite.com/>

Event Information available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/483355591751841/>

Participants are invited to begin the hunt at the Corcoran anytime between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. The exhibition will be open for viewing before and after the hunt.

In addition to the Aliens in DC Scavenger Hunt, the Corcoran will offer special programming and events tied to the exhibition, giving visitors and residents alike the opportunity to view the city through alien eyes. Guests will have the chance to visit the exhibition for free on Saturdays between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend as part of the Corcoran's [Free Summer Saturdays promotion](#). For information about the exhibition, visit <http://www.corcoran.org/exhibitions/aliensguide>.

NOW AT THE CORCORAN

ABOUT NOW AT THE CORCORAN

NOW at the Corcoran is the Gallery's contemporary art program dedicated to exhibitions and performances by emerging and mid-career artists. It highlights work that addresses issues central to local, national, and global communities of Washington, D.C.

VISITOR INFORMATION

The Corcoran's hours of operation are as follows: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. Admission to *Ellen Harvey: The Alien's Guide to the Ruins of Washington, D.C* is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for seniors (62+) and students (with valid ID). Free: children 12 and under, active duty military (with ID), Corcoran Members. From May 25 – August 31, admission is FREE as part of Free Summer Saturdays. More information: <http://www.corcoran.org/freesummersaturdays>

MEMBERSHIP

Corcoran Gallery of Art membership offers special access to the Corcoran's renowned collection, temporary exhibitions, lectures, films, concerts and an array of social events. Members also receive valuable discounts at the Corcoran Shop, Todd Gray's Muse at the Corcoran, and the Corcoran College of Art + Design. Corcoran Members may visit *Ellen Harvey: The Alien's Guide to the Ruins of Washington, D.C* an unlimited number of times for free. For more information, contact the Membership office at (202) 639-1753, membership@corcoran.org or online at www.corcoran.org/membership.

ABOUT THE CORCORAN

Established in 1869, the **Corcoran Gallery of Art** was one of America's first museums of art—dedicated, in the words of founder William Wilson Corcoran, to “encouraging American genius.” Today it is Washington, D.C.'s largest nonfederal art museum, known internationally for its distinguished collection of historical and modern American art as well as contemporary art, photography, European painting, sculpture, and the decorative arts. A dynamic schedule of special exhibitions complements a range of educational programming, which together enrich the perspectives of the visiting public, support the local arts community, and encourage thoughtful interpretation of today's most compelling social issues. **The Corcoran College of Art + Design** was founded as a school of art in 1890 and stands as Washington's only

four-year accredited college of art and design. The College is one of the few in the nation whose educational model includes an integral relationship with a museum, fostering the talent of the next generation of artists. For more information about the **Corcoran Gallery of Art and College of Art + Design**, visit www.corcoran.org.



Image:

Page one: Ellen Harvey, *The Alien's Guide to the Ruins of Washington, D.C.* (map). 2013. 12,00 prints on paper, 18 x 24 in. Photo: Ellen Harvey.