FRAME is a consortium of 26 museums in France and North America that promotes cultural exchange in the context of museum collaborations. FRAME fosters partnerships among its member museums to develop innovative educational and public programs and professional exchanges among museum staff, and maintains a bi-lingual website to reach global audiences: www.framemuseums.org

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FRAME delegates from all member museums in France, the United States and Canada gathered in Washington, D.C. and Richmond, Virginia for the 13th Annual Meeting, October 13-16th, 2011

Washington, D.C. Highlights: a visit to the Diplomatic Rooms of the U.S. Department of State followed by a Reception at the Residence of his Excellency, François Delattre, Ambassador of France to the United States of America and his wife, Sophie, in honor of Felix and Elizabeth Rohatyn and FRAME. Thursday, October 13, 2011; the FRAME delegation was led by Board Members Elizabeth Rohatyn, Co-President and Board Chair; Marie-Christine Labourdette, Co-President and Chair of the Executive Committee; Davin Staats, Treasurer; Constance Goodyear Baron; Gary Wolff; Bill Barrett, Treasurer Emeritus; and was joined by distinguished guests.

The Annual Meeting commenced its work at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond on Friday, October 14th. The plenary session included reports by both FRAME directors, presentations of exhibitions, educational initiatives and the forthcoming new website. After a celebratory lunch with a toast to Pierrette Lacour in thanks for her 10 years with FRAME, the members gathered to share ideas and participated in gallery-centered workshops.

FRAME was honored by VMFA supporters Pam and Bill Royall with a marvelous dinner at Try-Me, an exhibition space in Richmond that houses their contemporary art collection. Franco-North American friendship and collaboration were celebrated with Virginia hospitality at its finest!

After a productive Saturday morning session, we visited Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s historic estate.

Final dinner hosted by VMFA Director Alex Nyerges, celebrating FRAME past, present and future. Next year: Montpellier & Toulouse, France, 27-30 September 2012