**Gallery Activities | Docent Orientation**

**Session 2| Monday, August 22, 2016**

**Get to Know the Collection**

Visit the Kress Italian Renaissance galleries and the 17th Century Dutch paintings on NOMA’s first floor and complete the following activities with a small group:

1. **What’s My Story?**

Choose a portrait from the designated galleries to complete the following exercise:

* Spend a few minutes looking at the portrait (avoid looking at the label!)
* Be observant and strive to notice everything about the portrait
* Make up lives and reputations for each subject taking clues from the objects in the portrait. What are they pictured with or without? How does the artist portray them?
* Make up a story about your portrait. Use your imagination!

1. **I See, I Think, I Wonder**

Find the large altarpiece *Madonna and Child with Saints* by a Follower of Bernardo Daddi in the yellow Kress gallery.

* What are your first impressions of this painting (What do you see)?
* What do you wonder about this piece?
* What clues do you find to help you identify the figures?

*Explore the ARTtab (to the right of the doorway as you enter). Does this answer your questions?*