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***Growing Up in the Valley: Stories of Childhood from the Permanent Collection***  
**Exhibition Open**



**Columbus, GA-** The *Growing Up in the Valley: Stories of Childhood from the Permanent Collection* exhibition will be on display through March 3, 2013 in the History Gallery. Frontier exploration and settlement, war, roaring mills, and a growing Army post – the Chattahoochee Valley has seen a full range of life-changing and society-altering events throughout its history. The sons and daughters who grew up in this region became adults while navigating a tricky landscape of shifting expectations, as both their surroundings and the idea of childhood itself changed dramatically. This exhibition examines the experiences of the Valley’s youngest residents in times of laughter and tears. Drawing exclusively from the Columbus Museum’s permanent collection, historic toys, children’s clothing, photographs, school memorabilia, and other artifacts illuminate the experiences of growing up in the Columbus area for generations of residents.

As an American art and regional history museum, and the second largest general museum in Georgia, the Columbus Museum offers a diverse collection to the public. The Museum houses over 14,000 artifacts and objects that tell the story of the Chattahoochee River Valley’s development, an American fine art collection from a host of renowned American artists, a hands-on gallery for children, the finest traveling exhibitions from across the U.S., and the historic Bradley Olmsted Garden.

For more information about the Columbus Museum or the *Growing Up in the Valley* exhibition and the educational programming associated with the exhibit, please visit [www.columbusmuseum.com](http://www.columbusmuseum.com).

\* Dog pull toy, ca. 1922, Gift of Mrs. Ernest Rust