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**Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum named “Best Museum”
by *Cape Cod Life* magazine**

Boston (May 18, 2009) – Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum (PMPM) announced today that it has been named “Best Museum” by *Cape Cod Life* magazine. The June issue of the magazine awarded PMPM the 2009 Editor's Choice for Best Museum on the Outer Cape. Based on the results from an annual a readers’ poll, Cape Cod residents and the magazine’s editors agree that PMPM offers the best museum experience in the area.

“We are honored to be recognized by *Cape Cod Life* as the 2009 Editor’s Choice for the best museum,” said PMPM Executive Director Jim Bakker. “We are very excited about our new 2009 exhibition and all of the wonderful events planned for the summer season. We hope this award will encourage more people to visit the Monument to enjoy our beautiful grounds and celebrate our cultural heritage.”

The new 2009 exhibition, titled “*Pilgrims, Patriots & Products: Selling the Colonial Image*” examines how advertisers have used romanticized imagery about America’s past to sell commercial products. Featured pieces include reproductions of late 19th and early 20th century product catalogs, trade cards, advertisements, calendars, and posters, as well as other objects that depict a fanciful interpretation of colonial and patriotic imagery.

PMPM will also host the "Taste of Culture" reception on Monday, June 1 from 4-6 p.m., part of *Cape Cod Life's* Food & Wine Festival, celebrating food, wine and local culture in various locations on Cape Cod. Guests of the event will share food and wine from Truro Vineyards, the Casual Gourmet, the Crown & Anchor and the Beachcomber while enjoying music, local art, history and the best view in town.

About the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum

Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum is a non-profit educational, tax-exempt 501(3)(c) organization. Its mission is to commemorate the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims, culminating in their arrival and stay in Provincetown Harbor, and the signing of the Mayflower Compact. In addition, the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum collects, preserves, interprets, researches, exhibits, and publishes archival historical materials and exhibit materials depicting important events of Provincetown history. For more information please visit www.pilgrim-monument.org.

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NOTE: High res photos available of exhibition items for publication and posting by downloading from the website:

<http://www.pilgrim-monument.org/PR/index.html>

Additional photos available by downloading from the www.Sendspace.com website:

1. Pilgrim Monument with Champagne Glasses.CFields.tif (87 MB)

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2. Pilgrim Monument Wedding cocktails.JPG (5 MB)

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