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**PILGRIM MONUMENT and PROVINCETOWN MUSEUM
TO EXHIBIT RARE ARTWORK DEPICTING HISTORY OF PROVINCETOWN**
Open to the Public for Free Admission Valentines Day Weekend

Provincetown, Mass. (January 27, 2009) The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum (PMPM) is proud to announce that it will be exhibiting world renowned art treasures for public viewing at a special winter opening. On Valentines Day/President's Day weekend, The PMPM will open its doors to the public with free admission to view five paintings that are on loan from the Town of Provincetown Art Collection. These incredible works of art are on loan and being exhibited for the first time since the closing of Provincetown Town Hall due to the current renovation project.

The exhibition features the 1915 masterpiece by Charles W. Hawthorne, "*The Crew of the Philomena.*" Other works on display are by artists Max Bohm, Frederick Judd Waugh, William Halsall and George Elmer Browne. Hawthorne established the Cape Cod School of Art in 1899 and taught hundreds of artists who traveled to Provincetown to study with him until his untimely death in 1930 at the age of 58. Bohm was Hawthorne's teaching assistant.

"What a wonderful valentine the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum is giving to the community by opening our doors and inviting the public in to see these amazing works of art. We are honored to be exhibiting these Town Hall treasures during the renovation process and we know that the PMPM will be an excellent home for these works. The experience is further heightened by having these works displayed in a museum setting with better lighting and space needed to properly view these monumental treasures. We encourage all who love Provincetown and who love art to come and see us February 14 and 15," said Jim Bakker, Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum.

Guests visiting on Valentine's Day weekend will also have an opportunity to see the Pilgrim Monument lit up in the color red in honor of the *Cape Goes Red* Campaign. "It is an honor to partner with this great campaign for the second year as we light the Pilgrim Monument in red to bring attention to the dangers of heart disease," said Bakker.

The museum will be open to the public with free admission during this special exhibition on Saturday February 14 and Sunday February 15 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. After the special winter event, the

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paintings will continue to be exhibited when the museum opens for the season on April 1, 2009 and will remain at the museum until the renovation of the Town Hall is complete.

Listing of the five paintings on loan from the Town of Provincetown Art Collection:

- Max Bohm, “*Pilgrim Mural Study*”
- George Elmer Browne, Architectural rendering, proposed plan for Provincetown’s 1920 Tercentenary celebration.
- William H. Halsall, “*Peaked Hills of Cape Cod*”
- Charles W. Hawthorne, “*The Crew of the Philomena Manta*”
- Frederick Judd Waugh, “*Getting Under Way (Old Ironsides)*”

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 visit www.pilgrim-monument.org.

NOTE:

For high resolution photos of the artwork and to visit the museum for a viewing, please contact PMPM Executive Director Jim Bakker at 508-487-1310 or Ann Murphy at O’Neill and Associates at 617-646-1031

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