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Local Artists Give Abbe Museum Much More than Art

Through the generosity of over 40 artists, crafts people and gallery owners, the Abbe Museum is well on its way to hosting the premier art auction taking place in Bar Harbor this summer.

On July 15th, 2009 the Abbe Museum's Board of Trustees will host *The Gathering: Reflection & Celebration Gala* at the Bar Harbor Club. The highlight of this annual Gala will be two art auctions. The first auction will be a silent auction to be held during the cocktail reception that starts at 5:30. This auction will feature over 20 different works of art that Gala guests will have a chance to bid on. The silent auction is always great fun as people try to secretly out bid each other for their favorite piece.

The second auction will be live and this year's auctioneer is none other than Christie's very own John Hays. Some of the featured items in this year's live auction will be an oil painting entitled "A Day at the Lake - Katahdin" by artist John Potter, a sweet grass and brown ash basket by master weaver Molly Neptune-Parker from the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine, and a hand carved stone polar bear by Cape Dorset Inuit sculptor Noah Jaw. These three items are just a highlight of the beautiful array of paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and jewelry that will be available for bid during the live auction. You can preview the auction items online at www.abbemuseum.org.

The Abbe Museum and its Trustees would like to thank everyone who graciously donated to this year's auction. With the money that will be raised from the sale of these items, the Abbe will be able to continue its mission and offer exhibits, education, and entertainment to our local communities as well as visitors from around the globe. The generosity of these artists, crafts people, and gallery owners truly gives the Abbe Museum much more than art, they help sustain the museum for the future.

For more information on this year's gala, or to purchase tickets, please call Pepper Cwik at (207)288-3519 or email pepper@abbemuseum.org

The mission of the Abbe Museum is to promote an understanding and appreciation of Maine's Native American culture, history, and archaeology. Maine's native peoples have a long history and the Abbe is a beautiful stage for sharing their life ways, art, and heritage with a larger audience. The Abbe Museum Downtown is located at 26 Mount Desert Street in Bar Harbor across from the Village Green and Island Explorer bus stop and is open from 10:00 – 6:00 daily. The "original" Abbe Museum, opened in 1928, is located trailside at Sieur de Monts Spring inside Acadia National Park and is open daily from 9:00 – 4:00. For more information on the Abbe, its exhibitions, workshops, and programs call (207)288-3519 or visit www.abbemuseum.com

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