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**GUIDED EXCURSION FEATURES LOCAL MUSEUMS' PAINTINGS ON VIEW
AT THE PORTLAND MUSEUM OF ART**

KENNEBUNK and SACO, MAINE – The Saco Museum and Brick Store Museum are pleased to offer a guided excursion at the Portland Museum of Art on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 10 a.m. (snow date: February 1) to see the remarkable, national traveling exhibition, *A Deaf Artist in Early America: The Worlds of John Brewster, Jr.* Twelve of the approximately 50 Brewster paintings touring in this seminal show have been loaned by the Saco Museum and Brick Store Museum. As a Deaf painter, John Brewster, Jr.'s life and art reflect his artistic influences, a distinctive painting style, his elite clientele, and the world of the Deaf in early America. Brewster (1766-1854) is noted for his portraits and particularly those of children, who are depicted with an angelic innocence rarely achieved in portrait painting.

The excursion cost of \$8 per person includes admission to the Portland Museum of Art, a special welcome by museum curators, and a guided tour of the exhibition. Transportation is not included; participants are to either meet in the lobby of the Portland Museum of Art or contact the Brick Store Museum or Saco Museum in advance to coordinate personal carpooling.

Pre-registration and full payment for this excursion is required by January 27. Checks should be made payable to *The Brick Store Museum* and remitted to: The Brick Store Museum, 117 Main Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043, Attn: Brewster Excursion. For questions or to register, please see www.brickstoremuseum.org/events.shtml or contact Cheryl Price at the Museum, 207.985.4802.

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