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LIVING LITTLE EXHIBITION NOW ON VIEW AT BRICK STORE MUSEUM

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – A log cabin, a general store, a houseboat, a church, a Victorian mansion, a woodworking shop, several homes, and much more all fit under one roof as part of the Brick Store Museum's newest exhibition, *Living Little: A Selection of Dollhouses and Architectural Models*. On view through the end of 2008, this exhibition just opened to the public at the end of July and has already welcomed hundreds of toddlers, families, architects and miniatures enthusiasts of all ages.

Beginning with the Museum's own extensive collection of historical building models, visitors witness faithful reproductions of actual structures created for posterity. Their hallmarks are an exacting sense of scale and attention to detail. The exhibition then transitions from miniature buildings as purposeful models to miniature buildings as fanciful showcases—from the architect's tool to the everyman's dream.

Whether as playthings or family heirlooms, dollhouses have long captured the imaginations of young and old. Visitors are invited to marvel at dozens of not-so-small wonders culled from the Museum and on loan from private collections in the region. Especially fun is an "I Spy..." scavenger hunt activity that challenges kids to locate certain miniatures within the various scenes.

Exhibition-goers also come to appreciate dollhouses and models as hobbies, as forms of collecting, and as catalysts for compelling stories that transcend generations. Accompanying many of the dollhouses are sequences of photographs. Artistic in their own right, the images also serve to spotlight specific details and show aspects or vantage points that might otherwise not be readily apparent. With no comparative sense of scale in these engaging photographs, the rooms depicted are easily mistaken as full-size, and it is not much of a leap for visitors to envision themselves in the scene.

This exhibition is made possible by The Brick Store Museum's proud business partners, Jeffrey A. Bonney, CFP[®], The Captain Lord Mansion, and Ocean Bank.

The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk's historic district and for more than seventy years has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region's rich cultural heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission to the Museum is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207.985.4802 for further information.

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