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SALON STYLE OPENS AT BRICK STORE MUSEUM

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – Anticipated structural restoration work on The Brick Store Museum’s historical buildings has been the genesis for a brand new exhibition now on view. Says the Museum’s executive director, Tracy Baetz, “For the initial renovations, we’ll be temporarily moving certain collections offsite for safekeeping. Where our works of fine art are already so delicate, especially in their ornate gilded frames, we saw this as an opportunity to exhibit as many as possible elsewhere in our galleries.” The result is the newly-opened *Salon Style*, so named for the stacked display format made popular by private collectors of the 18th and 19th centuries to display their holdings.

Thirty-two paintings—with many that have not been on public view in years—create an impressive cavalcade of art from the 1830s to the 1920s. Stunning still lifes, idyllic landscapes, and heroic seascapes are interspersed among genre paintings and portraiture of early Kennebunk notables, showcasing the richness of the Museum’s permanent collections. Featured artists include Josef Arentz (1903-1969), Thomas Badger (1792-1868), Abbott Fuller Graves (1859-1936), E. L. Ipsen (1869-1951), W. L. Metcalf (1858-1925), Hannah Brown Skeelee (1829-1901), and D. A. Teupken (1828-1859).

This exhibition will remain on view throughout the year and is made possible by the Museum’s proud business partners: Jeffrey A. Bonney, CFP®, Captain Lord Mansion, and Ocean Bank.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk’s historic district. For more than 70 years, the Museum has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural and artistic heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays – Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1 (closed holidays). Admission is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207-985-4802 for further information.

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