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Symposium Celebrates Interns at Thomas Cole House

Catskill, NY - On Saturday, September 13th 2008, from 1 to 4pm, the Thomas Cole Historic Site celebrates the contribution of its interns – both past and present – with an afternoon of presentations by students from Bard College, Mount Holyoke College, SUNY New Paltz, Vassar College, and Williams College, exploring their ideas on topics relating to Thomas Cole and the Hudson River School.

Two hours of student papers will be interspersed with questions and answers led by Kevin Avery, Associate Curator, Department of American Painting and Sculpture, The Metropolitan Museum of Art; Linda Ferber, Vice President and Museum Director, The New-York Historical Society; and Elizabeth Kornhauser, Krieble Curator of American Painting and Sculpture, The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art.

A panel discussion will follow, exploring how internship experience affects academic and professional studies. Admission is free. The event takes place at Temple Israel, which is next door to the Thomas Cole House, 218 Spring Street, Catskill, New York. The Cole board and staff wish to express their gratitude to the Temple for generously hosting the event. For more information about the event, please contact Gregory Rosenthal, Education Coordinator, at 518-943-7465 ext. 2.

Students who would like to explore an internship at the Thomas Cole House are encouraged to contact the historic site now. This national historic site welcomes student interns year-round to work on a variety of projects and gain valuable in-depth museum experience. Academic credit can be arranged for students who complete a minimum number of hours per week, as determined by the college or other academic institution. Internship hours may consist of a combination of on-site and off-site work, with at least 50% to be conducted on-site at Cedar Grove. To apply, submit a resume, cover letter and one page statement of purpose explaining why you want to work at Cedar Grove and what you hope to gain and contribute. Application materials can be sent by mail to PO Box 426, Catskill, New York, 12414, attn: Internships, or to Gregory@thomascole.org. More information about the internship program can be found at the Intern Program section of the Thomas Cole website, www.thomascole.org/interns.