



THE TRIP THAT CHANGED AMERICAN ART



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March 3, 2025

Dear Friends,

Please save the date of **Saturday, June 28**, for a big anniversary celebration at the Summer Party!

This summer marks the 200th Anniversary of Thomas Cole's first trip to Catskill, which changed American Art forever. The paintings he made of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains launched not only his career, but the major American art movement known as the Hudson River School of landscape painting. His paintings gave rise to the country's identity of "America the beautiful" and went on to inspire the formation of the National Park System.

To celebrate, we hope you will join us for cocktails, dinner, and fireworks overlooking the Hudson River at the beautiful home of our Chairman, Lisa Fox Martin, in Catskill, NY. We're looking forward to a magnificent Hudson Valley evening with you.

Your support is critical to this organization and the community it serves. We are an independent nonprofit organization receiving only 9% of our annual budget from the federal government. Your event sponsorship comprises a large part of our operating budget, allowing us to bring art, history, beauty, and joy to thousands of people every year. Thank you for your essential support that makes all our work possible.

Please return the enclosed form or respond online by **Friday, April 4th** to be included on the printed invitation. We can't wait to see you for a spectacular evening in June.

Sincerely,

Maura O'Shea
Executive Director

Lisa Fox Martin
Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Annual Summer Party

Saturday, June 28, 2025, 6:30 pm
152 William Street, Catskill, New York 12414

We encourage you to gather your friends and sponsor a table together.
*Guests who split table costs will be listed together on all event materials as
“contributor” sponsors at the selected level.*

Reservations are also available at thomascole.org/2025summerparty

Please list me as a sponsor and register the reservation as follows:

Patron of the Arts Table

Table of ten for cocktails and dinner
with premium seating for fireworks viewing,
a pre-party exhibition tour with the Executive Director, and
a complimentary year-long membership for each guest

_____ Table(s) at \$6,000 = _____
(tax-deductible portion \$4,850)

Platinum Table

Table of eight for cocktails and dinner
with premium seating for fireworks viewing and
a pre-party exhibition tour with the Executive Director

_____ Table(s) at \$4,400 = _____
(tax-deductible portion \$3,480)

Gold Table

Table of six for cocktails and dinner

_____ Table(s) at \$3,000 = _____
(tax-deductible portion \$2,310)

Gold Ticket

One ticket for cocktails and dinner

_____ Ticket(s) at \$500 = _____
(tax-deductible portion \$115)

Cornerstone Support

I am unable to attend but wish to support the
Thomas Cole National Historic Site and its community

\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

Name/s (as you wish to be listed)

Email

Telephone

Payment Method: Check Credit Card

Card Number

Exp. Date

CVV

Billing Address

City

State

Zip

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You may also RSVP to Paul at pstankus@thomascole.org