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WHITE HOUSE IMPRESSIONS EXHIBIT AND CALENDAR TO HONOR 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House Historical Association announces the opening on April 7, 1999, of a new exhibit "White House Impressions: The President's House Through the Eye of the Artist" at the White House Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. The exhibit will feature works of 14 prominent American artists, representing the 13 original states and the District of Columbia, invited by the association to document their personal impressions of the White House in honor of the 200th anniversary of President and Mrs. John Adams taking residence on November 1, 1800. Every president and his family have lived in the White House since then.

In addition to being displayed at the Visitor Center, the 14 paintings will be reproduced in a commemorative calendar for the year 2000. The purpose of the calendar is twofold: to heighten public awareness of the significance of the house at this important time in its history and to generate the funds to acquire an historic object as a 200th anniversary gift to the permanent collection of the White House. As a special feature of the opening of the exhibit, the 14 artists will sign calendars for the public from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 7. The exhibit will be on display through September 5, 1999, and will travel to presidential libraries and museums during the year 2000.

"The White House continues to inspire artists in a moving testimonial to the special place its image holds in the hearts of all Americans and this unique exhibit celebrates the contemporary artist's view of a revered house. We are very proud to add this series of paintings of the President's House to our collection," said Neil W. Horstman, executive vice president of the White House Historical Association.

The artists have generously donated their works with only a modest honorarium. Their names and the state they represent are: Al Alexander, New Jersey; Carol Aronson-Shore, New Hampshire; John Barber, Virginia; Marilyn Caldwell, Connecticut; Ken Davies, Massachusetts; Domenic DiStefano, Pennsylvania; Marjorie Egee, Delaware; Ray Ellis, Georgia; Carlton Fletcher, District of Columbia; West Fraser, South Carolina; Tom

Freeman, Maryland; Richard Grosvenor, Rhode Island; Joe Reboli, New York; and Bob Timberlake, North Carolina.

The White House Historical Association is a nonprofit organization, chartered in 1961, to enhance understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the White House. Proceeds from the sale of publications and other items are used to fund acquisitions of historic furnishings and art work for the permanent White House collection, assist in the preservation of the public rooms, and further the association's educational mission.

The White House Visitor Center, in historic Malcolm Baldrige Hall of the Department of Commerce at 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., offers a welcoming experience and orientation to the White House and President's Park. The center is the ticket distribution area for the White House public tours program. The facility also provides interesting exhibits and free video presentations that serve as an alternative form of tour for those unable to visit the White House. The Visitor Center, operated by the National Park Service, is open daily. For information call 202.208.1631.

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