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Opening Celebration for *The Structure Within*:

**An Exhibition created by Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School Educators at
the Provincetown Art Association and Museum**

Friday, January 18th, 2008, 6-8PM with a POT LUCK DINNER

Exhibition: January 18th-February 17th 2008

On a recent Saturday in January, laughter and animated voices could be heard echoing through the galleries and the halls of the Museum School at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum. What was all the excitement about? Ten teachers from the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School had come to PAAM to participate in the Curating Program for Educators. The program guides local educators to create and mount their own exhibition in the Museum's galleries. Participants choose or curate works of art from PAAM's permanent collection, then engage in creative writing sessions and a studio art project that dialogues with their chosen paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures. Since the program's launching in 2005, educators from the Veterans Memorial Elementary and Nauset Regional High School have created and mounted exhibitions at PAAM.

The exhibition theme and title decided on by CCLCS educators is *The Structure Within*. Visiting Artist Vicky Tomayko—who worked with each teacher to create dry-point monoprints inspired by works from the collection—said of *The Structure Within*, “It’s really a brilliant way to approach the creation of an exhibition, since the theme is broad enough to encompass a variety of interests. Participants can explore formal structures—the nuts and bolts of composition and media—or the structure can be conceptual: what is the idea that initiated a work of art?”

The Curating Program for Educators is an extension of PAAM's Student Curating Program, which was established in 1992 to engage local first through twelfth grade students. Of the expanded program, Lynn Stanley, PAAM's Curator of Education says, “It’s wonderful to be able to offer this kind of in-depth, creative experience to teachers on the Cape. The program not only provides educators hands-on, creative experiences and a window into the creation of a museum exhibition, but the room and time to contemplate, to explore, and to look closely at works of art. And when educators are inspired, students reap the benefits.”

PAAM encourages teachers across school curricula to participate and the CCLCS group will bring a wealth of varied experience to their exhibition. The 2007-2008 CCLCS Curators are: Susanna Graham-Pye, Special Education; Deborah Greenwood, Art; Sandra Hemeon-Mcmahon, Spanish; Pia Mackenzie, French; Carrie Quenneville, Art; Elizabeth Moore, Math; Paul Niles, Science; Rosalind Pace, Poetry; Karen Scichilone, Math; and John Stewart, Social Studies.

The January 18th celebration will also feature openings of the exhibitions *Mid Career Duo: Bailey Bob Bailey and Timothy Woodman*; *Works by the 2007-08 Fine Arts Work Center Fellows*; a *Collection Show featuring Chaim Gross*; and *Serena Rothstein*. POTLUCK: Bring a dish or pay \$5 at the door.

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The Provincetown Art Association and Museum was established in 1914 by a group of artists and townspeople to build a permanent collection of works by artists of the Outer Cape, and to exhibit art that would allow for unification within the community. Through a comprehensive schedule of exhibitions of local and national significance and educational outreach, the Provincetown Art Association and Museum provides the public access to art, artists, and the creative process. PAAM is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. The Provincetown Art Association and Museum, located at 460 Commercial Street, is open Thursdays through Sundays, 12-5 and by appointment through April. \$5 admission for non-members. For more information, please call 508.487.1750 or visit www.paam.org.