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“LIGHTSHIP BASKET MUSEUM’S BASKETS & BUBBLY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH & AUCTION FEATURES ONE-OF-A KIND WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS”

Nantucket, MA. June 25, 2013 - The Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum is hosting its eighth annual Champagne Brunch & Auction at the Great Harbor Yacht Club on Sunday July 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Rafael Osona will be conducting the auction. Tickets are \$135 and can be purchased at the Lightship Basket Museum at 49 Union Street. This is the Museum’s primary fundraising event of the summer season with Veuve Clicquot as the lead sponsor.

The event includes both a live and silent auction. Items can be previewed at the museum Tuesday July 16 through Saturday July 20 from 10-4:30, absentee bids will be accepted. This year’s auction will feature a commissioned hand blown glass bowl made exclusively for the event by Robert Dane of Dane Gallery. The bowl is made using the Reticello technique refined in Italy by the glass blowers of Murano. “The technique produces a basket weave pattern in glass, which is much in keeping with the basket theme of the event,” said Robert Dane. Also featured at the auction will be a new creation by Michael Kane that will be showcased during the auction preview. A pristine Bill Sevens friendship purse made in 1988 and donated by Alan SW Reed will also be auctioned. Other notable basket makers whose work is available at the auction are Manny Dias, Kathleen Myers, Nap Plank and Bill & Judy Sayle. A commissioned painting by Gregg Hill is one of several works of art by notable and upcoming artists. “This year we are very pleased to showcase work by so many of the island’s artists and celebrate the depth of artistic and creative talent on Nantucket. Many of the auction items are one-of-a-kind pieces created exclusively for this event. With this vast display of local art, these artists have demonstrated their support for the Lightship Basket Museum and we are truly grateful,” said Maryann Wasik, Museum Executive Director.

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About the Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum - The Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the awareness and appreciation of lightship baskets and their makers, by educating and engaging the public about the complexity of this art form unique to Nantucket, and placing it within a broader context of related crafts. The Museum is dedicated to preserving Nantucket’s rich history of basket making by exhibiting historic and contemporary baskets, providing a permanent home for lightship baskets, supporting scholarship of this art form, and encouraging and mentoring new generations of lightship basket makers.

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