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“LIGHTSHIP BASKET MUSEUM’S FOURTH ANNUAL BASKETS & BUBBLY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH AND AUCTION SLATED FOR JULY 26 AT GREAT HARBOR YACHT CLUB”

Nantucket, MA., May 20, 2009 - The Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum is hosting its fourth annual Champagne Brunch & Auction at the Great Harbor Yacht Club. Rafael Osona will be conducting the auction. Tickets are \$125 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.

The event includes both a live and silent auction. Items can be previewed at the Museum Tuesday July 21 through Saturday July 25 from 10-4. “Buy It Now” is available for some of the auction items. There are over 60 outstanding items including several exquisite baskets by noted basket makers Bill & Judy Sayle, Manny Dias, Kathleen Myers and Nap Plank. There is also an incredibly detailed basket by Alan Reed with carving by Nap Plank and scrimshaw by Lee Ann Papale. There are several pieces of artwork, a sailor’s valentine and interesting events that will be auctioned as well. “This is a very exciting event. Our guests will have the opportunity to bid on many beautiful items as well as enjoy the well appointed setting of the Great Harbor Yacht Club. Through their generosity, the Museum can continue to educate the public about Nantucket Basketry from an historic and contemporary standpoint” said Maryann Wasik, Museum 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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