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Summer Exhibition at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site:

STANLEY MALTZMAN | *Thomas Cole's Honey*

On view July 26 – October 2, 2014

Catskill, NY: The Thomas Cole National Historic Site is pleased to announce a summer party and exhibition. Stanley Maltzman, *Thomas Cole's Honey*, will open July 26, with a reception that is free and open to the public from 4:30 to 6pm. The exhibit will run through October 2, 2014.

A special selection of approximately ten new artworks by Stanley Maltzman will be on view at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site from July 26 - October 2, 2014. All made between 2013 and present, Maltzman's watercolors, pastels, and drawings on view pay homage to the towering, almost 200 year old honey locust tree that stands across from Thomas Cole's front door.

Maltzman, a resident of Freehold, NY, has taught drawing for more than twenty years, and has always been deeply attracted to nature and art. The artist was especially captivated by the honey locust and noted: "trees are like human bodies – with curves, strength, and beauty .. they all have an individual character." Maltzman, who will celebrate his 93rd birthday this summer said this tree, nearing its own 200th year, "feels like a distant cousin... It has lived so long, and has such unique qualities – from its holes and thorns to the bumps and knots of the bark." Visitors will have a chance to see Maltzman's close-up detailed perspectives of the grand locust, as well as full views of the tree as it continues to stand at Cedar Grove. Stanley writes of his own work: "...the secret is not the pencil... it is the work, the devotion and the love of drawing. Art starts with the business of seeing, nature inspires you with her beauty."

An opening party will be held at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site at 218 Spring Street, on July 26 from 4:30 and 6pm. Birthday cake in honor of the honey locust and refreshment will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit:

www.thomascole.org

ABOUT THE ARTIST Stanley Maltzman is an award winning landscape artist, author, and educator. He works in a variety of media including pastel, watercolor, and charcoal. He lives in New York's Hudson Valley and has taught art for over twenty years. His work has been exhibited in museums and galleries throughout the country at venues including the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the National Academy, the Bruce Museum, Albany Institute of History and Art, and the Berkshire Museum. His work resides in collections at the Hudson River Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, among others. He has published numerous books including Drawing Trees and Drawing Nature. This will be Maltzman's first solo show at the The Thomas Cole National Historic Site.

About the Thomas Cole National Historic Site

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first art movement. Cole's profound influence on America's cultural landscape inspires us to engage broad audiences through educational programs that are relevant today. The Thomas Cole Historic House is an independent non-profit organization and an affiliate of the National Park Service.

HOURS: Tours of the Main House, Old Studio, and special exhibition galleries leave every hour on the hour between 10am and 4pm, Wednesday- Sunday through November 2, 2014. The grounds are free and open to the public.