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The Thomas Cole National Historic Site

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Cedar Grove Announces the Public Opening, Ribbon-Cutting & Celebration of Thomas Cole's Storehouse Studio



Pictured above: engraving from "The Summer Haunts of American Artists,"
Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine, 30, May-Oct. 1885: 845-60.

CATSKILL, JULY 26, 2004- The Board of Governors of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site are pleased to announce the public opening of the newly restored Storehouse Studio on Sunday, October 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm. The public is invited to join the celebration, tour the studio, and enjoy music, refreshments, and a variety of special exhibitions and presentations. Congressman John Sweeney will be the honorary chair of the event, in recognition of his role in preserving this important National Historic Landmark. Admission is free for the duration of the event.

Thomas Cole's Storehouse Studio, often called the "Old Studio," was constructed in 1839. Cole's use of the space came about when he was commissioned to create his famous "Voyage of Life" series, a group of four paintings that each measure over 6 x 4 feet. Finding he needed more room, he inquired about a large open area in the storehouse that was currently being built near the Main House at Cedar Grove. Near the end of 1839, Cole wrote to fellow artist Asher B. Durand, "Do you know that I have got into a new painting room. Mr. Thomson has lately erected a sort of Storehouse and has let me have a part of it ..."

The restoration of the Old Studio is made possible by a grant from "Save America's Treasures", the Catskill-Olana Scenic Mitigation Fund, and Benjamin Moore & Co.. More information about Cedar Grove and its exhibitions and programs can be found at www.thomascole.org.

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