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2010 Main Street Public Art Exhibit Schedule Announced by WMAG

NORWAY, Maine – The new public art exhibit season started February 1, 2010 in the windows of the Norway Savings Bank Operations Center on Main Street in Norway, featuring the pigmented wax painting and multi-media artwork of Western Maine Art Group (WMAG) Artists Heather Westleigh and Daniel Rennie.

In collaboration with Norway Savings Bank, the WMAG installs new exhibits on the first of every month which feature artist members as a benefit for membership in the 47 year old nonprofit arts group. The annual schedule runs from February through Thanksgiving, when the bank puts up its traditional holiday tree display. The 2010 line up of artists is currently booked through July, so there are still opportunities to exhibit in the North-facing windows for a one-month slot from August through November.

The season will open with the following: February - Heather Westleigh, encaustic wax painting; March - Ellie Fellers, fine quilts; April - David Neufeld, photography; May - Student Art, multi-media; June - Teri Porter, photography; July - Chair-ity, hand-painted treasure's on preview for July 10th Chair-ity Auction.

“Norway Savings Bank sets the bar for supporting community arts and as been a supporter of the Western Maine Art Group for decades. It was fundamental in the revitalization of the Western Maine Art Group (WMAG) in 2007 which eventually lead to this new, more meaningful relationship resulting in wonderful public art exhibits on Main Street,” said WMAG Director Aranka Matolcsy.

In 2008, Norway Savings Bank and the WMAG forged an innovative collaboration when the art group was invited to use 13 north-facing windows in the new Norway Savings Bank Operations Center for art exhibits. In the renovation of the two buildings which house the NSB Operations Center, special lighting was even installed to accommodate beautiful lit art displays after dark.

Since the beginning, exhibits have included a wide variety of arts shown from metal sculpture and fiber arts to photographs and fine arts paintings. Eligibility to exhibit in this highly visible space is a benefit of membership to the WMAG, which has a mission to provide opportunities to artists and provide broad community access to original arts while partnering with others to support a prosperous culture in Western Maine. The only month not reserved for WMAG members is May when MSAD#17 Student Art is featured. FMI: contact the WMAG 207-739-6161 or go to www.TheWMAG.org.

About Norway Savings Bank:

Founded in 1866, Norway Savings Bank is a leading mutual banking and financial services company headquartered in Norway, Maine. As of December 31, 2009, Norway Savings Bank had \$938 million in total assets and provided financial services to over 35 thousand households throughout western and southern Maine. Norway Savings Bank has 20 branch locations and provides access to over 200 ATM locations through Maine Cash Access. Norway operates divisions in asset management, personal and business banking. In 2007 and 2008, Norway Savings Bank was recognized as one of the Best Places to Work in Maine by the Society for Human Resource Management's Maine State Council. In 2009, Norway earned the Financial Marketing Excellence Award from the American Bankers Association for its "Colorful Solutions" brand campaign. For more information, visit <http://www.norwaysavingsbank.com>