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When Men and Mountains Meet: Artists Celebrating the White Mountains

August 20, 2009 through September 20, 2009

The Hood Museum of Art presents *When Men and Mountains Meet: Artists Celebrating the White Mountains* as a tribute to the Dartmouth Outing Club Centennial. This show highlights selected landscape paintings of the White Mountains from the nineteenth century and draws our attention to how artists played a key role in shaping the way people viewed this wilderness region.

Prior to the turn of the nineteenth century, the White Mountains region of Maine and New Hampshire remained relatively unexplored and uninhabited. The railroad would change this, and by the mid-nineteenth century, the area had become a popular destination for wealthy tourists, adventurous mountaineers, and talented and inspired artists. Small, rural inns gave way to large hotels and then grand mountain resorts, providing popular summer getaways for New England's elite. Artists wishing to capture the views flocked to the area, becoming part of the mountains' attractions. This setting suited those artists who were eager to mix work and recreation, and as a consequence, the White Mountains became a vital art colony, where landscape artists captured these picturesque views in a variety of styles. The Hood's significant holdings of White Mountains work, highlights of which are also on view in the Sack Gallery, indicates the level of achievement of this select group.

On view through September 20, 2009, this special installation is part of the Hood Museum of Art's Senior Intern Program and this *A Space for Dialogue* curated by Kathleen Rice '09, the 2008–2009 Kathryn and Caroline Conroy Intern. *A Space for Dialogue*, founded with support from the Class of 1948, is made possible with generous endowments from the Class of 1967, Bonnie and Richard Reiss Jr. '66, and Pamela J. Joyner '79.

Join Kathleen as she introduces the historical and artistic significance of these works in her lunchtime gallery talk on Tuesday, September 15, at 12:30 PM.

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