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Mr. Lawrence Castagna 655 Springs Fireplace Road East Hampton, New York 11937

Dear Mr. Castagna,

We are so pleased with your wonderful work. Both the ship painting and the portrait of Mr. Miller are wonderful examples of your skill in art conservation.

Let me also sincerely thank you for donating the restoration of the portrait of Eleazer Hand (1768-1844). This painting was given to the Society by his great grandson, George Beaman Hand. The artist is thought to be Hubbard Latham Fordham. Now conserved and placed in the original frame, Mr. Hand will be hanging soon for people to enjoy.

We look to working on many projects in the near future.

Warmly yours,

Richard Barons, executive director