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BEFORE TOUR AT THE 2010 DECORATOR SHOW HOUSE WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE PROVIDES GLIMPSE OF “BEFORE”

York, Maine — April 14, 2010 — The Museums of Old York is hosting a Before Tour the first weekend of May at Twin Cottage, site of the 2010 Decorator Show House. Twin Cottage, located at 6 Starboard Lane in York, overlooking the magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. This special open house provides the public with an opportunity to tour the 1904 cottage before it is transformed by New England designers into a decorator showplace.

The Before Tour will be held May 1st and 2nd from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. Street parking is available and a donation of \$5 is requested. All proceeds support the museum’s education programs, exhibitions and preservation initiatives. For more information, visit www.oldyork.org.

The Museums of Old York will celebrate the start of the 21st Annual Decorator Show House with a Preview Gala on Friday, July 16. The decorated home and grounds will be open to the public from July 17 through August 14. The event is run almost exclusively by volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please contact Beverly Young, the 2010 Show House Chair, at showhouse@oldyork.org.

The Annual Decorator Show House at Twin Cottage is presented by the Museums of Old York. The event is possible because of the work of many dedicated designers and visual artists, a corps of more than 300 volunteers, and the support of museum members and the community.

About the Museums of Old York

The Museums of Old York collects, stewards and presents objects of historical and community significance from York, Maine and surrounding communities. The museum’s

collections showcase a broad spectrum of local architecture (including a National Historic Landmark), an archival library and outstanding furniture, decorative and folk art collections. In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of exhibitions, lectures, workshops and hands-on education programs. The museum campus features a contemporary art gallery, numerous period gardens and nine historic properties, including the Ramsdell House, a more than 250-year old house that once belonged to a farm laborer, and the Remick Barn, a fully-accessible visitor, education and exhibition center. For more information, please call (207) 363-4974 or visit the museum's website at www.oldyork.org.

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