



## *Welcome to the Cape Cod Museum of Art!*

Cape Cod and the Islands have a long tradition of being one of the richest artistic centers in the US. We are the only art museum that represents the entire Cape Cod and Island region past and present.

***The museum's mission is to collect, conserve, study, interpret and exhibit works by outstanding artists associated with Cape Cod and the Islands. Through its programs, the museum seeks to preserve the artistic heritage of the area and to foster artistic and cultural growth within the individual and the community.***

When Harry Holl and Roy Freed first dreamed of this museum they were keenly aware that art produced on Cape Cod and the Islands was being whisked away to galleries and collectors from all over the world. Without a museum to collect and exhibit the work of our area, future generations of Cape and Islands residents would grow up without ever knowing their artistic heritage. So, they founded the museum.

When it was young, the museum rented space in a store front on Rt. 6A. Later, the Davenport West family gave the museum a building which was cut into pieces and trucked from Harwich to Dennis. This building and a small addition became our first home on this site. By the end of the 1990s, it was clear that we needed more space and with a huge effort, money was raised for the existing facility, sculpture garden and education center.

We now have a collection of art which continues to grow thanks to the generosity of collectors and artists. We have a professional staff to plan and execute education and exhibition programs and we have growing audiences of both local residents and visitors to the area.

Our most important visitors are the young people of the Cape and Islands, for whom the museum was founded. We would like to thank the Bank of America Foundation, whose generous support has made this Museum Guide possible.

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