

Whaling Museum accepts art donation

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James Russell, president of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, holds one of the paintings donated by artist Mike Mazer of Mattapoisett, left. Ian Marshall, president of the American Society of Marine Artists, stands at right.

Last month, the American Society of Marine Artists held their annual meeting at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

One of the society's members, Mattapoisett artist Mike Mazer, donated three of his paintings to the museum. The watercolors depict aspects of the Whaling Museum, which were done as part of a group of paintings representing New Bedford's historic sites in the newly designated national park.

These pieces were part of a one-man show, "Mike Mazer Paints New Bedford and the SouthCoast," that was shown at the New Bedford Art Museum.

Whaling Museum President James Russell said he was "delighted to have this prominent artist in their collection," and gratified that he chose the Whaling Museum as the recipient of his gift.

This year, Mazer's work has been shown internationally, at the Zeeland Maritime Museum in Vlissingen, Holland, as part of the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's European founding of New York, at other museums nationally, and regionally, where he completed a solo show "Maritime Paintings of the SouthCoast," at the Cape Cod Museum of Art.

They will hang in the president's office.