



## **A.G. Williams Painting Company Gives Back to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Donates Custom Exterior Painting to Pelham Art Center*

**Pelham , NY – (October 19, 2006)** -- The usual course for a birthday celebration is to host a party and receive gifts and well wishes from friends and family. But A.G. Williams Painting Company decided to celebrate its birthday in a different way by giving rather than receiving -- it donated a surprise gift to the non-profit Pelham Art Center of a complete exterior painting of the 26-year-old facility. Adding to the gift, Joe Caruso, the second generation owner of Caruso Paint & Hardware, donated all the paint and primer for the job. The total value of the paint project is over \$10,000 or more than \$100 a year for each of A.G. Williams' 100 years in business.

"We have been working with the Pelham Art Center since it opened its new facility in 1985," explains George P. Williams, the third generation co-owner of A.G. Williams. "The Center chose us for all

**Photo 1: A.G. Williams Painting Company**

**Photos 2 and 3: (left to right) Lisa Robb, Director, Pelham Art Center; George P. Williams, Co-owner, A.G. Williams Painting Company; Pelham Mayor Michael Clain; Arthur G. Williams, Co-owner, A.G. Williams Painting Company; and Joe Caruso, Owner, Caruso Paint and Hardware**

**Photos 4-7: Various photos of the Pelham Art Center being painted**

**Photo 8: Inside the Pelham Art Center**



the interior and exterior painting, including the mammoth signature steel girder arch." As part of A.G. Williams' gift, the arch was restored to its original deep red color.

"Small town living has its benefits because it allows businesses to develop enduring relationships with each other," said Lisa Robb of the Pelham Art Center. "This has certainly been the case throughout the decades that A.G. Williams Painting Contractors and Pelham Art Center have worked together. But that history aside, we were ecstatic and shocked when the phone call came in offering the donation. This generous gift is deeply appreciated by our Board and staff, as well as everyone walking down Fifth Avenue."

The Pelham Art Center is displaying a banner on the arch to express its gratitude for the generous donations from A.G. Williams and Caruso Paint and Hardware.

**About A.G. Williams Painting Company**

A.G. Williams Painting Company, Inc. a family-owned and -operated residential and commercial painting firm, has serviced the tri-state area for 100 years, since 1906. Founded by Arthur George Williams, A.G. Williams is in its third generation of Williams family ownership under the leadership of grandsons George P. Williams and Arthur G. Williams. The company is a recognized leader in the residential and commercial painting industry



through its state-of-the-art precision interior and exterior painting, powerwashing, wall coverings, faux finishes, expert design services and high quality carpentry. A.G. Williams proudly maintains an unparalleled tradition of honesty, integrity, and professionalism.

**About the Pelham Art Center**

Founded in 1972, the Pelham Art Center provides the public with a place, the resources and the opportunity to see, study and experience the arts in a community setting. Its five staff members and a large community Board manage the varied education, outreach and exhibition programs which serve over 10,000 households. Pelham Art Center proudly offers need-based scholarships to students of all abilities for art classes and workshops. Its artist residencies provide free, off-site art classes and workshops to those who do not have access to quality arts programs in their communities. The Center has undergone tremendous growth since its inception, with a 50% increase in its operating budget since 1992.

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