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A.G. Williams Painting Company Celebrates a Century of Service

Pelham, NY – (November 16, 2006) – To celebrate its 100th anniversary, A.G. Williams Painting Company decided that it was better to give than to receive. The company donated a surprise gift to the non-profit Pelham Art Center of a complete exterior painting of the 26-year-old facility. It also hosted a celebration for over 300 family members, friends, employees, key clients, vendors, and colleagues on October 28th, at Beckwith Pointe in New Rochelle, NY.

“A.G. Williams is in business today because of the partnerships and friendships we’ve developed over 100 years of business, through good times and difficult ones,” said George P. Williams, co-owner with brother Arthur G. Williams. “The best way to celebrate is to give back to those who are important to us and our success.”

The gala event was emceed by Joe Armentano, CEO of Paraco Gas Corp., who read proclamations from New York State and Westchester County. In addition to music, the evening featured a magician, two caricature artists, and a painter who created a commemorative oil painting of scenes from the event. George P. Williams and Arthur G. Williams acknowledged their hardworking staff and honored the employees that have been with A.G. Williams Painting Company for over 20 years. The celebration also was a tribute to the legacy of George A. Williams, the second generation owner and father of George and Arthur, who passed away in 2003.

When Arthur G. Ratsikas, a Greek immigrant, stepped onto Ellis Island in 1904, he could not have imagined the twists and turns his life would take. Two name changes and two decades later, Arthur G. Williams had a thriving painting business and a growing young family in New York City.

A.G. Williams Painting Company grew and prospered through the 1920s until getting derailed by the hallmark event of the 1930, Great Depression. The company retained all 12 employees on its payroll despite the fact that it often had no work for them, establishing a tradition of loyalty that is upheld today.

“History tends to repeat itself and the company was hit hard by the recession of the early 1990s. We had to take jobs at cost or even below cost to keep our crews working,” said co-owner Arthur G. Williams. “It was crucial for us to uphold the tradition established by our grandfather to never miss payroll, even in the toughest economic times.”

A.G. Williams takes pride in its traditions of honesty, integrity, and professionalism. Owners and employees go the extra mile to satisfy customers with specialty colors, expert painting, and attention to detail. “We believe in excellence in everything we do, a tradition handed down by our grandfather,” notes George Williams. “Our job sites are meticulously neat and clean, our employees are extensively trained in both painting and safety techniques, and we never take short cuts. It may be unusual for today’s businesses to retain employees through three generations of owners and to work with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of original clients, but it’s not unusual for A.G. Williams Painting Company. We expect to uphold our relationships for at least another 100 years.”

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.

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Left to right: Nicholas Arthur Williams, son of Founder and First Generation Owner (Arthur G. Williams), Florida resident; Arthur G. Williams, Third Generation Co-owner of A.G. Williams Painting Company, Thornwood resident; Emily Jane Williams, Arthur G. Williams' daughter, Thornwood resident; George Arthur Perry Williams, George P. Williams' son, Thornwood resident; George P. Williams, Third Generation Co-owner of A.G. Williams Painting Company, Thornwood resident; Nicholas John Joseph Williams, George P. Williams' son, Thornwood resident; at A.G. Williams Painting Company's 100th anniversary celebration.



Left to right: Arthur G. Williams, Third Generation Co-owner of A.G. Williams Painting Company, Thornwood resident; and George P. Williams, Third Generation Co-owner of A.G. Williams Painting Company, Thornwood resident; at A.G. Williams Painting Company's 100th anniversary celebration.