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OLD YORK ANNOUNCES NEW TENANT FOR HISTORIC GEORGE MARSHALL STORE

York, Maine—Old York Historical Society (OYHS) is pleased to announce that Marker Buoy Productions L3C are the new tenants of the historic George Marshall Store property at 140 Lindsay Road in York. The company will develop socially beneficial projects from the upper-level office, and maintain an art gallery on the main and dock-level spaces. The gallery will operate under the name George Marshall Store Gallery.

Directed by Kate Rasche, the gallery will focus on changing exhibitions of emerging and mid-career artists from Maine and New England, and occasional creative projects with interdisciplinary collaborators. Programming will be driven by a commitment to support and advance the careers of regional creators, while enriching the area's cultural landscape. Rasche, originally from York, is an artist and arts administrator with more than a decade of industry experience.

From the building's upper-level, Marker Buoy Productions will develop documentary films and creative work focused on the subject of threatened natural and human environments. Their projects will draw upon an established group of internationally recognized partners and collaborators in the fields of journalism, photography, and videography.

"We are very excited about this new chapter for the George Marshall Store," says Joel Lefever, OYHS executive director. "It was important for Old York to find a tenant whose mission compliments our own. We are also very happy that there will be a contemporary art presence there too, as the exhibitions organized by former gallery curator Mary Harding were such a popular component of the Old York community."

The George Marshall Store Gallery will open next month with a group exhibition of artists with close ties to Maine, "And Now: Kristy Cavaretta, Danny Mendola, Tara Morin, Cat Quattrociocchi, Karina Steele, Graham Walton," on view September 2–October 14. A slow opening will be held Saturday, September 4, from 12 to 5pm. For more information and gallery hours, visit georgemarshallstoregallery.com.

ABOUT THE GEORGE MARSHALL STORE

In 1867, York businessman George Marshall purchased the Hancock-Donnell Warehouse and surrounding land on the York River. Adjacent to the warehouse, he built a store, where he sold general merchandise as well as wood, building materials, and coal. The store remained in the Marshall family until 1954. In the years following it served as home to the York Art Association, a gift shop, and the offices and research library for the Old York Historical Society. The space was revived in 1996 by curator Mary Harding, who operated a contemporary art gallery business there until her retirement in 2020.

ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OYHS is a vital part of the York, Maine, community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; employs 5 full-time and 25 part-time employees; houses more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials; and serves thousands of people year round through tours, educational programs, and special events. OYHS receives no Federal, State, or Municipal support, and relies on funding provided through private donations, a modest endowment, and a trust established by Elizabeth Perkins, as well as earned income from ticket sales, programs, memberships. For more information: oldyork.org.

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