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**ATHENS CULTURAL CENTER EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE EVARTS
LIBRARY CENTENNIAL**

--Old Home Week Festivities to Revive Century-Old Tradition--

Athens, New York—April 1, 2007—The Athens Cultural Center will celebrate the centennial of the local library with a series of exhibitions and festivities. The exhibition “The Evarts Library and Old Home Week” will open to the public on June 9, 2007. The opening reception for the exhibition will be held from 6 to 8 PM and is free and open to the public. In conjunction with the centennial celebration on Saturday, June 30, the Cultural Center will also host a series of events including a costumed celebration, a historic house tour and a lunchtime concert in the park.

The tradition of Old Home Week, which involved a series of parades and local celebrations, started one hundred years ago to celebrate the laying of the corner stone of the Evarts Library. Even at that time, the small village would lose residents to larger cities and Old Home Week was a time for former residents to return to Athens and see old friends. Local photographers documented the annual celebrations, which involved decorating the Main Street and sponsoring parades of the local fire companies and other civic organizations.

The exhibition at the Athens Cultural Center will include vintage photographs and newspaper clippings documenting Old Home Week celebrations of one hundred years ago. It will also show images of the fire department dressed in parade uniform as well as related artifacts.

The exhibition will be open 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from June 10 through July 29, 2007. For more information on the Old Home Week events, including specific times and locations, please visit www.athensculturalcenter.org.

About the Art Gallery at the Athens Cultural Center

Located in the historic village of Athens, New York, the Art Gallery at the Athens Cultural Center shows works of Hudson Valley artists. The gallery is housed in an Egyptian revival storefront on the Village’s main street, a few blocks from the Hudson River. The Cultural Center also hosts free art classes for children and seniors as well as a full schedule of activities. For more information, please visit us at www.athensculturalcenter.org.

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