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Press Release

HISTORIC PEN COMPANY/Seaside Heights creates Boardwalk wood gift for Prince Harry & Gov. Christie

Manahawkin, NJ - May 13, 2013: The *Historic Pen Company* began with a simple goal: the reclamation, salvaging and repurposing of wood and other materials from historic sites throughout the United States that would otherwise be discarded and lost to history.

Additionally, the *Historic Pen Company* offers a historic and culturally significant, revenue-producing alternative to support the ongoing operation of its client historic sites while also limiting the destruction of these one of a kind resources, thus preserving not only history, but the integrity of the environment through the repurposing of these materials.

In this the Centennial Anniversary Year of the Borough of Seaside Heights, New Jersey and at the request of the Borough of Seaside Heights and specifically *Mayor William Akers* and Special Events Director, *Michael Graichen*, the *Historic Pen Company* created a "pair" of high quality writing instruments to commemorate the May 14, 2013 visit of **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie** and **His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales** to the community.

Following the devastation of Super Storm Sandy on October 29, 2012 and the destruction of the famous *Seaside Heights Boardwalk*, the continued support of people worldwide has served to strengthen the community during its recovery. Continued support through the Office of **Governor Christie** and the visit of **His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales** to experience first hand the deviation that struck the New Jersey coast support this recovery.

The **Governor Chris Christie** and **His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales** pens were handcrafted by *Historic Pen Company's* Master Pen Maker, John Greco over a period of 5 days: May 7-12, 2013. The pair were made from *Authentic Seaside Heights Original Boardwalk Wood* salvaged by the *Borough of Seaside Heights* during the clean up following Superstorm Sandy. Each pen is 5.875 inches in length with a diameter of 2.3125 inches and is enhanced with 24K gold plated hand-carved rhodium hardware and crystal clip. Although created as a matching "pair": because to the complexity of the *Boardwalk* pine and grain, each pen is a uniquely different one of a kind work of art.

The pens will be presented to Governor Christie and His Royal Highness during their May 14, 2013 visit to the Borough.

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