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**Miniature Fairy House Exhibition Returns to
Highfield Hall & Gardens**

Much to the delight of visitors young and old, fairy houses will reappear in the manicured gardens and wooded walkways of Highfield Hall & Gardens this summer. The exhibition begins at Highfield's annual summer open house on June 25 from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm. The exhibition will run through September 4, 2017 and admission, which includes a fairy location map, is \$5 and children are free.

For the exhibition, *The Storybook Fairy Houses of Highfield Hall & Gardens*, artists have selected a favorite storybook as inspiration for their house. The books will be available for visitors to see and read in a cozy family reading nook in Highfield's education room. This exhibition of over 20 miniature masterpieces is destined to be the highlight of the season. The exhibition is Highfield's third, reprising wildly successful shows in the summers of 2013 and 2015.

"Children were completely enchanted by the tiny structures during our previous show," said Annie Dean, Director of Programs and Exhibitions and the show's curator. "Many of them believe in fairies, or want to believe, and were thrilled to discover these little structures and to imagine what the fairies do there, and how they live. There was no question that we needed to bring them back to Highfield this summer."

The exhibition will feature brand new houses by some of the artists who participated in the previous shows, as well as several new artists. Annie Dean has been hard at work selecting the artists and guiding them in choosing locations on the property. There are a few requirements for fairy house builders. Artists are asked to use as many natural materials as possible. "Fairies are

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good readers, but not book illustrators,” explained Ms. Dean, so there will be hints of the book inspiration, but each artist’s personal creative expression will be the highlight. As well, the fairies are never “at home,” so the show leaves much to the imagination.

The exhibition will also include a raffle of a tiny fairy doll family made by award winning children’s book illustrator and artist Salley Mavor. Known for her extraordinarily intricate needlework and fabric illustrations, Ms. Mavor has hand constructed a mother and father, boy and girl, and a wee baby with felt and flower petal clothing. It will be displayed inside Highfield Hall during the summer and raffled off to a lucky winner at the close of the exhibition. A small gift shop of fairy related items will also accompany the exhibition.

Highfield Hall & Gardens, a restored 1878 mansion and estate, is located at 56 Highfield Drive in Falmouth. Surrounded by spectacular gardens and woodlands, Highfield hosts art exhibitions, music concerts, culinary classes, festivals, family events and public programs. The mansion is open to visitors 7 days a week from April 15 - October 31 and year-round for programs and functions. Hours are Monday- Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, weekends 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and free on Fridays during July and August from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. For information visit highfieldhall.org or call (508) 495-1878 x2.

Videos of the 2015 exhibition are available on Highfield’s website or at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dPJHAnT3iA>

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