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The Heckscher Museum of Art Appoints Judith A. Jedlicka Interim Executive Director

October 7, 2009 – Huntington, NY – The Board of Trustees of The Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington, New York, have appointed Judith A. Jedlicka to serve as Interim Executive Director effective October 12, 2009. H. E. (Skip) Show, Jr. will continue in his role as Deputy Executive Director.

A nationally-recognized leader in the not-for-profit sector and a resident of Huntington, Jedlicka was the President of the Business Committee for the Arts, Inc., founded by David Rockefeller to promote business support of the arts throughout the United States, for more than 25 years before establishing Solutions for Arts & Culture, a management and fundraising consulting firm serving arts and cultural organizations. “These are challenging times for all arts organizations, including The Heckscher,” said Margy Hargraves, Chair of the Heckscher Board of Trustees. “We are delighted and indeed fortunate that Judi has agreed to lead the Museum and help us position it as one of the major cultural institutions on Long Island as we plan for our Centennial Year in 2020.”

Ms. Jedlicka, is a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board for Hofstra’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, an Adjunct Professor at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University, a trustee of Caumsett Foundation, and has been a director or board member of the American Museum of Folk Art, Long Island Museum, American Museum of the Moving Image and Planting Fields Foundation. She, and David Finn, authored the book, *The Art of Leadership: Building Business-Arts Alliances* (Abbeville Press, 1998).

Jedlicka holds a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Humanities from Hofstra University, plus an A.A.S. in Horticulture from the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

The Heckscher Museum of Art, founded in 1920 by August Heckscher and accredited by the American Association of Museums, presents exhibitions and educational programs that broaden appreciation of art and enrich the quality of life. The Museum’s permanent collection of more than 2,000 works focuses on 19th to 21st century American and European art. The Heckscher is located in Heckscher Park, on Main Street (Route 25A) and Prime Avenue in Huntington Village, NY, on Long Island’s north shore. For further information about The Heckscher and its current exhibition, *Long Island Moderns: Artists on the North Shore from Edward Steichen to Cindy Sherman*, which runs through January 10, 2010, visit www.heckscher.org, or call 631.351.3250.