Painstaking care taken to deliver, display paintings

Canton Museum of Art staff enjoys unwrapping ‘presents’

"It's just a rare opportunity, not only for Canton, but for Northeast Ohio. "I got a call from a woman ... who is taking a train from Chicago to Canton" to see the paintings, he said.

The precious cargo rolled into Canton on Thursday afternoon. Museum employees tracked the truck by phone. Paintings arrived on a tractor-trailer with special suspension. Paintings were strapped to the inside of the climate-controlled trailer. Cardboard boxes and wooden crates labeled "FRAGILE" and "HANDLE WITH CARE" were lowered on a hydraulic lift. Inside the containers, plastic foam corners cushioned picture frames. Crates were opened with power drills.

Security also is a concern. The