This is a portrait of Betsey Hillman Dexter (1789-1865) and her daughter Elizabeth (1827-?). Can you color it in for your mom? It was originally painted by Frederick Mayhew of Chilmark. Mayhew’s paintings provide a valuable record of the way Vineyarders looked in the era right before the invention of photography.

Speaking of photography, can you try and re-create this painting with YOUR mom? Take a picture with her, then fill in the blanks of the poem below. A perfect homemade Mother’s Day gift!

Dear MOM,

I love you more than ___________. You are so ___________ and ___________. My favorite thing to do with you is ___________. You make me laugh when you ___________. I know that you love me because ___________, and I will always love you because ___________.

Happy Mother’s Day!