The Chester Dale Collection of 78 French paintings and sculpture of the 20th century was installed in a new location this week at the National Gallery of Art.

Until further notice they will be shown in Galleries G-7 through G-13 on the ground floor level. The change was made to allow preparations to begin for a special 25th anniversary exhibition scheduled to open next March.

Dale was a noted art collector and a president of the National Gallery. The memorial exhibition of his gifts of art to the nation opened at the Gallery last May.

The planned anniversary exhibition next year will show nearly 200 paintings from the private collections of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mellon and Mrs. Ailsa Mellon Bruce. A number of their Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings have never been exhibited, including works by Manet, Degas, Cezanne, and van Gogh.