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Plans for a Hostel in Hyannis at the Ruth Rusher House

Plans are in the works to manage a youth hostel at 111 Ocean Street in Hyannis on the property of the late Ruth Rusher, a well known and loved resident of Hyannis who wished to extend her love of the Cape to others. The use of Ruth's property will allow her legacy to continue, honoring her

wishes to provide low cost hostel accommodations that enable young people to experience the historic, recreational and cultural attractions of Cape Cod. The property consists of .45 acres of land containing three habitable buildings and a garage building planned to be converted to staff housing.

The main dwelling is one of the Sears Roebuck kit homes built in the United States in the early 1900s. During that time it was possible to order an entire home from a catalog that would arrive in two boxcars. You received 30,000 pieces and a 75-page leather bound instruction

manual. ENEC would not only carry out Rusher's hope that the property be extended to travelers, but it would also fulfill her wishes that this part of American history is retained and not torn down for a commercial enterprise.

The Trustees of the Ruth Rusher Estate are working with the Cape Cod Foundation, ENEC and A + E Architects to plan for the renovations that will be required to convert the structures into a hostel. A Hyannis hostel would operate for a five-month season and expect to accommodate approximately 1,400 visitors each year.

Cultural Kitchen welcomes new coordinator



In 2006 ENEC launched an innovative after school program, Cultural Kitchen (CK).

The program is designed to promote intercultural awareness through cooking. From East Boston and Charlestown to Jamaica Plain and Dorchester, Cultural Kitchen truly covered much ground during 2006–2007 school year. Cooking and peer teaching proved a practical and engaging vehicle for students to learn about themselves and each other, and the program met with overly positive feedback from students, teachers, and administrators throughout eight participating schools.

Cultural Kitchen enters its second year with a solid foundation and a batch of new schools excited to join the program. New coordinator Molly Cosgrove, a graduate of the University of Vermont and a former educator at Nature's Classroom, is motivated by the possibilities.

"CK is a great venue to promote positive discussions, and I look forward to working with students from varying backgrounds. We'll have new recipes, new schools, and even some music while in the kitchen—it's going to be a great year," says Cosgrove.

For details about Cultural Kitchen, recipes, and contact information see our web site www.usahostels.org/cult_kit.php.

Whole Foods Market helping to provide the key ingredients to success



For the second year Whole Foods Markets have been essential in the success of our Cultural Kitchen program. This year they are the sole food sponsor for the program making

it possible to reach more youth. In addition, Whole Foods is arranging class visits to the stores and special presentations for program participants. They have also put Cultural Kitchen recipe cards in stores throughout the eastern New England region, so keep an eye out for recipes from our Cultural Kitchen cookbook!



The Future of the Mid Cape (Eastham) Hostel

Plans to replace the Mid Cape Hostel with state-of-the-art green facilities are on hold due to recent rulings by the Eastham Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). After serving travelers for over 40 years the ZBA ruled against a special permit application that would allow the hostel to continue operations. ENEC has filed an appeal of this decision and is working with local residents to find a resolution that will allow the hostel to continue. "We fully expect to be open for the 2008 summer season," according to Deborah Ruhe, ENEC's executive director.

A web page is being developed to keep hostel supporters informed.

Visit www.usahostels.org/eastham.php

To receive updates or alerts, send an email to deborah@usahostels.org

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Youth Unlimited Through Hostelling (YOUTH)

ENEC is proud of the newly established YOUTH Scholarship program, an annual grant cycle that makes trips to Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket possible for inner city youth groups.

YOUTH is a program that gives urban youth an opportunity to see and experience locations outside the city. It is a modern-day connection to the historical origins of hostelling.

YMCA of Greater Providence, one of the 2007 winners, visited Martha’s Vineyard in August. Camp Director Terri Mulks reflected, “Our campers were given the opportunity to share a community experience in a positive

and accepting environment. Their manners and conversational skills were strengthened and they became more aware of their behavior both as individuals and a group. The trip really opened the camper’s eyes to the environment around them and how they can impact that environment in either a positive or negative manner.”

She added, “And upon their return, campers appeared to be more aware of the YMCA Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility and better able to model those values. We cannot thank you enough for this opportunity!”

Other YOUTH Scholarship winners: MYTOWN, Maverick Tenants Organization, Jordan Boys and Girls Club, and Castle Square Tenants Organization. Applications for the next grant cycle and more information can be found at <http://www.usahostels.org/TS.php>



A New, Greener Boston Hostel

The search is underway to find a new home for Hostelling International Boston. A new facility will increase beds to 375 and offer more community space, group meeting rooms and provide accessibility for people with disabilities. The hostel will be designed with green principles to minimize the footprint of the operation and promote environmental awareness among guests.

The Boston Hostel has operated in its current location on Hemenway Street for the past 24 years. Each year hundreds of hostel guests provide volunteer service while visiting the city. They support organizations like AIDS Action, Rosie’s Place, the Greater Boston Food Bank and others.

The new Boston Hostel will continue to allow domestic and international youth travel for 45,000 guests each year. Increasing the capacity of the hostel and promoting environmental awareness will further the mission to “promote a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling.”

Save the Date! Author Susan Orlean comes to Cambridge!

ENEC will hold a fundraising event to support our Cultural Kitchen program on Monday, March 31, 2008 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at “UpStairs on the Square” restaurant in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The event will offer food, beer and wine, as well as a silent auction.

Our Guest of Honor will be Susan Orlean, *New York Times* best selling author of *The Orchid Thief* (on which the

film *Adaptation* was based), *The Bullfighter Checks Her Make-Up: My Encounters With Extraordinary People*, and *My Kind of Place: Travel Stories From a Woman Who’s Been Everywhere*. She is also a staff writer for *The New Yorker*. We will be honoring Ms. Orlean for her unique ability to share travel, different cultures and the world through her writing.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Liz Cary Blum at 617.718.7990 x12 for additional information.

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