

May, 2010



# CHARLESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## May Update

Here's a quick update on all the activities of your Charlestown Historical Society.

If you are not yet a member or have not renewed your membership, please fill out the form at the bottom of the page. It is only through your support that we are able to "Learn, Teach and Preserve" the History of Charlestown, Rhode Island.

**Charlestown Historical Society**

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## OCEAN HOUSE HOTEL, WATCH HILL - SHOW YOUR CAUSE, JUNE 11



Ocean House, Watch Hill, RI

**Please Note - 100% of all proceeds will be given directly to the various non-profit organizations that have been chosen to participate.**

The invitations have arrived for this fun and exciting event. If you did not receive one and would like to attend, you may contact Donna Simmons at 401-315-5599 or [dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com](mailto:dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com).

The details are:

The [Ocean House](#) will be celebrating their Grand Opening by holding the [Show Your Cause](#) fundraising event benefitting local non-profit organizations. Our special day is June 11.

For a minimum donation of \$75, attendees will receive an exclusive tour of five of the property's private residences, followed by a tour of the resort and an exclusive luncheon (for 11:00 attendees) or tea (for 2:00 attendees) at Seasons, the Ocean House's signature restaurant. You can also visit the Ocean House's first trunk show, featuring talented artists and designers from the local area. This promises to be an exciting event and we are very thankful for being one of the many organizations chosen as a beneficiary.

## FARMERS MARKET BEGINS IN MAY



**Local Farm Fresh Produce**

The Charlestown Farmers Market is being held at two locations this year!

From May 28th through June 18th it will be at the Quonochontaug Grange from 4-7pm on Fridays.

Starting June 25th until Sept 3rd it will be at Cross Mills Library from 9-noon on Fridays.

Then from Sept 10th through Oct 1st it will be back at the Quonochontaug Grange from 4-7pm on Fridays.

Farmers Market is brought to you by the Charlestown Land Trust (formerly the South County Conservancy) and supported by the Charlestown Historical Society.

We will again have the Schoolhouse open during the Farmers Market on Friday mornings at the Cross Mills Library. Please stop by and visit.

## OCEAN HOUSE-WATCH HILL PIANO ON DISPLAY AT CHARLESTOWN GALLERY



**Ocean House Piano on Display**

The Ocean House Piano was purchased by a Charlestown Historical Society member at the Ocean House Auction in 2004 before the building was razed. It then went into storage for six years

This beautiful African banded mahogany piano was custom built by the Melville Clark Piano Company of Chicago in 1912. "Ocean House-Watch Hill, RI" is stamped on the inside.

The owners had decided to give it to Mr. Chuck Royce, who with his Bluff LLC company, has rebuilt the Ocean House in

Watch Hill. Mr. Royce accepted and the project has been in the works ever since. It was hoped to have it at the Ocean House for the grand opening; however, the Ocean House piano needs major restoration to become the magical - fabulous instrument it once was....

It was decided to move the piano out of storage, so it could be in an upright position in sync with the Grand Opening of the Ocean House-Watch Hill and to, hopefully, begin its journey back to its original home. For now, we can all enjoy the Ocean House-Watch Hill piano's visit to Charlestown.

Visit Charlestown Gallery's located at the junction of Routes 1 & 2 in the Simple Pleasures Village next to Hungry Haven Restaurant.

Our next email will feature information on upcoming events and an update on the progress of the new Museum.

Sincerely,

Charlestown Historical Society

## Membership

Annual Dues: \$20.00 Individual, \$25.00 Family Please make checks payable to CHS.  
Mail to: CHS, PO Box 100, Charlestown, RI 02813

Renewal

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