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Trustees of Reservations and Easton Shovel Town Cultural District Team Up to Celebrate SECOND ANNUAL LEGACY ART -MUSIC-FOOD-FUN-FESTIVAL
& LEGACY ART EXHIBITION

Sunday, June 28, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District and the Trustees of the Reservations wish to announce the Second Annual Legacy Art-Music-Food-Fun Festival which will take place at the Governor Oliver Ames Estate, 35 Oliver Street, North Easton MA, on June 28, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Presented in conjunction with the Legacy Art-Music-Food-Fun-Festival, is the Juried Legacy Art Exhibition, Senior and Junior Division.

The “Legacy” is descriptive of the wonderful legacy of beauty, culture, architecture, and horticulture that the Ames Family has bestowed on the Town of Easton which has enhanced the lives of the citizens of Easton as well as added a dimension to the library and to the public schools that would have been difficult to achieve without the endowments that were left to the Town of Easton.

The Governor Ames estate, the largest of the surviving family estates in North Easton Village, is today a centerpiece of a busy historic and cultural neighborhood. Its gates open up to the H.H. Richardson Old Colony Railroad Station restored and occupied by the very active Easton Historical Society. Just beyond that is the 1852 O. Ames and Sons Shovel Company complex now converted to apartments but with its exteriors perfectly preserved. In the midst of the Shovel Works Project (O.Ames and Sons Shovel
Company Complex) is a small cape house, known as he Millie Packard House, which now houses the Easton Shovel Town Cultural District Art/Coop Gallery. At the intersection of Oliver Street and Main Street a hundred yards or so to the right is the handsome Unity Church with its magnificent LaFarge windows, the largest LaFarge ever did; and to the left are the famous H.H. Richardson public buildings, the Ames Free Library, recently recognized by the Gates foundation as one of the best small libraries in the county, and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall, home to many of the North Easton Cultural District’s very successful events.

Adjacent to the Library is Queset House built by Governor’s brother Oakes Angier, with its famous garden created by his Broadway Producer son Winthrop which has been marvelously restored with the help of the local community. Queset is owned by the Library and is now a cutting edge technology commons while the garden is the site of numerous dramatic and musical events during the summer. Continuing around to the left on Main Street one passes the Olmsted Rockery with its wonderful vista of the Richardson buildings and behind that the 1896 High School donated by the Governor. The old high school building has now been skillfully converted to apartments but the school in all its other locations has always retained the Governor’s name. Turning left on Sullivan Avenue, one passes the Shovel Company complex on the left before arriving at the Historical Society again which is well worth a visit if the visitor has not already stopped in. From there the Governor Ames Estate is just across the way – bordering on the pond whose waters powered the original shovel company in 1803.

The Legacy Juried Art Exhibition is open in two categories: Over 18, with prizes amounting to $2,250. Juried by Mim Fawcett, Executive Director, Attleboro Arts Museum. The Junior Division, 18 and under (with no submission cost) will be juried by Allison Kracjik, noted artist and watercolorist. Please email Legacyartshow2@aol.com or call 508 230 5874 for more information. The Legacy Art Show is funded In its entirety by the Avery Lee Williams Family Trust.

The Festival is full of surprises…all day live music in the tent; interactive art programs for children in the Stable which will feature ‘The Magic of Art’…create art and be a part of the art! Senior and Junior Art Exhibition in the Mansion. In Search of Stegosaurus Scavenger Hunt, Cookie Monster Kitchen, Walking Tours of the Grounds and Open Houses at local Historical Buildings and gardens-with shuttles available. Canoeing! Wood Turning Demonstration. Interactive Children’s Entertainer will end the day!

This event is free and open to the public and will be held Rain or Shine.

There will be vendors available to purchase food but you are welcome to bring lunch and enjoy a picnic at this idyllic location.

There will be shuttles available from the following parking areas: Easton Town Offices, 136 Elm Street, 50 Oliver Street, Historical Society, Mechanic St., and public lot of Mechanic Street, Ames Free Library Parking lot, 53 Main Street, Unity Church, Main Street. The Oliver Ames Estate Parking lot, 35 Oliver Street, North Easton will be reserved for handicapped parking.

For a full schedule of events, please visit: http://www.easton.ma.us/ or visit our Facebook page: Easton Shovel Town Cultural District.

The Easton Shovel Town Cultural District is an all-volunteer run non-profit serving the town of Easton with cultural programs and events within the footprint of the North Easton Historical District. Our goal is to create more activity in the center of Easton, and to utilize all the exciting historical, cultural, and natural resources we share throughout the Town.

The Trustees of Reservations preserve and protect, for public use and enjoyment, properties of scenic, cultural and ecological value throughout the state of Massachusetts. With over 112 beautiful places for all to enjoy, we invite you to Find Your Place.

The Governor Ames Estate: The Trustees of Reservations purchased the 36-acre Governor Ames Estate in 2012. The former home of Oliver Ames, who served as Massachusetts’ 35th governor from 1887–1890, features sweeping lawns in an arboretum-like setting, an elegant 19th-century stone stable, an agricultural field, meadows, brook and garden pond – all within walking distance of the North Easton National Historic District. The property lies directly adjacent to the Easton Historical Society, YMCA, and popular Easton Children’s Museum. The Trustees’ connection to the Ames family goes back to the organization’s beginnings when it was founded in the Boston offices of Frederick Lothrop Ames, the builder of the Langwater Estate and the cousin of Governor Ames. It is fitting The Trustees have been able to acquire this important community treasure and become a partner in preserving the important history and cultural character of North Easton Village. Visit www.thetrustees.org for more information.

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