

# OCEAN HOUSE

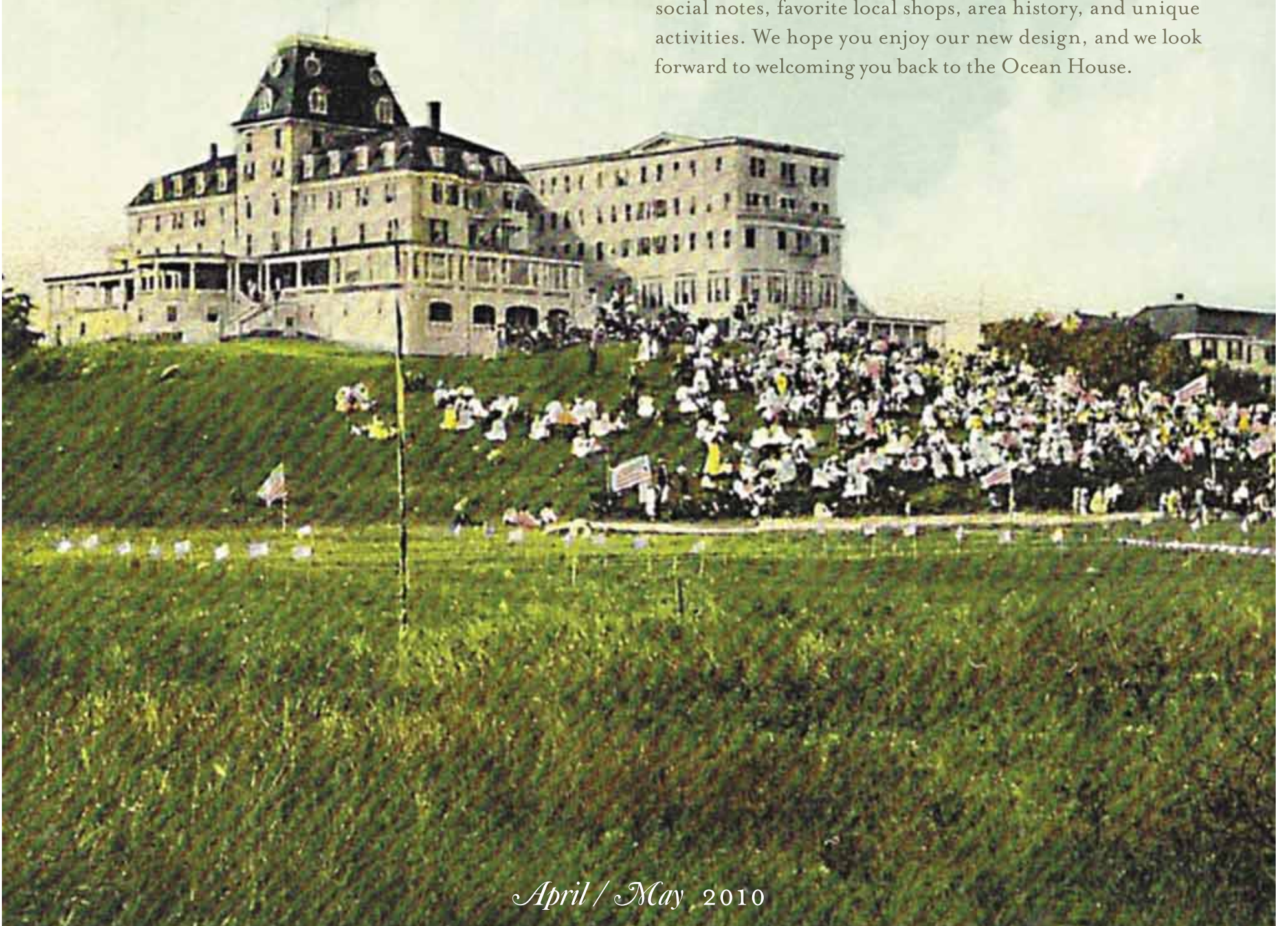
## WAVES

WATCH HILL, RHODE ISLAND

*The green grass is sprouting, crocuses are blooming, and new life abounds at every turn. As the days get longer and the air turns warmer, spring heralds the promise of renewal. At the Ocean House, a new stage in the life of the historic hotel is also beginning. The building stands, once again, as a beacon for sailors in the Block Island Sound, as a cornerstone of the Watch Hill community, and as a destination resort – fresh and brimming with anticipation and excitement.*

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While our storied past is evident in every corner of the hotel, we look towards creating a destiny of new memories for future generations of guests and residents. Our handcrafted furnishings will mix with newly restored historic pieces, and an icon returns to Watch Hill. *Ocean House Waves* also turns a new page, redesigned to provide our friends and fans with more information about upcoming events, culinary series, social notes, favorite local shops, area history, and unique activities. We hope you enjoy our new design, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Ocean House.



*April / May 2010*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR



Welcome to the new *Ocean House Waves*. This issue marks the first newsletter using our new format, under the same familiar name. As before, we will continue to offer an inside look at all of the activities and events at the Ocean House and introduce members of our talented team. We are also adding tips and recipes from our Culinary Team, information about area attractions, shopping insights, details of our local favorites, and special offers at the Ocean House.

The Ocean House is a unique property, unlike any other I have ever had the pleasure of managing. It is rare to find a place with such a rich, vibrant history, and also such a compelling present and future. It is also

rare to open a hotel with an existing group of fans that have such strong memories of the past and a commitment to ensuring our future success.

After interviewing more than 1,200 applicants over the past several weeks, we have assembled a team of very talented individuals. While many hail from Westerly, we have others from several corners of the world, and they all look forward to welcoming you to the new Ocean House.

As we get close to opening our doors to old friends and new, we hope that the Ocean House feels like home to each of you. A place where you can relax, and have your every wish granted.

We look forward to receiving you as our guest,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Hostettler'.

DANIEL A. HOSTETTLER  
*President and Managing Director*

### *Social Notes*

### CONSTRUCTION AND HOTEL MANAGEMENT CELEBRATE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY



### MEMBERS HARD HAT TOUR AND RECEPTION





## RHODE ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHER MAKES A SPLASH WITH TORY BURCH CAMPAIGN

Tina Barney, one of Rhode Island and New York's incredibly talented residents, is best known for her large scale photographs of families and her close friends. Her work is on display in many distinguished art institutions including the Museum of Modern Art, the Museum of Contemporary Photography, and the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas. However, this spring, Tina used her trademark aesthetic while shooting the Spring 2010 Campaign for designer Tory Burch.

Her unique style combined with Tory Burch's incredible designs which will be sold in the Ocean House Boutique, create limited edition prints that epitomize modern elegance. Visit Tory Burch's web site to see the images. [www.toryburch.com](http://www.toryburch.com)

## Recollections of the Ocean House

Remember playing Bingo with your family and friends in the dining room at the old Ocean House? Bingo has been one of the many special memories we have heard about during the rebuilding process. Treasured moments included making the O around your card to win the big prize at the end of the night – and spending valuable time with family and friends. This summer, Bingo returns to the Ocean House – a perfect activity for the entire family and an excitement-filled Monday night!

For more information please visit our events calendar at [www.oceanhouseri.com/events](http://www.oceanhouseri.com/events)



## SUMMER SPA MENU

Each season, the OH! Spa will update its menu to reflect the freshest, local, natural ingredients available. To celebrate summer, we have created a menu that focuses on the beach. With ocean-based and other natural ingredients, our summer spa menu is designed to refresh and rejuvenate our guests! Some of our featured treatments include:

- The Harvest Experience offers the essence of Watch Hill beach roses in a nourishing wrap, followed by a relaxing facial massage.
- Massages in a private beach cabana.
- Manicures and pedicures in your beach or pool lounge chair.

To reserve an hour or a weekend of relaxation, call reservations at 401 584 7000.



## TIMOTHY PAMMENT SALON AT THE OCEAN HOUSE

The OH! Spa is collaborating with the talented team from Timothy Pamment Salon, which has locations in Riverside and Madison, Connecticut. The expert stylists will provide guests at the OH! Spa with highlighting, cutting and hair styling services year-round.

To book, please call reservations at 401 584 7000.

## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to visit the Ocean House before it officially opens! On May 30, we will be hosting a Community Open House to allow all of our friends and fans to tour the resort prior to the official opening. From 1:30-4:30 p.m., the property will be available for public tours of the facilities



and select guest rooms, and we will be offering light refreshments. It is truly a unique opportunity to experience the entire hotel.

As parking is not available on-property for this event, we are asking guests to park at the Westerly Junior High School, and we will be providing shuttle service to the resort. Reservations are required, but tickets are complimentary.

For tickets and more information regarding parking, please visit [www.oceanhouseri.com/tickets.php](http://www.oceanhouseri.com/tickets.php)



A UNIQUE BOATING EXPERIENCE

## THE GANSETT

Built by Beal & Bunker of the Cranberry Isles, Maine, in 1969 and heralded by Newport Life Magazine in their 2008 Editor's Choice awards, the Gansett is a traditional 50-foot passenger boat built for comfort and scenic touring. From her classic lines to her varnished mahogany trim and exquisite bronze fittings, the Gansett provides passengers with an ambiance of classic nautical leisure.

Starting in May, the Gansett will provide a valuable new service to the area by offering daily narrated cruises between Watch Hill and Stonington, CT. Gansett will also offer sunset cocktail cruises and a trip to Block Island

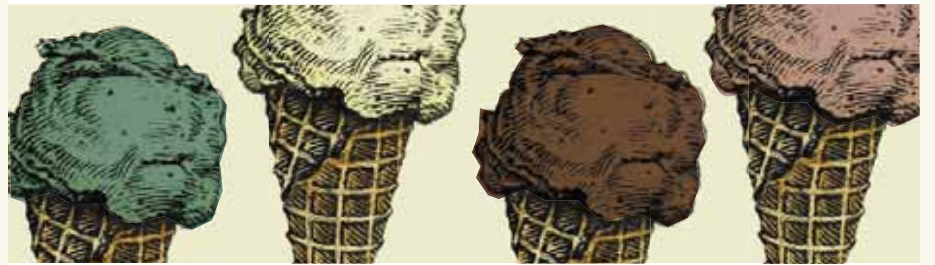
or Sag Harbor each Wednesday – no more driving to catch a ferry! Guests will be treated to classic local fare onboard, including Dell's Lemonade, Coffee Cabinets, Yacht Club Soda, Naragansett Beers and Quahog Stuffies – a true Rhode Island experience!

*A Sunday Brunch cruise will also be available each weekend, and the boat will be available for private dinner cruises and charters. Tickets and more information about pricing can be obtained through the Ocean House or on our web site at [www.oceanhouse.com/tickets](http://www.oceanhouse.com/tickets) starting in May.*

### TOUR SCHEDULES

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WHTOST	9:30 A.M. (10 A.M.)		9:30 A.M. (10 A.M.)		9:30 A.M. (10 A.M.)	
ST TO WH	10:30 A.M. (11 A.M.)		10:30 A.M. (11 A.M.)		10:30 A.M. (11 A.M.)	
WHTOST	1:30 P.M. (2 P.M.)		1:30 P.M. (2 P.M.)		1:30 P.M. (2 P.M.)	
ST TO WH	12:30 P.M. (1 P.M.)		12:30 P.M. (1 P.M.)		12:30 P.M. (1 P.M.)	
WHTOST	2:30 P.M. (3 P.M.)		2:30 P.M. (3 P.M.)		2:30 P.M. (3 P.M.)	
ST TO WH	5 P.M. (5:30 P.M.)		5 P.M. (5:30 P.M.)		5 P.M. (5:30 P.M.)	
WHTOST	6 P.M. (6:30 P.M.)		6 P.M. (6:30 P.M.)		6 P.M. (6:30 P.M.)	
ST TO WH	7 P.M. (7:30 P.M.)		7 P.M. (7:30 P.M.)		7 P.M. (7:30 P.M.)	
WHTOST	9 P.M. (9:30 P.M.)		9 P.M. (9:30 P.M.)		9 P.M. (9:30 P.M.)	
ST TO WH	10 P.M. (10:30 P.M.)		10 P.M. (10:30 P.M.)		10 P.M. (10:30 P.M.)	
WH TO BLOCK ISL / SAG HARBOR		9 A.M. – 3 P.M.				
COCKTAIL CRUISE		5:30 – 7 P.M.		5:30 – 7 P.M.		5:30 – 7 P.M.
SUNDAY BRUNCH						11:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.
DINNER CRUISE (PVT)		7:30 P.M.		7:30 P.M.		7:30 P.M.

### LOCAL FAVORITE



## ST. CLAIR ANNEX

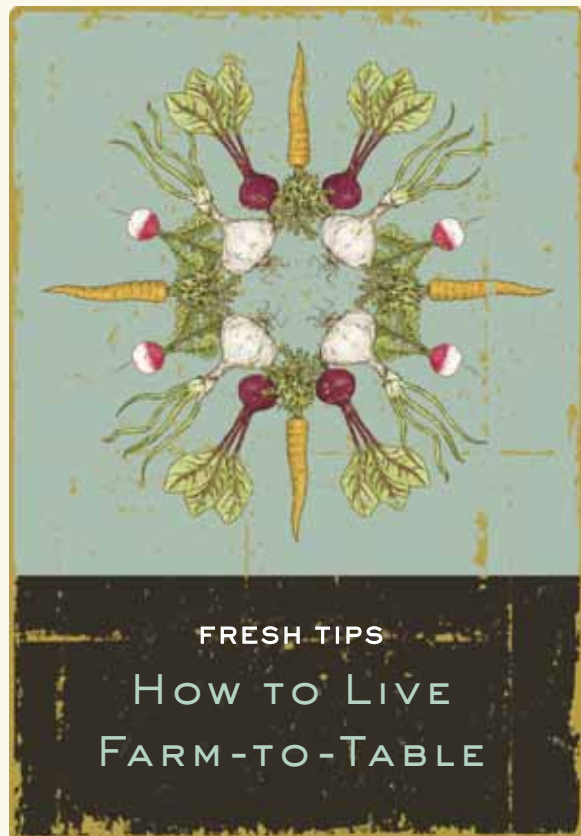
Summer is getting closer each day – and the first real sign? Bay Street is buzzing once again and the first batch of homemade ice cream has just been made for the summer season at St. Clair Annex – and I have been called to taste test!

The walk down Plimpton Road reminds me of the many times I took this trip as a child. While leaves are just starting to sprout on the trees, the air smells like spring, I can imagine the boats bobbing in the harbor, and music playing as the carousel horses fly through the air with children on their backs. The anticipation of eating my first scoop of the season grows with each step.

The homemade ice cream at the Annex is made by the Nicholas family, who have been making ice cream since 1887 when they opened the Boston Candy Kitchen in New London, Connecticut. Today, five generations later, their ice cream has reached an iconic status in the village of Watch Hill and has made St. Clair's a favorite stop for local visitors.

When I reach St. Clair's, I can hear the ice cream machine churning. George and Joann Nicholas, the owners, are there with their son James, mixing the perfect blend of a new chocolate flavor. I watch them fill the containers with it, folding in freshly crushed peanut butter cups. At the end, they hand me my scoop. Fresh and creamy, it's absolutely delicious! I know I'll be making many more trips down Plimpton Road to eat cones topped with my favorite flavors (black raspberry and Oreo!) this spring and summer.

*St. Clair Annex 141 Bay Street Watch Hill, RI 401 348 8407*



This spring, our culinary team will be planting our herb garden, and our Food Forager, Pamela Stone, a certified Master Gardener, is leading the effort. To help you enjoy fresh herbs year round, Pam has assembled a quick guide to planting your own garden!

First and foremost, there are three key components to a fabulous garden:

**SUN** At least 6 hours of full sun each day.

**WATER** Too much can be as damaging as too little.

**DIRT** Good structure, nutrients, and the proper PH are what all plants need to thrive.

For a soil test, UMass Amherst has an order form with easy instructions. Log onto [www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest/brochlink1.htm](http://www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest/brochlink1.htm) to receive testing results along with steps on how to help your soil. Test every other year to keep your garden healthy!

Whether plants are annuals or perennials depends on your hardiness zone. Based on our zone, which is 6 (refer to [www.usda.gov/hardzone](http://www.usda.gov/hardzone) for your proper zone) we compiled recommendations for your kitchen herb garden:

**BASIL**

There are several varieties. 'Genovese' is great for making pesto! Remember it is a delicate herb, so plant late spring and harvest before the first frost.

**CILANTRO/CORIANDER**

The leaves are the Cilantro, and the seeds are the Coriander. These plants will self sow - returning for years. Hang bunches in paper bags to catch seeds, and pass some along to your friends!

**DILL**

If you live close to the sea, you must have Dill - what better to eat with fish! Seeds can be planted directly and will lead to a large group of attractive plants.

**MINT**

Purchase your plant, and place it in a bucket with drainage holes before planting. If not restrained, you will have a garden filled with mint as the roots spread very quickly!

**OREGANO**

Butterflies love this herb! It is best to start with a plant. Oregano is a perennial, and you should cut it back in the fall. Use it to add some spice to pizza!

**PARSLEY**

Plant it next to tomatoes and several types of caterpillars will stay away. Parsley can be directly seeded, but plants are easier, as the seeds need to soak in water for three weeks prior to planting for ideal germination.

**ROSEMARY**

In zones 8-10 it is a perennial! Buy plants, re-plant in a pot and bring indoors during the winter.

**THYME**

Our favorite types are French (narrow leaves), English (broad leaves) and Lemon (yellow and silver leaves). We recommend purchasing plants, as seeds can be difficult to cultivate.

Whatever you choose to plant - herbs, vegetables or perennials - they all have a personality and will add flavor to your food into the fall!

HAPPY PLANTING!



FROM OUR KITCHEN

TUNA TARTARE WITH FRESH GINGERED MANGO GASTRIQUE

Each newsletter will feature a recipe from a different member of our culinary team. This recipe comes from Taylor Colis, our A.M. Sous Chef. He recently made this for an event in Boston and it was a huge success! The recipe makes a delicious appetizer for four, or a refreshing dinner for two. We like to serve it in lettuce wraps at lunch.

Yield: 4 appetizer size portions

FOR THE DRESSING

- 8 tablespoons soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar
- 4 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon wasabi paste (use caution)
- 2 teaspoons finely grated ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Asian sesame oil
- 6 ounces sushi-quality ahi tuna steak, cut into 1/4-inch cubes

FOR GINGER MANGO GASTRIQUE

- 1 c fresh mango, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
- 1/2 c rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/2 c grated ginger

METHOD OF PREPARATION

To make the dressing, combine the first 5 ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add 1/4 tsp of arrowroot/water to thicken slightly.

To make the gastrique, add rice wine vinegar, ginger, and sugar to a saucepan. Bring to a boil to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat and add the mango. Allow 20 minutes to infuse, then cool.

Mix diced tuna, cooled soy dressing, and sesame oil in a mixing bowl. In a ring mold, layer the dressed tuna, and then the mango, top with toasted white sesame seeds and green onion as garnish (optional).

CATERING TO YOUR CULINARY NEEDS!

Bring the Ocean House to your house! This summer, the culinary team at the Ocean House will be offering off-site catering services. The signature farm-to-table cuisine of the Atlantic Northeast and five-star service levels will be available for private events - from intimate dinners in your home, to weddings and rehearsal dinners. Host a party in your garden or a festive dinner in the barrel room at Jonathan Edwards Winery, where we are hosting our first off-site event! With cocktail parties already booked for June, we are looking forward to bringing the cuisine of the Ocean House to you this summer!



FIVE GREAT  
SHOW HOUSE RESIDENCES  
FIFTEEN DAYS  
OF GIVING

OCEAN HOUSE

YOUR  
CAUSE  
MOHS  
DESIGNER  
SHOWHOUSE  
BENEFIT

When the Show Your Cause Designer Show House Benefit at the Ocean House commences on June 8, we will begin fifteen days of giving back to 25 regional non-profit organizations. You can attend on the designated day (see right) and contribute to one of the designated organizations, or you can attend on June 22 and give to the 501c3 of your choice.

The tours will be guided to preserve the five-star experience for our guests and attendees.

*Dress Code: Resort casual; no tees, shorts or jeans.*

*Come join us for a great day of giving and fun. For more information, please email [showhouse@oceanhouserri.com](mailto:showhouse@oceanhouserri.com)*

DATE	TIME SLOT	ORGANIZATION(S)
Tuesday, June 08	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County
Tuesday, June 08	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Literacy Volunteers of Washington County
Wednesday, June 09	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Kids in Crisis
Wednesday, June 09	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Westerly Public Library and Wilcox Park
Thursday, June 10	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Ocean Community YMCA
Friday, June 11	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	YWCA of Greenwich
Friday, June 11	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Charlestown Historical Society
Friday, June 11	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Salt Ponds Coalition
Saturday, June 12	9 and 11 A.M.	The Westerly Hospital Auxiliary
Sunday, June 13	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The WARM Center
Sunday, June 13	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	SHYC Sailing Foundation, Inc.
Sunday, June 13	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Adult Day Center of Westerly
Monday, June 14	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Rhode Island Zoological Society
Tuesday, June 15	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Williams School
Tuesday, June 15	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Watch Hill Yacht Club Sailing Association
Wednesday, June 16	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Lyndhurst, a National Trust Historic Site
Wednesday, June 16	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Westerly College Club
Thursday, June 17	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Bradford Jonnycake Center of Westerly
Friday, June 18	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Society of Providence in Shillong
Friday, June 18	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Living Supplies Closet, Inc.
Friday, June 18	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	MADD RI
Saturday, June 19	9 and 11 A.M.	Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation
Sunday, June 20	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Wadsworth Athenium Museum of Art
Sunday, June 20	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation
Monday, June 21	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	The Chorus of Westerly
Tuesday, June 22	11 A.M. and 2 P.M.	Essex Library and General invitation

## INSPIRED BEACHFRONT LIVING

Just imagine sitting outdoors with your morning coffee, gazing at the ocean, hearing the gentle surf and knowing that you are truly at home.

When the Ocean House begins its 138th season this spring, it will feature six private Beachfront Residences, an ideal choice for those who wish to have a beachfront escape to enjoy year-round – as well as a carefree, summer respite by the sea.

*“Residents at the Ocean House will enjoy all of the amenities of the hotel,” says Daniel Hostettler, President and Managing Director of the Ocean House. “Our goal is to pamper our homeowners as much as we spoil our hotel guests with services such as valet parking, delivering packages and groceries from your car to your kitchen, cooking in your own kitchen with one of our chefs, room service—even daily housekeeping and turn down service if you so choose.”*

Our residents will enjoy a getaway in which every detail is handled for them. No more figuring out what to do for dinner—just select from the five dining options open in the summer and the three that are open year-round.

Each of the six residences has a private outdoor garden, perfect for hosting cocktail parties or enjoying a private breakfast. All residences also

feature beautiful views of the water and direct access to the Ocean House’s private beach.

For those who desire a small *pied a terre*, Ocean House offers a 725-square-foot studio suite with one and a half baths, a fireplace and a dedicated underground parking space with 356 square feet of outdoor private garden. For those looking for more space, there are two bedroom, two and a half bath residences with over 1,750 square feet of indoor space and private gardens as large as 900-square-feet.

With home ownership, residents receive a membership in the Ocean House Club that will host special events and activities year-round to make your stay at the Ocean House as active or as restful as you desire. Homeowners will also have access to the Lake of Isles Golf Club which features a Rees Jones-designed 18-hole golf course.

Whether you spend your time on the Verandah enjoying complimentary daily afternoon tea, taking lessons on the croquet court, or on the beach, options abound for how to spend your time living at the Ocean House.

*For more information, please email [dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com](mailto:dsimmons@oceanhouserri.com), call 401 584 7000 or log onto [www.oceanhouserri.com](http://www.oceanhouserri.com).*

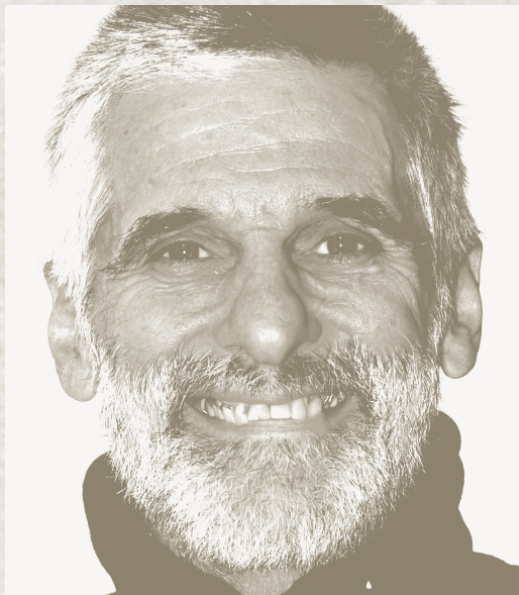


## *A Warm Legacy*

The stone fireplace in the lobby was one of the most treasured features in the old hotel. When the team tore down the original building, great efforts were made to preserve it. After it was photographed, three craftsmen dismantled the fireplace stone by stone, numbered each stone, and later carefully rebuilt the historic fireplace. It is truly representative of the blend of old and new in the Ocean House. This incredible piece of craftsmanship and the keystone from 1895, combined with the historic front desk and interior windows, make the lobby a true testament to the history and elegance of the building.



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**SAM FUSARO**  
HEAD OF BEACH SERVICES

When the Ocean House opens in June, the architecture isn't the only thing that will spark fond memories for former guests. Several familiar faces will be returning to the Ocean House – including Sam Fusaro, the former head lifeguard and local legend. After serving as the Ocean House head lifeguard for 35 years, Sam left when the hotel closed in 2003. He will be returning this summer as the Head of Beach Services – and even recently received his certification to be a lifeguard at the age of 61! We are thrilled to have Sam as part of the Ocean House team yet again! Sam represents the incredibly rich history of the property!

## MEETING YOUR EXPECTATIONS

When the Ocean House reopens, an added part of our services will be the incredible selection of facilities and services for corporate groups. Perfect for intimate board meetings, training sessions or larger groups, there are many options.

The spacious *Seaside Ballroom* and the *Drawing Room* are ideal for large- or medium-sized groups and are equipped with meeting and projector equipment – as well as access to sweeping terraces with incredible views of Block Island Sound.

*The Harbor Room*, an impeccable wood-paneled board room with state-of-the-art technology,

is the epitome of a modern boardroom but with bay views and direct access to the on-property putting green – making a meeting at the Ocean House an experience to remember.

From clambakes on the beach to team building croquet matches, we can make any length corporate meeting unforgettable. Our invaluable partnerships also allow us to arrange off-site golf tournaments at a private Rees Jones-designed course, and dinners in the barrel room of the Jonathan Edwards Winery, to name a few.



*Outdoor spaces at the resort will provide your event with the unmatched backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean and the incredible service of the Ocean House.*

## SPRING EVENTS IN WATCH HILL

### 17 MAY - Hotel Opens for Reservations

Book your room now to experience the Ocean House during the "soft" opening!

### 30 MAY - Community Open House

We are opening our doors for an Open House to allow the community to tour the property prior to our official opening.

### 1 JUNE - Hotel Officially Opens

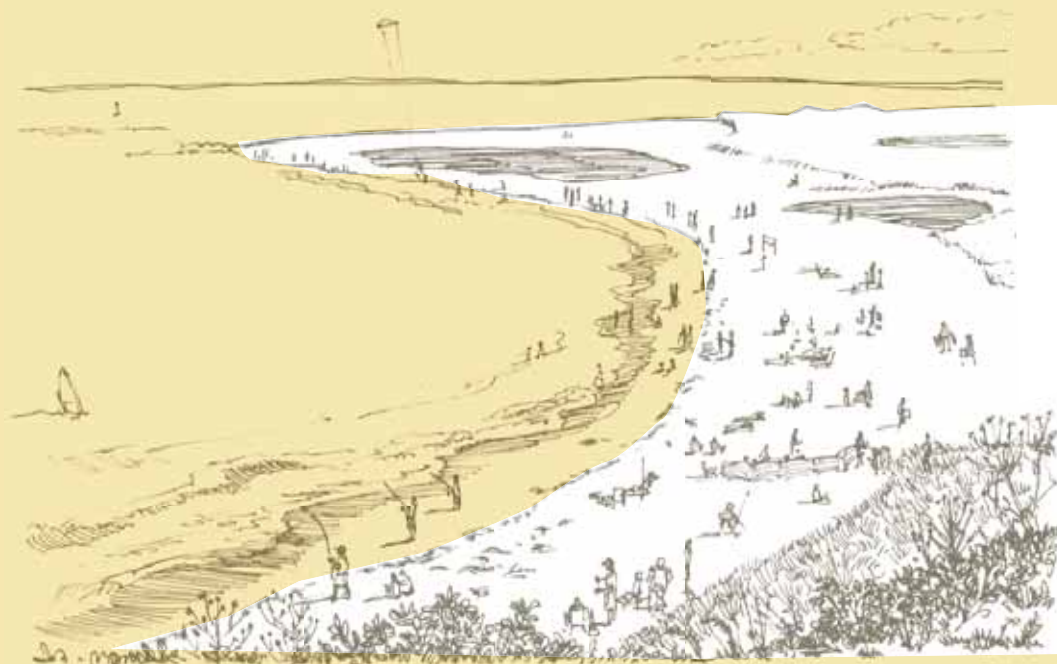
The hotel opens officially to guests! Book your stay online at [www.oceanhouseri.com](http://www.oceanhouseri.com) to experience perpetual seaside hospitality.

### 8-22 JUNE - Designer Charity Show House

Benefitting 27 charities in the region, the Show House will feature five residences decorated by designers from the region, a brunch, lunch or high tea and a trunk show. Visit [www.oceanhouseri.com/show-house.php](http://www.oceanhouseri.com/show-house.php) for more information.

### 3 JULY - Independence Day Beach Ball

Celebrate the birth of our nation with a traditional clambake that includes dancing on the sand to the sounds of the Al Copley Band and fireworks!



### ~ THE PRELUDE PACKAGE ~

Offer valid from May 17, 2010, until August 31, 2010, for reservations booked by May 31, 2010. Reserve any one of our luxuriously appointed accommodations and receive the following:

- An upgrade at the time of check-in based on availability
- Daily Breakfast for Two featuring our Farm-to-Table Cuisine
- \$100 Resort Credit per room, per day, to be used at any one of the Ocean House Restaurants or the OH! Spa

Rates start at \$450 in May/June. Rates start at \$525 in July/August.

\*General Packages Restrictions Apply

## What They're Saying About Us...

These notable publications have recently written about the Ocean House!

"Careful attention to original architectural elements lend accuracy and old-world glamour to the new luxury hotel, which opens its doors in June."

OCEAN HOME MAGAZINE, MARCH/APRIL 2010

"A piece of American history will re-emerge in June 2010 with the opening of the iconic Ocean House after a \$140 million restoration and rebuild."

ABCNEWS.COM, FEBRUARY 2010



"The Ocean House, a sprawling hotel on the bluffs of Watch Hill, R.I., was demolished in 2005 after nearly 140 years of catering to WASP society. Now a new, fantasy version of the Ocean House is rising, with the same yellow clapboard and rambling porches, and salvaged original fixtures."

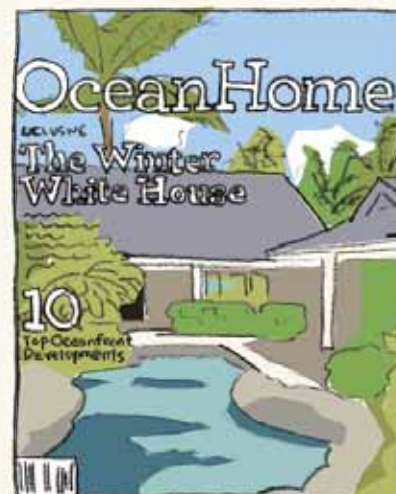
THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, MARCH 28, 2010

"Much attention has been given to the details. Workers have rebuilt the granite and beach-stone fireplace that once graced the lobby of the original hotel. The Ocean House's entrance doors have been restored and reused, and the hotel's old elevator cab has been rebuilt, too, and installed in a modern elevator."

PROVIDENCE BUSINESS NEWS, MARCH 20, 2010

"British Colonial Elements in sea-inspired hues like blue, yellow, turquoise and cream comprise each uniquely designed room."

BOUTIQUE DESIGN, MARCH/APRIL 2010



  
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