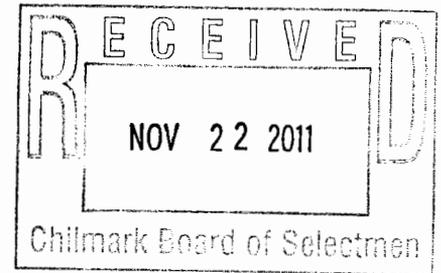


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Board of Selectmen
Town of Chilmark

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Thank you for allowing the Yard to use the Chilmark Community Center for a benefit event of Friday, January 13, 2012. We will be inviting the Island community to come and dance to Johnny Hoy & the Bluefish, to raise funds for Yard debt retirement.

I joined the board of the Yard last February and became board President in October. As you no doubt know, I came into a situation of serious indebtedness. The other trustees, our dedicated staff, and I have been working our hardest to try to put things to right and save this wonderful Island nonprofit arts organization. That we are still here is a testament to the determination of trustees and major supporters. Through their efforts and generosity – and the reassuring patience of most of our creditors – we have made significant progress in addressing our debt and making payments to the Island vendors to who we owed money from the past.

Our debt retirement program requires us to make installment payments to Island creditors, among others, in 2012. We plan to have several events focused on raising debt payment funds over the course of the next few months, beginning with the Johnny Hoy party in January. Of course, we are simultaneously working to raise funds to manage our year-round obligations responsibly. We all know that the off-season is a challenging time for all Island cultural institutions. The Yard is no exception.

Under these circumstances, I am hoping that you will consider waiving any rental fee for the Center for the night of 1/13. Johnny Hoy has given us a deep discount off of his normal fee, and it would be a grand thing if we could have every earned dollar beyond his fee available to pay the next installments of our pre-2011 debts.

I am sure you would agree that Chilmark residents benefit from having world-class performing arts in their back yard (as it were), and that our efforts to repay Island businesses and other old creditors are worth supporting. Please help us make this deficit-retirement fundraiser the success we hope it will be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LD Roosevelt".

President, The Yard