

THE GALLANT VAGABOND

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A 6 X 8 replica of Henry Beston's "Fo'castle," which provided initial seed money for The Beston Society to rebuild, is displayed on Route 6 in Eastham during the summer of 2006.

Fo'castle Playhouse Raffled

The Henry Beston Society's efforts to rebuild the "Fo'castle" took a major step toward reality during Eastham's Windmill Weekend festivities in September 2006, when a 6x8 "playhouse" version of The Outermost House was raffled off to support the project.

Cape Associates Inc. of North Eastham and Barnstable, builders on Cape Cod for 35 years, proudly sponsored the the sixth annual Windmill Weekend Charity Raffle. Cape Associates, led by Vice President Mark Kinnane, built the 6x8

wood "playhouse," guided by building plans provided to the Beston Society by the late Nan Turner Waldron, author of the book *Journey to Outermost House*.

Cape Associates donated funds raised by tickets sales, which totaled \$2,275, to the project. Tickets sold for \$5 each during the summer of 2006.

The playhouse was displayed among the wildflowers on the lawn of Seamen's Bank at Brackett Farm in North Eastham, courtesy of bank manager Colleen O'Duffy-Johnston.

Cape Associates has also voiced its desire to build the new Fo'castle for the Beston Society once a location is secured, Kinnane said.

Beston on Exhibit in Brewster

HB Society, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Collaborate

The Henry Beston Society is joining forces with the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History for an exhibit at the Brewster-based museum slated for a late spring 2008 debut.

Tentatively titled "The Nature of Cape Cod: Start your discovery with wonder and words; Beston, Hay, and Finch," it will emphasize authors Henry Beston (*The Outermost House*), John Hay (*The Run, The Great Beach*) and Robert Finch (*Common Ground, The Cape*

Itself), and the evolution of Cape Cod nature writing through the years.

Both organizations have similar missions – the importance of staying connected to nature.

"For us to be approached by an organization the caliber of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History is very exciting," commented Don Wilding. "We're really looking forward to working with them on this exhibit."

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Bob Dwyer (Executive Director/Cape Cod Museum of Natural History), Deb Richmond and Pam Fearn (Cape Cod Museum of Natural History), Robby McQueeney (Beston Society), and Don Wilding (Executive Director/Beston Society).

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Looking Forward
Upcoming Lectures

ON CAPE COD

Sunday, AUG. 5, 2007
12:15 p.m.

Cape Cod Museum of Art,
Rte. 6A (next to Cape
Cinema and Cape
Playhouse), Dennis, MA

Friday, SEPT. 21, 2007
2 p.m.

Dennis Public Library
5 Hall St (off Rte. 28),
Dennisport, MA

Don Wilding, co-founder
of the Henry Beston
Society and author of the
book, "Henry Beston's
Cape Cod," features over
100 images in this multi-
media presentation. A must
for fans of The Outermost
House!

Looking Back

June 2, 2007: the Beston Society participated in a belated "birthday party" for Henry Beston at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Beston Society Executive Director, Don Wilding, presented a video detailing the organization's efforts to rebuild the Fo'castle. Wilding was joined by Beston biographer Daniel Payne, who is hoping for a 2009 release of his book, "Orion Rises on the Dunes," and Brett and Rebecca Barry (Silver Hollow Audio), publishers of the recently released audio book version of "The Outermost House."

Outermost House slide lectures were presented during 2006/2007 by Beston Society Executive Director Don Wilding at the following venues: Cape Cod Writers Center (at the Cape Cod Maritime Museum in Hyannis), the Brewster Men's Club, the Chatham Historical Society, Emerson College, Cape Cod Community College, the Weston Senior Center (Weston, MA), and the Eastham Public Library. Wilding also presented a talk to the Captain Nathan Middle School (Conventry, CT) 8th grade during their annual visit to the Cape Cod Sea Camps in Brewster, MA.

Notes of Interest

Marvin Einhorn, who twice performed Cynthia L. Cooper's play "The Outermost House" for the Beston Society on Cape Cod a few years back, offered up his one-man portrayal of Beston on May 20 at The Culture Center on Manhattan's Upper West Side, under the direction of Michelle Bossy. The show benefited the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

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