



## **DOWNTOWN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER ON NORTH STREET - a “work in progress!”**

Exciting news!!! The Plymouth Guild for the Arts has received the support of the town’s Community Preservation Committee to purchase and renovate a downtown historic property as a Cultural Arts Center! The Russell Library on North Street, designed by the famed Boston Firm Mead and Everett, was built in 1901. It was a gift to the community through the Plymouth Library Corporation. The Library opened to the public in 1902, and served the town until 1991. The Plymouth Library Corporation purchased the Lindens annex in 1957 and connected it to the Russell Library in 1960. Both buildings were sold in 2002 and rented to Quincy College.

The Community Preservation Committee will fund the purchase of these buildings from existing town funds, matched by state funds, set aside for historic preservation. The Town will retain the land, a historic covenant in the building; and they will deed the building to the Guild. The Guild will restore, manage, and provide services. Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Plymouth Community Theater and many other organizations will participate. And we will continue to work to include more! We now await the official approval of this purchase by Town Meeting, and will know the results by June. Spread the word to your neighbors! Talk to your town meeting reps!

This purchase realizes the dream to have the many, varied cultural groups in the Plymouth area come together in one location to support one another. It will enable us to share our resources and rich diverse talents. There will be display space for visual artists, performance area, classrooms, offices, studios, cultural event ticket sales, and retail.

The Guild was the impetus, but the goal is to make this a creative gathering place for all cultural groups. We hope that you will want to join us in this exciting venture!

### **You’re Invited to Participate! We need ideas and help!**

We look forward to more new faces and a variety of talents working together for the Arts in our new location! You don’t have to be an artist! Contact us through the website or call 508 746 7222 if you are able to help in any capacity -- from fundraising to painting & sweeping:

<i>Renovation of the Cultural Center</i>	<i>40<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show</i>	
<i>Staffing Art Stroll</i>	<i>Gallery Members’ Shows</i>	<i>Staffing the Gallery</i>
<i>Teaching Art Classes</i>	<i>Programming</i>	<i>Mailings</i>

or whatever your talent... We want & need you!

### ***The Public is Invited!***

**Guild Members and Friends Information Night**  
**Plymouth Public Library Fehlow Room May 29, 2007 @ 7 PM**

## **Cultural Center Preview (during Art Stroll) Sept. 15 & 16**

### **Meanwhile, back at the Gallery...**

- **The Gallery** will close June 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the move to the Arts Centre.
- If you have work on display in the current **Gallery Member Show**, please pick up this work Sun. June 3 from noon to 2 PM.
- Display of artwork **upstairs at Cordage** will continue. The next drop off is June 2 & 3 from 12-3. This artwork will be displayed until Sept. 30. Professionally framed, high quality, large format artwork may be submitted, or you can combine smaller pieces into a cohesive whole. Contact the Gallery for further information.
- **Art classes** will resume in August.
- The **revised drop off & pick up location** for artwork for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show will be announced in late June.