

AHA! at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House; Two Special Children Programs



AHA! Evening on Thursday, July 11th at the RJD

The Rotch Jones Duff House and Garden Museum will offer two programs especially tailored for children, but sure to engage the whole family at our AHA! Evening on Thursday, July 11th.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tim Donohue, director of Yoga for Kids, will introduce the basics of yoga with an interactive program in the gardens of the Museum. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce children to the transformative power of yoga and encourage them to embrace the life-long benefits of yoga at an early age.

During the same time frame, author Krista Russell will talk about her book for young readers entitled CHASING THE

NIGHTBIRD. Earlier in the evening Krista will receive an award from Massachusetts Center for the Book for this book at the New Bedford Free Public Library. She will then join us at the RJD to speak about this charming story about the Underground Railroad in New Bedford and resilient individuals determined to make their own destiny in this charming tale. Copies of CHASING THE NIGHTBIRD will be available for purchase and signing.

Built in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch, Jr., this Greek Revival mansion located on a full city block of formal gardens, is the best example of the "brave house and flowery gardens" described by Herman Melville in Moby-Dick. The period rooms of the house chronicle 150 years of economic and social evolution of the city, as reflected in the residencies of the Rotch, Jones, and Duff families. The Museum is open year round Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday noon to 4:00 pm. For additional information, please contact the Museum at 508-997-1401 or visit our website at www.rjdmuseum.org.