



Dean Ross Home night Dec. 19 to benefit 'Our Sisters' School'

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A festive evening of song and drink will be held at Dean Ross Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, where the Our Sisters' School Chorus will fill the air with holiday songs, while people browse the shelves of the home furnishings and household items store. A portion of the proceeds of anything sold that evening will go to Our Sisters School in New Bedford.

"As women and small business owners, we can't stress enough how important it is to teach girls confidence, responsibility and self-respect hand in hand with their academics," Phoebe Dean Perry, one of the two owners of Dean Ross Home said. "It's those skills that launch young women into the world equipped to do anything. OSS does just that and we're proud to be a supporter."

Our Sisters' School was founded in 2006 by a group of long-time local residents; women and men from the Greater New Bedford area who believed that it is crucial for the communities surrounding New Bedford to assist in addressing the city's weak quality of education and poor economic situation. Focusing on the failure of existing middle schools to meet the needs of girls, they organized as the school's Board of Trustees and committed time, energy and resources to establish the groundbreaking of OSS. Our Sisters' School challenges each student to reach her full potential by developing academic competence, social confidence, cultural proficiency, intellectual curiosity, integrity and hope.

"Our store is about 'home' in its simplest form. When I was building and designing my own house, I put a lot of thought into what 'home' means to me. Home is about family, peace and comfort, dogs, nature, friends and cooking," co-owner Kate Ross said. "Dean Ross Home in turn, carries an eclectic array of goods. From antiques to pet products to traditional diner style mugs... I buy based on a casual lifestyle and things Phoebe and I like, rather than whatever the current trend is at the time."

Dean Ross Home opened in July and features the works of many artists, most of whom are local.

"It's about the community," Perry said, "We have a goal beyond running a traditional retail shop. We want to enhance Marion's Village, we want to do our small part in building the economy by selling the works of local artists, and we want to invest in the growth of this wonderful region by partnering with organizations like Our Sisters' School that are making a real difference in the future of our community's next generation."

"We hope people will come and do some holiday shopping on the 19th. It couldn't be any easier," Ross said. "We have parking, a variety of gifts, refreshments and a group of talented girls singing holiday songs while you shop. Most of all, the purchases that you make will be helping an amazing organization."

For more information on Our Sisters' School, visit their website at www.oursistersschool.org.

Dean Ross home is located at 148 Front St., Marion MA 02738. Holiday hours are Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m. Visit them on Facebook for more information, www.facebook.com/deanrosshome.