

Woodlawn Museum

Press Release

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**Woodlawn Museum hires Anne Russenberger-Keefe
as new Director of Education and Program Development**

ELLSWORTH: Woodlawn Museum is pleased to announce the hiring of Anne Russenberger-Keefe as the museum's new Director of Education and Program Development. She will be responsible for developing an array of new educational programs.

According to Woodlawn executive director Joshua Campbell Torrance, the creation of this new position is the result of a museum initiative to expand and improve upon its educational programming. "Education is a central component of the museum's purpose. In evaluating how we could best fulfill our educational role, it was clear that we needed a staff person dedicated just to the program." Mrs. Russenberger-Keefe's enthusiasm, experience, and community connections "made her the perfect fit."

As part of the initiative, the museum has raised over \$40,000 for new educational programming. This included a \$25,000 anonymous donor directed grant from the Maine Community Foundation, a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous donor, and contributions from the board of Trustees. "We are so grateful to our donors who strongly believe in the public benefit of an expanded educational role for Woodlawn," stated Mr. Torrance.

Mrs. Russenberger-Keefe started in her new position on October 29th. She is eager to further connect Woodlawn to the community through programs for people of all ages. "Woodlawn, is a special place for me and my family. I am excited to have the opportunity to develop activities that utilize its many unique resources."

Woodlawn Museum, also known as the Black House, is Maine's premier historic estate. For more information on the museum, its activities, or to learn how to volunteer call 667-8671 or visit www.woodlawnmuseum.org.

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