

St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center named Yankee Magazine's "Best of New England – Editor's Choice"

The 2011 *Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide to New England* has recognized the St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center as "Best of New England – Editor's Choice. This special recognition is awarded by *Yankee Magazine's* editors and contributors, who designate select restaurants, lodgings and attractions in New England to the exclusive list. *Yankee Magazine's Travel Guide to New England*, for 35 years, has been the most widely distributed and best-selling guide in the six-state New England region, providing readers with a comprehensive vacation-planning tool and daily reference.

Yankee Magazine said it best, "The walls, vaults, and ceilings of this former church are covered in frescos beautiful enough to convert an atheist." For the last ten years, says Walter Rathbun Chairman of the Board of Directors, many volunteers have worked tirelessly to oversee the protection of these incredible works of art. We are all very excited and grateful for this recognition and honor. Since the beginning of May over 150 visitors from outside of the city have passed through the Center to view the works of art that were created by Italian artist Guido Nincheri who immortalized the faces of the Woonsocket community by using their images in the frescos."

"Our 'Best of New England' issue is about where we live and play and raise our families. These places happen to be the cities and villages, the beaches, mountains, and forests, where visitors from around the world come to spend precious vacation days," says editor Mel Allen. "We've filled our pages with the places we want to see, and have seen, and will see again. Immerse yourself in these places to visit, as beautiful as any in the world, plus more than 250 'Bests,' our recommendations for inns, shopping, sights, restaurants, adventures, and what-have-you."

The 2011 *Travel Guide* features 288 "Best of New England – Editor's Choice" selections, which include the region's best dining and lodging venues, attractions, adventures, local secrets, and bargains. This special issue also names 120 top events around the region. In the food section, follow six different trails that spotlight region-specific culinary legacies, including burgers in Connecticut, lobster rolls in Maine, chowder in Massachusetts, ice cream in New Hampshire, stuffed clams in Rhode Island, and cheddar cheese in Vermont. Plus, *Yankee's* contributors map out trails for arts shopping, antiquing, birding, hiking, biking and paddling along New England's favorite byways.

The St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center will also be recommended on YankeeMagazine.com.

For more information visit: YankeeMagazine.com

About Yankee Magazine: *Yankee Magazine* was founded in 1935 and is based in Dublin, New Hampshire. It is the only magazine devoted to New England through its coverage of travel, home, food, and features. With a paid circulation of more than 350,000 and a total audience of nearly 2 million, it is published by Yankee Publishing Incorporated (YPI), a family-owned and independent magazine publisher. More information about *Yankee: New England's Magazine* is available at: YankeeMagazine.com

How would you like to win a wonderful 5 night getaway to Stowe Vermont? The contest is free to enter! All you need to do is to enter the photo contest sponsored by *Yankee Magazine*. A placard with the cover of the May/June 2011 edition of *Yankee Magazine* on it has been sent to the St. Ann Arts and Cultural Center. To enter, all you need to do is to take a photo with the placard, yourself and one other person at the Center (interior or exterior). You can submit as many photos as you would like. The more you submit the better your chances are of winning. For additional rules and instructions go to YankeeMagazine.com/Contests, under Contests select 2011 Editors' Choice Photo Contest.