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## **Cranwell Resort Rebuilds New 18-Room Carriage House**

*Historic year-round spa and golf resort replaces building lost in 2010 fire.  
New guest rooms will be open for popular Berkshires summer season in  
Western Massachusetts*

**Lenox, MA (March 13, 2012...)** Cranwell Resort, Spa and Golf Club recently announced plans to open the new 18-room Carriage House in July 2012. It replaces the structure that was destroyed in a fire in December 2010 and will bring the resort's full inventory to 114 rooms.

The new building design respects the historic nature of the property bringing back much of the original glory of the circa 1890's structure. The original architectural drawings of the Carriage House by Peabody and Stearns Architects, were located in the Boston Public Library and were used to help design the guest space. The current architect is Cutler Associates and according to Kevin Kozak, AIA, "Many concepts from the original Carriage House were incorporated, including the tower, cantilevered floors at the upper level, as well as roof lines and gables, to create a new design that still respects the original structure."

The 18 guest rooms will include 15 queen-bedded doubles, 2 king-bedded rooms (including a fully ADA compliant accommodation with roll-in shower), and one King-bedded Suite. The interior design for the new Carriage House also celebrates the hotel's history while embracing modern amenities. The resort tapped Hughes Design Associates for the interior design and Paula Benesch stated that "The furniture has clean lines with details such as turned legs and finials which reflect pieces that would have been in the original Cranwell Mansion. The fabrics have soft patterns and rich textures and are inspired by nature and the beautiful Berkshire Mountains. Artwork tells the history of not only this historic property, but the rich history of the surrounding area and the Berkshire Cottages. The baths have custom wood vanities with turned legs, beautiful glass accent tile and gleaming fixtures, giving them a spa-like feel".

The Carriage House, which was always a favorite for year round visitors, is connected to the Spa at Cranwell by a glass-enclosed heated walkway, providing indoor access to the indoor pool, fitness center and treatment rooms, as well to the main reception area.

### **ABOUT CRANWELL RESORT, SPA & GOLF CLUB**

Cranwell Resort is celebrating the opening of one of the largest resort spas in the Northeast ten years ago in March with a "10 for 10 Anniversary Celebration." A special offer will be announced every month for 10 months including a drawing on December 10 for a chance to win "The Cranwell Spa Day" for 10 Friends. In addition to new Spa Packages, Cranwell has also just

released their new line of Spring/Summer Getaway Packages including Unlimited Golf, Romance Packages and Culture in the Country Breaks.

Cranwell is located just two and one-half hours from New York City and Boston in the historic New England village of Lenox, Massachusetts. This award winning resort features 114 distinctive guest rooms and suites, an 18-hole historic golf course set on 380 hilltop acres, and is home to one of the largest resort Spas in the Northeast. With three restaurants and spacious banquet rooms, Cranwell also hosts numerous year-round conferences, weddings and social events.

Cranwell Resort received the Condé Nast Traveler: 2011 Readers' Choice Award and is listed in Zagat's "Top U.S. Hotels, Resorts & Spas". Additional recognitions include SpaFinder Readers' Choice Award for one of "Best Spa Resorts for Golf" and the Wine Spectator Magazine Award for Excellence.

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