About 20 years ago John C. Lathrop, father of current board member Mary Will, told me of a plan to collect his research on the history of 'Sconset into a tome to be called “From Light to Light.” Alas, John was not able to complete his project prior to his passing in October 1995.

“From Light to Light” could be the story of the 'Sconset Trust over its first 30 years—still in progress as we complete our 28th summer. Think about our two beacons—to the north the venerable 19th century Sankaty Head Lighthouse and to the south the decidedly 20th century LORAN red-lighted steel tower. From either vantage point you can see the other. Smack in the middle of the expanse between the two lights is the Coffin land now conserved in perpetuity.

In the early 1990s a group of concerned 'Sconseters under the banner "Save our Sankaty – SOS" formed to plan for the future rescue of the iconic red-striped lighthouse. Soon the 'Sconset Trust under the leadership of Susan and Perry Ruddick stepped forward to move from planning to reality—the relocation and preservation of Sankaty Head Light.

In the spring of 2006, the Trust board met to discuss Sankaty’s peril atop the rapidly eroding bluff. The Lighthouse Committee’s chair David St. Clair in consultation with the Ruddicks recommended to the Board a plan to set a date-certain for the relocation of Sankaty. And the rest, as they say, is history. October 2007 marked Sankaty Light’s 15 minutes of fame as The New York Times, the Boston Globe and NBC covered the relocation of the 157 year old structure. To be sure the local press inked front page headlines of the move throughout September and October of ’07. It is hard to believe for those involved in the lead up to the move that five years have now passed.

Fast forward to 2012 and the Trust produces some magic again through an incredible alignment of the stars (there’s the “light” theme again) with the purchase of almost 120 acres of open Milestone acreage by the Trust and the Nantucket Land Bank. The saving of the old 19th century-founded public golf course and the adjacent open acreage is a tribute to an outstanding collaboration of conservation-minded citizens and seasonal residents of Nantucket. The story continues to unfold as we ask our friends to support the purchase.

What’s next? Of course, it is the southern beacon at the LORAN station at Low Beach, 'Sconset and its surrounding 190 acres. The vision is clear though the endgame is not yet known. Perhaps before we raise the banner on our 30th year, we will have the answer. There is a theme here: conserve most of the land between Low Beach with open vistas to the sea to the south and Sankaty Light to the north. That’s our goal. Collaboration with the Federal government and star alignment are elements of the strategy. Do you see the light? Stay tuned.
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Summer 2012 in Review

David Cheek | davidcheekst@gmail.com

It has been an eventful and most productive summer for the ‘Sconset Trust as we celebrate the acquisition of the 119-acre Coffin property on Milestone Road and the fifth anniversary of the relocation of the Sankaty Head Lighthouse.

We have enjoyed excellent attendance at our various events, including the Annual Meeting, July 4th games, the Night under the Light gala, Patrons Party, and our preservation events. We appreciate your participation in our activities. The Trust is a great vehicle for all of us to work together to preserve our village and enrich our community. We are proud of everything that we are accomplishing and grateful for the enthusiasm and contributions which we receive from all of you.

The response to the Coffin acquisition, and support for our Campaign to fund it, has been incredible. All of us are thrilled that the public 9-hole golf course has been preserved by the Land Bank and that the Trust’s adjacent 45-acres will be permanent open space. The Campaign has generated pledges of $6 million so far, and we hope to reach our goal of $8 million. Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman, co-chairs for the Campaign, have done a fabulous job and we are thankful for their strong leadership. We also thank you for your very generous support!

The Trust’s next major objective is conserving the 190-acre LORAN Station property on Low Beach Road, which is owned by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Trust has been actively working on the property, which has been de-commissioned by the Federal government, for the past several years. We are currently pursuing several initiatives which might result in conserving this important property, one of the largest undeveloped parcels on the island. We will keep you informed on our activities on LORAN.

I want to thank our board members, Bob Felch, and our campaign consultant, Betsy Grubbs, for their continued hard work on behalf of the Trust. Finally, we thank all our loyal members for their support and commitment to the Trust’s mission for land conservation and historic preservation. The phrase “it takes a village,” certainly applies to us and what a wonderful village it is!
The third annual "Sconset “A Night under the Light” was held at Sankaty Head Golf Club on Sunday evening, July 22, 2012. The highlight of the evening was the public launching of the Coffin Land Campaign.

To date the campaign has raised $6,000,000 of the $8,000,000 goal. The traditional blue post, a symbol of the Trust, was unveiled by Susan Ruddick to show money raised, and also to announce the Coffin property has been renamed Ruddick Commons in honor of Susan and Perry Ruddick.

The evening proceeded with the Silent Auction and the special auction of Susan Ried’s original watercolor entitled 'Sconset 4th of July. With record attendance, the gala was chaired by Linda and Joe Hale. The proceeds from the evening, $65,000, will help fund the 'Sconset Trust’s missions of conservation, preservation, and education.

Thank You

Linda and I want to thank everyone who made this year’s Gala our most successful ever, especially our Gala Committee—Kathy Arvay, Patti Brown, Dee Haslam, Laurel Ried Langworthy, Alice Rochat and Marcella Zimmerman. We’d also like to thank Bob Felch, Loraine Milstead, and Betsy Grubbs for keeping us on task! A beautiful evening, wonderful food and drink, outstanding silent auction items, and mostly, the chance to see new and old friends made the event memorable. Thanks to everyone who attended.

—Linda & Joe Hale
'Sconset Trust Holdings

1. 5.33 acres, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Cashman, Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson, and Mr. & Mrs. Amos B. Hostetter, 1985–86
2. 21.23 acres, purchased, 1988
3. 9.05 acres, purchased, 1991
4. 11.98 acres, bequest of Mrs. Ruth L. Saunders, 1992
5. 14.66 acres, gift from Mary & Peter Heller, 1994
6. .46 acre, purchased, 1998
7. .32 acre, donated by Mr. Stephen B. Cohen, 1998
8. .87 acre, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Porter, 2000
9. 1.17 acres, donated by Dr. Richard A.R. Fraser, 2000
10. 1.02 acres, donated by Mostly “C” LLC, 2001
11. 4.71 acres, purchased, 2002
12. 1.59 acre, received from 'Sconset Hydrangeas LLC, 2006
13. 12.5 acres, donated by the United States Coast Guard, 2007
14. 45 acres, purchased, 2012—The acquisition of the Coffin Land increased the Trust’s land holdings from 85 to 130 acres, a 54% increase.

Preservation Easements
★ The Siasconset Union Chapel
★ Atlantic House, 27 Main Street

Conservation Easement
★ Mathey Property
Updates

Coffin Land Campaign Launch

Congratulations, *Sconset Trust on the purchase of the Coffin Property. We have the land and now we have the awesome task of paying for the land. As a result of your early generosity, we have been able to raise $6,000,000 of our $8,000,000 goal. Wouldn’t it be great if we could achieve our goal by the Night under the Light IV scheduled for July 21, 2013! With your help we can! All gifts are encouraged and each gift is appreciated. Please join and become an important part of this Campaign.

—Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman
Coffin Land Campaign Chairs

Daffodil Donations

2012
In honor of loved ones
Eric and Jacqueline Kraeutler
In honor of the marriage of Robin Ried and Christopher Staudt
The Mackay Family

2011
In honor of Hayden and Carsen Critchell
Ms. Nancy Newhouse
In honor of Bob Felch’s 60th birthday
Ms. Lesley Blanchard
Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hollings
Mr. and Mrs. David Hulme
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Keheler
Mr. and Mrs. Brian MacDonald
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mackay
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKenney
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Whittlock
Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Will
Champlin Landscaping, Inc.
In honor of The Guido Family
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Guido
In honor of Natalie Haslam’s birthday
Mrs. Dee Haslam
In honor of Hut 3 and the boys at Camp Sankaty
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward

2010
In honor of those who preserved the Lighthouse
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Filipski
In honor of Betsy Grubbs
Mrs. Caroline Ellis
In honor of Stanley and Sally Johnson
June and John Foster
In honor of Carol Lattrop on her 94th birthday
The Will family
Memorial Gifts 2012
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Simonds
Mrs. Bruce P. Shaw and Mrs. Peter I. Cook
In memory of Marina Sammons Finch
Robert Franklin and Charles Mappin

2011
In memory of Ed and Beth Danforth
The Breckers and The Hendricksons
In memory of Thomas J. Kelly, LightKeeper
Ms. Barbara K. McDonald
In memory of Tom Martin
Ms. Janet Eyre
In memory of Betty McClenan Moore
Ms. Siobhan Moore
In memory of Dorothy Marnoos
Mrs. Kathy Arvay
In memory of Bernice Pedigo
Mrs. Patti Brown
In memory of Doug Reid
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leib
In memory of I. Perry Ruddick
Ms. Janet Eyre
Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roberts
Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads Zimmerman
In memory of Peter Sacerdote
Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads Zimmerman
In memory of Dorothy Ford Wiley
Mrs. Cosby George
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wiley
Molly Wiley

2010
In memory of Peggy and Arthur Arnoff
Ms. Linda Arnoff Mackay

Daffodil Planting Program

Nantucket’s early spring brought over two thousand daffodils to bloom in late March and early April this year. These bulbs were planted “in memory of” or “in honor of” loved ones by generous donors to the Trust. Each donor received a pen and ink certificate with a sketch of the flowers and the lighthouse.

Donations to the Trust can be made in these increments:

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The Trust extends a warm welcome to the following board members:

2011

Elliot Gewirtz
Elliot and his wife Barbara first sailed to Nantucket from New York in 1985, and have been coming to the island ever since with their two children. They brought their home in the village in 2001, and love to sail, play golf and take walks all over the island. Thanksgiving in Nantucket has become a family tradition, complete with kids and grand kids. Elliot recently retired, having spent nearly 40 years in the practice of law in New York City at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, and McCloy. Elliot holds a BA from Colgate University, a JD from Harvard law school and an MPA from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson school.

Michael Lynch
Michael and his wife Karen are from Bronxville, N.Y. They first discovered Nantucket in '83 on bicycles. They have been coming to the island ever since, settling in 'Sconset in '92. They have four children, each cherishes their summers in Nantucket. Prior to serving on the 'Sconset Trust Board, Michael was on the Board of the Casino for six years. The entire family loves golf, tennis, boating and more recently have taken on paddle boarding. Michael is head of Institutional Equity Distribution for BofA Merrill Lynch.

Jim Poole
In 1975, I started my own company in the commercial mortgage banking business, James R. Poole & Company, and sold it to North Marq Capital of Minneapolis in 2004. I have served on a number of industry boards during my career, including the Board of Trustees of Fairfield University for six years. I am a member of the Casino and Sankaty Head Golf Club, where I served on the Board and various committees for six years. I first came to 'Sconset in 1972 and have been here ever since. The serenity, family atmosphere and sense of tradition have been the things which drew us to 'Sconset. Every day I look around and realize how lucky we are to share this little gem.

2012

Alice Rochat
Alice and her husband George have been seasonal residents of Low Beach Road in Sconset since 1990. They also live in Bernardsville, NJ, where Alice currently serves on the Planning Board, Environmental Commission and the Historic Preservation Advisory Board. She is a professional interior designer. The Rochats feel incredibly fortunate to be in 'Sconset where they enjoy tennis, boating, golf and being with great friends.

Danny Korengold
I am an automobile dealer from Washington D.C., having first visited Nantucket in the summer of 1973. My wife Martha Dippell and I have 4 children ranging from 17 to 25 years old, none of whom have ever missed a summer on the island. Looking for antiques, golf, tennis, socializing with family and friends, are just a few of the many activities that we engage in on this magnificent island.

Jenny Price
Jenny and her husband Michael began visiting Nantucket in the 1990s and became seasonal residents of 'Sconset in 2000. They reside in New York City with their three children and anxiously await their summers in 'Sconset each year. Jenny is a trustee at their children's schools along with being active with the Central Park Conservancy. Their entire family loves tennis, golf, afternoons at the beach and weekends fishing and tubing on their boat.
Limited-Edition Signed Poster by Susan Ried

A limited number of Susan Ried’s 2012 poster “‘Sconset 4th of July” are still available!

Signed posters are $100 each plus shipping. Contact Trust office for ordering and shipping specifics, 508 228–9917.

Trust Gear is Here!

Great looking baseball caps with Sankaty Head Lighthouse and ‘Sconset Trust come in the ‘Sconset Trust logo blue and are adjustable to fit all. They are available for $20, including tax, at the Trust office and by emailing the Trust at info@sconsettrust.org.

Order your copy of Sankaty History

Keeping the Light is a hardcover, pictorial history chronicling the history, move & preservation of Nantucket’s Sankaty Head Lighthouse.

$60.00 + $10 shipping & handling, & MA state sales tax

The proceeds from the sale of this book support the ‘Sconset Trust and its mission.

2 ways to order:

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Call 508 228 9917 or fax your order to 508 228 0810

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YES, I would like to help preserve and maintain Sankaty Head Lighthouse.

Please accept my tax-deductible donation of $_______

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* Each contribution of $25 or more receives a copy of the MONSTER MOVES program DVD chronicling the lighthouse move.

To make a credit card contribution, visit our website or call 508 228 9917, or mail your contribution to:

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Upcoming Trust Events  Save the Dates!

Come and Celebrate The 5th Anniversary of the Sankaty Head Lighthouse Move
Columbus Day Weekend 2012

9th ANNUAL NYC SOIRÉE
March 8, 2013
AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

A ** NIGHT under the LIGHT IV
July 21, 2013
Sankaty Head Club