

Letter from the Chair

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The 'Sconset Trust had a busy and productive season this year as we focused on our mission to accomplish land conservation and historic preservation in 'Sconset. All of our committees were fully engaged in their respective roles, and we thank our chairs (below) as well as the committee members and volunteers: Preservation: Kathy Arvay; Finance: Pam Hendrickson; Lighthouse: Penny Scheerer; Development: Joe Hale; Nominating: Patti Brown; Mission: Mary Will; Land: David Cheek. We also welcome the Trust's four new board members: Ken Richardson, Mark Filipski, Jim Walker, and Dee Haslam. We appreciate their service.

The Trust hosted or sponsored numerous events and activities, which were well attended, throughout the season. Moreover, Bob Felch, our Executive Director, provided his usual incredible leadership, for which we are grateful, on all of the Trust's activities. Bob also expanded our participation in community discussions on several important issues such as the 'Sconset Bluff walk and an island-wide task force for beach

preservation. The Trust continues to play an important leadership role within the 'Sconset and Nantucket communities and Bob provides outstanding representation for us.

As we approach the holiday season and year end, we request your continued support now by making an annual gift for 2010 if you have not already done so. Many of our gifts are received at this time of year, and we depend on your support for our operations and land and preservation funds. We thank you, our members, for your loyal support and commitment to our mission.



David Cheek

Best wishes for the holidays!

CONGRATULATIONS to our smartcar winner!



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The Baumeister family
Eric, Annie and young Hans—
winners of the smartcar in 'Sconset July 2010



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'Sconset Trust Annual Membership 2010

What's the status of your 2010 membership?

For your convenience, see the enclosed envelope in the center of this newsletter. Our membership year closes 12/31/10.

Thank you !



'Sconset Trust Mission Statement

The Trust's mission is to protect the unique character of 'Sconset Village through conservation and preservation of areas of open land and structures of historic and/or architectural significance in and around the village.

'Sconset News



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From the Executive Director

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As we near the end of another busy year at the 'Sconset Trust, it is time to look forward to 2011. Yes, 2010 was an active year in which we celebrated the achievements of the Trust over 26 years culminating in the first **"Night Under the Light"** gala. While not all our members and friends were able to attend, it was a fun and rewarding evening. See a separate article on page 4 penned by the event co-chairs **Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman** about the success of the event. Indeed the second "Night Under the Light" is being planned for Sunday, July 17th.

Of course, we are working toward our important mission goals of retiring more land to conservation and educating the community on the benefits of historic preservation. The objective here at the Trust office is to aid individuals, families and the entire community on ways in which to pull together on these efforts. If you are thinking about ways to conserve land you own or preserve an historic structure, call the Trust office or talk to a board member.

Recently, we have been working with a 'Sconset family to implement the first Conservation Restriction to be held by the Trust on a lovely home and property in the village. The final step requires the approval of the Board of Selectmen and we must await the results of this review. I hope to report in our Spring 2011 newsletter that we have achieved this new milestone at the Trust and for this family.

While we said good-bye with best wishes to Maria Mitchell's Bob Kennedy, who led annual bird and geology walks for the Trust over the past five years, we

are looking forward to welcoming **Andrew Mckenna-Foster**, Director of Natural Science Education and Programs, and his team at Maria Mitchell in summer 2011 to lead a number of educational and fun walks through the village — see walk list on page 3.

A big hit in 2010 was the newly launched joint Trustees of the Reservations/'Sconset Trust tours of the **Two Lighthouses** (Great Point and Sankaty). Over 70 adults and children participated in the six tours held on Thursday evenings in July through September. We plan to reprise the tours in 2011.

I would like to thank all of our members for their ongoing invaluable support of the Trust and its mission. Much work needs to be done to expand our land conservation holdings and we know you'll be there when the call comes. In the mean time the annual support of Trust members has enabled the Trust board to set aside approximately \$3,300,000 in recent years as seed funds for future land purchases. These funds are separate from funds set aside for future upkeep of Sankaty Head Lighthouse and its property.

If by chance you have forgotten to send in your 2010 dues, it is not too late. Our fiscal year ends on December 31, 2010. Please continue to support the Trust.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.



Robert Felch



Visitors to Sankaty Light during Open Days—Columbus Day Weekend

Typically 75 to 100 visitors take the trip to the top of Sankaty during each open day.

Photo: Rob Benchley

Land Report

The Land Committee advanced its efforts this season on the 120-acre Coffin property on Milestone Road, which is listed for sale, and the 190-acre LORAN Station which has been decommissioned by the U.S. Government. These properties are two of the four largest underdeveloped properties remaining in Nantucket. Our objective on both properties is conservation of their open space.

The Coffin property continues to be our top priority. We have had regular communications this summer with the Nantucket Land Bank, including two meetings with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the joint acquisition and funding of all or part of the property. The Land Bank has strong interest in both conservation of the open space and preserving the public golf course. Obstacles for a transaction include the sales price, the size and complexity of the

transaction, and the Nantucket Golf Club's right of first refusal on the property. The Trust is being advised by Windwalker on a potential transaction, and we will continue to make best efforts toward a successful outcome on the property while the market is soft.

The U.S. Coast Guard had reported to the Trust that it will be conducting a year-long evaluation of all LORAN properties and the service has listed the Trust as an interested party for the Low Beach property. We will report in more detail in our Spring Newsletter.

The Land Committee is also reviewing other properties for acquisition or conservation restrictions. We encourage our members to identify opportunities for us to conserve open space. We appreciate all of the interest in land from our members, and we will keep you informed on any new developments. The Trust will continue to work closely with the other land conservation groups on island — the Land Bank, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, and Nantucket Land Council on all of our activities.

—Submitted by David Cheek

Preservation Report

On July 31, **Myrick Howard**, of Preservation North Carolina spoke at the Siasconset Chapel about preservation easements and their importance to our community. He is a leader in preservation and heads their state wide program. His presentation was very enlightening.

Next year, **Brian Pfeiffer**, our preservation consultant, will speak to us on a preservation topic next summer. The date, time and subject matter will be announced at a later date. We hope members will attend, as Brian possesses a wealth of knowledge on preservation issues.

At the 2010 'Sconset Trust Annual Meeting **Mary and Paul Collins**, owners of "The Little House" on Evelyn Street, were presented the 2010 Lourie Family Preservation Award. Mary and Paul demonstrate true diligence in the authentic restoration of their Underhill cottage complete with the last surviving mobile guest room that Underhill made available for overflow guests. We congratulate Mary and Paul for their hard work and dedication to preservation.

The Trust would also like to congratulate **Samantha and Matthew Fremont-Smith** for their beautiful and

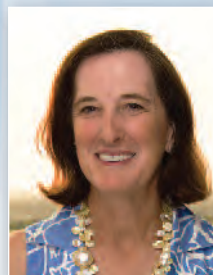
sensitive restoration of "Atlantic House" on Main Street.

They worked closely with their contractor and the Trust to keep their home authentic and unchanged from its prior state as they upgraded the interior and restored the exterior facades.

May is **Preservation Month** and the Trust will again present open houses for tours on Mother's Day, May 8, 2011. Ocean View House on Grand Avenue as well as one or two others in the neighborhood will be open and free to the public. Once again, this gives us the chance to see the interiors of some of the village's historic homes that have been lovingly cared for by their owners.

The preservation committee is working on programs to open up communication with realtors and contractors to promote preservation issues to new and old homeowners alike. The importance of owning, maintaining and properly restoring a historic structure will be the main focus.

—Submitted by Kathy Arvay



Kathy Arvay

2011 'Sconset Walks

Joint Educational Walks sponsored by the 'Sconset Trust and Maria Mitchell Association



Walks are led by **Andrew McKenna-Foster**, Director of Natural Science Education and Programs, Maria Mitchell Association.

Tours are \$25 per person and take place on Fridays at 8 a.m.

JUNE 17 AND JULY 15

Bird Walk

In one year, over 300 species of birds can be spotted on Nantucket. 'Sconset is an excellent area for shorebirds, song birds, and rarities. Join MMA staff as we stroll through downtown 'Sconset and identify and discuss birds.

JULY 1 AND AUGUST 5

Geology of Sankaty Bluff

The north Sankaty Bluff is a dynamic and important geologic site. Here you can see rare evidence of two previous glacial periods, ancient shells over 125,000 years old, and details of Nantucket's glacial past. Join us to learn about geology, glaciers, and the Sankaty Bluff. This trip involves walking on the beach; please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a hat and sunglasses.

JULY 29

Plants: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly

Learn how nonnative plants have changed 'Sconset life for birds and start learning what plants can cause problems for you and your yard and how to deal with them. We will identify plants that are wildlife attractors, others that are beneficial and beautiful, and some that are terrible invasives.

AUGUST 12

Daylight Astronomy

Interested in current astronomy research? Ever wondered how dark matter affects you? Come learn about our sun, the solar system, celestial navigation, and exciting developments in astronomy. MMA astronomy staff will set up and discuss a telescope for viewing sunspots as well as a scale model of the solar system.

★ ★ ★ A Night Under the Light 2010

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the Nantucket and 'Sconset communities for making the first "Night Under the Light" a tremendous success. As a result of your generosity, we were able to raise just over \$75,000 to benefit the 'Sconset Trust. Not only did you support our wonderful Silent Auction but you purchased over 1000 Raffle tickets for the snappy red smart car. The winner was the Baurmeister family from 'Sconset and CT. Sankaty was packed, the food was wonderful and the opportunity to be with those who cherish our community was exceptional.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To smart car usa for making the raffle possible and to all of those who participated in the silent auction. You played a very important role in the success of the event.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the 'Sconset Trust Board, the Development Committee, the Sankaty Head Golf Club, the many volunteers and our wonderful director, Bob Felch.

—Submitted by Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman



The Zimmermans

A New Tradition for the Trust

Susan Ried will once again paint an original watercolor for the 'Sconset Trust. The watercolor will be auctioned at the second "Night Under the Light" in July 2011. As a result of Susan's generosity, the Trust is pleased to announce that it will offer a first edition print of her watercolor. There will be a limited number of signed and numbered prints for sale at \$100 each. Be the first to reserve your "signed and numbered print" by contacting the 'Sconset Trust office. Additional prints will be available at \$50.00 each. This is the beginning of a wonderful tradition for the Trust and the chance to have a Susan Ried in your collection. Prints available July 1.

—Submitted by Marcella Zimmerman



Catherine Brink, Samantha and Matt Fremont-Smith, Sherry Lourie



Connie and Dennis Keller with friends Jeff and Marion Fort



Porter Bowman, Cindy and Mike Roberts, Lynn Stahler, Emma Ward



Leslie Blanchard and Ray Grubbs



Debbie Roberts, Barbara and Amos Hostetter, John Stahler



Amy, Grant, Joe and Linda Hale



Catherine and Jeff Soros



Mary Will with Sam Bailey, winner of the 2010 Susan Ried watercolor

Gala photos by **Kris Kinsley Hancock**

★ ★ ★ A NIGHT under the LIGHT II Sunday, July 17, 2011 SAVE the DATE!

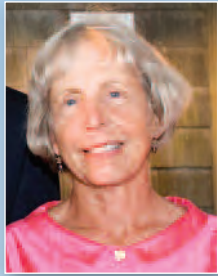


Lighthouse Update



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Sankaty Lighthouse Report



Penny Scheerer

It seems that not a day goes by without at least someone visiting the Lighthouse site. The box of brochures by the entrance must be regularly refilled, even in the "Off Season." The higher wire fence installed in the Spring serves to keep these visitors a safe distance from the bluff's edge. The four interpretive signs installed on the site are popular with people of all ages interested in learning about the history

of Sankaty Head Lighthouse.

The two **Open Days** over Columbus Day Weekend were very successful. Clear skies gave several hundred people the opportunity to see for miles after climbing to the top. The Trust is very grateful to the many volunteers who made the Open Days a safe and special occasion.

In partnership with the Trustees of the Reservations vanloads of visitors climbed both Sankaty Head and Great Point lighthouses during the Summer and Fall. These bi-monthly events proved very popular.

—Submitted by Penny Scheerer

Launch of Sankaty Head Lighthouse Daffodil Planting Program

Do you know someone for whom Sankaty Head Lighthouse is, or was, a special place? Each Fall, the 'Sconset Trust will plant daffodil bulbs in drifts along the Southwest facing slope of the Lighthouse grounds. These bulbs will be planted "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones as a way of remembering and honoring them. The first plantings of daffodils have already been completed this November.

A framed certificate with a pen and ink sketch of daffodils and the Lighthouse in the distance will be given to each donor to commemorate the gift. Look for the donor listing in each Trust newsletter. **Please contact the Trust office for further information about making a donation.**

Donations to the Trust can be made in the following amounts:

50 bulbs	\$100
100 bulbs	\$200
150 bulbs	\$300
200 bulbs	\$400
250 bulbs	\$500
500 bulbs	\$1000

Daffodil Donations

The Will Family

in honor of Carol Lathrop on her 94th birthday

Linda Arnoff Mackay

in memory of Peggy and Arthur Arnoff

Lynn and Mark Filipksi

In honor of those who preserved the Lighthouse

The Sconset Trust appreciates the gift of daffodil bulbs planted on the grounds of Sankaty Head Lighthouse, Sconset, Massachusetts



Thank you to our Lighthouse Open Days Volunteers

Susan and Dick Brooks

Kathy and David Cheek

Barry Cooper

John Cooper

Caroline Ellis

Bob Felch

Mark and Linda Filipksi

Heather R. Garland

Larry Guido

Jeff and Donna Lockhart

Gail McRobie

Jeanne Miller

Kathleen and Jim Poole

Joan Porter

Lee and Priscilla Saperstein

Penny Scheerer



Photo: Rob Benchley



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Save the Date!



7TH ANNUAL

New York City Soirée

Friday, March 4, 2011 at The Lotus Club at Five E. 66th St.

INVITATION TO FOLLOW



A NIGHT under the LIGHT II
Sunday, July 17, 2011 ★ ★ ★



PATRONS' PARTY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011

Thanks to
Sue and Barry Cooper
for hosting the 2010
Patrons' Party



Donna Lockhart and Amy Tercek,
Trust Board members