The Trust enjoyed a successful celebration of its 25th anniversary this season, and we thank all of our members for your participation and continued support. There were numerous activities and events this year as noted in Bob Felch’s report and new ones are planned for next year. We thank our outgoing board members Caroline Ellis, David St. Clair, Fred McRobie, David Kinsley, and Larry Guido for their service. They will be missed. We also welcome our new board members Rhoads Zimmerman, Penny Scheerer, Joe Hale, and Laurel Langworthy. We appreciate their commitment to serve. Joe and Penny have already taken on committee chair assignments, Development and Lighthouse, respectively, and we are grateful for their efforts on those important activities.

As we just celebrated our 25th anniversary, the Board is newly dedicated to continuing the Trust’s mission, see box at right. Our committees have clearly identified their goals for 2010 to accomplish new initiatives on land conservation and historic preservation in ‘Sconset. Our primary focus on preservation is to seek easements on the most significant and strategic commercial and historic properties in the Village in order to maintain the unique character and charm of ‘Sconset. The Coffin property continues to be our priority on land conservation as described in the Land Report. While we are tracking acquisition properties, we also ask that members consider donating open land to the Trust. Of the 15 properties owned by the Trust, 8 properties were contributed to the Trust by loyal and generous members. See a listing of our land holdings on page 3.

Finally, we request your continued support of the Trust through your annual gifts this year. With a difficult economy, our 2009 revenue target is short of budget and we hope all of our members will match or exceed last year’s annual giving. The Trust depends on your support to accomplish its mission and for that, we are grateful.

’Sconset Trust Mission Statement
Updated and Approved in 2008

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.

To accomplish the Trust’s objectives the Board should be:

• Committed to educating the village residents in particular and the Island community in general about the unique conservation and preservation opportunities available to them.

• Working on a continuous basis with the other conservation and historic preservation groups on the Island to achieve its goals.

• Evaluating on a routine basis all conservation and preservation requests to ensure they are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Trust.

• Reviewing and determining the relevance of all other requests and projects to ensure that they comply with the Trust’s objectives as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.
Two-thousand and nine has been a busy year at the Trust as we closed out the Sankaty Head Lighthouse Campaign, published a book on the celebrated move of the lighthouse and celebrated our 25th Anniversary.

The highlight of the summer occurred on July 9th when approximately 225 people gathered at the Casino to celebrate our first 25 years. The event featured a silent auction of mostly Sconset art works and an opportunity to say thank you to all those who led the Trust during its first quarter century. Mary Heller was the 8th recipient of the 'Sconset Trust Award, a Tiffany crystal bowl, which was presented to her during the event. Others were feted and a listing of Trust awards and recipients can be reviewed in this newsletter.

Our 11th annual Patrons’ Party was well attended, and we thank Caroline and Doug Ellis for hosting the event at their lovely Quaise Pasture home. Patrons’ Party invitations are sent to donors who have donated $1000 or more to our annual membership drive during the previous 12 months.

The first annual ‘Sconset History Night was held at the Casino on August 17 and over 160 attended.

Sponsored by the ‘Sconset Trust, Nantucket Historical Association and the Nantucket Preservation Trust, the initiative was launched by Paul Judy, founder of the Siasconset Historical Research Group. Speakers included local historian Betsy Tyler, Ben Simons of the NHA, Kathy Arvay representing the NPT, Paul and me. A 2010 follow-up public gathering is tentatively scheduled for August 16.

The office, now located at 16A Amelia Drive (next to Annye’s Whole Food), was a busy place with numerous committee meetings and volunteer gatherings during the summer months. We were ably assisted by summer intern Laura Eshelman who was lead coordinator for the 25th Anniversary annual meeting. As we head into the off-season, the office is now the distribution center and storage facility for the new Trust publication Keeping the Light. Please call the office or go to our website to order your copy.

Thanks to all our volunteers, our dedicated board directors and the host of members across Nantucket who support the Trust. As 2009 comes to a close, we ask that you take a moment to make sure you have maintained your membership with the Trust.

The Land Committee has been actively looking at properties for potential acquisition or donation to the Trust. We encourage our members to help identify such properties. Our focus continues to be on greenbelt properties with potential development that would have the most impact on ‘Sconset.

Consequently, the 120 acre Coffin property, which has been listed for sale for the past year, is our top priority. The price for the 66 acre golf course property was recently reduced from $27 million to $23 million, and the 53 acre adjacent estate property to the east was reduced from $18 million to $17 million. No offers have been made to date on the property, and pricing is a major obstacle for any purchaser. We have been working closely with the conservation community and various stakeholders on the Coffin property for the past several years. We recently commissioned a professional study of the potential lots that can be developed which will be used for valuation analysis.

We plan to renew our efforts this fall and winter with key stakeholders for a potential transaction on the Coffin property, and we are now fully engaged in a process toward that objective. The membership will be informed of our activities in the event of any progress.

—Submitted by David Cheek
The ‘Sconset Trust

‘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. .15 acre, donated by Mr. John A. Herndon, 1990
4. 9.05 acres, purchased, 1991
5. 11.98 acres, bequest of Mrs. Ruth L. Saunders, 1992
6. 14.66 acres, gift from Mary & Peter Heller, 1994
7. .46 acre, purchased, 1998
8. .32 acre, donated by Mr. Stephen B. Cohen, 1998
9. .87 acre, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Porter, 2000
10. 1.17 acres, donated by Dr. Richard A.R. Fraser, 2000
11. 1.02 acres, donated by Mostly “C” LLC, 2001
12. 4.71 acres, purchased, 2002
13. 1.59 acre, received from ‘Sconset Hydrangeas LLC, 2006
14. 12.5 acres, donated by the United States Coast Guard, 2007

Preservation Easements

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

Part II: Continued from Summer 2009 newsletter

Restrictions—a definition

Although there were no Historic Preservation Restrictions (HPR’s) on the island in the late 90’s, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was offering this tool as a means of saving historic homes (those built before 1900) and the land surrounding those buildings. An entire building, or significant parts of it and the property could be protected by a legal agreement with a recognized non-profit organization. The agreement would run with the deed in perpetuity. The HPR differs from a conservation easement, which offers legal and tax protection for owners of open land. The process for the approval of an HPR is unique to Massachusetts: after the two parties agree, the document is approved by the Board of Selectmen in a public hearing after review by town counsel, and then is approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC). The restriction holder is required to annually inspect the property for compliance with the agreement.

In 1999 the Preservation Committee was formed at the Trust and meets frequently each year throughout the summer months. Members of the original committee included Pat Butler, Linda Holland, Georgia Raysman, Bucky Block, Bill Matteson, Donald Lourie and Caroline Ellis. At one of the initial meetings in 1999 Georgia Raysman offered to write a booklet outlining the methodology for implementing an HPR, which was published later that year with artwork by Holly Pagon, entitled “Saving ‘Sconset – How you can protect the future of a fragile place.” The still timely 8-page treatise remains available at the Trust office.

The ‘Sconset Trust currently holds HPR’s on Atlantic House (27 Main Street) and the Siasconset Union Chapel, as noted on the map on page 3. The current Preservation Committee is reviewing a broad scope preservation strategy to cover all commercial and public structures in the village including the Siasconset Casino Association main building, the Chanticleer restaurant and the cluster of commercial buildings at the rotary. On-going discussions with private historic home owners will result in the execution of new HPR’s in coming years. If you are interested, contact Kathy Arvay (jmarvay@aol.com) or the Trust office.

—Submitted by Kathy Arvay, Caroline Ellis and Bob Felch
The 'Sconset Trust

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Alice Wilson
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Rheas Zimmerman

‘Sconset Trust Awards
Mary Heller, founding board officer and recipient of the ‘Sconset Trust Award in 2009.

‘Sconset Trust Award
For dedication to the mission of the ‘Sconset Trust, silver and crystal bowls
Robert Shetterly – July 1997
George Buckingham – July 1997
Margo Larsen – July 1998
William P. Roberts – July 2000
Helene (Sandy) Whitehead – July 2001
Susan and Perry Ruddick – July 2007
Mary Heller – July 2009

‘Sconset Post Award
For land given to and a past President, “blue wooden post, replica of Trust and posts
Jeanne Dickinson* – 2004
Susan* and Perry* Ruddick – 2006 (two posts)
Robert D. Felch* – 2009
Stephen B. Cohen – 2009
Tim Cushman/Cashman Family – 2009
John Herndon – 2009
Amos and Barbara Hostettler – 2009
Joan Porter – 2009

Perry Ruddick, the Trust’s second President stands next to a Trust post following the 1991 purchase of 9 acres at the northern end of Burnell Street.

Executive Directors
Caroline Ellis 1997–2003
Erika Davidson Mooney 2003–2008
Jeanne Casey Miller 2008–2009
Robert D. Felch 2009–

Ex-Officio Directors
George Buckingham 1984–1997
Susan DeHeart 1987–1988
Carol Kinsley 1999–2002

Siasconset Civic Association
Jean Crapsey
Frederick Ness
Caroline Ellis
Gerald McCarthy
N. Newbury Hovde
Bruce Mattoon
Susan Whitlock

Preservation – The Lourie Family Award
1984–2009
For dedication to historic preservation, a mahogany and ivory plaque made by Nancy Chase
Siasconset Union Chapel – 2008
Nancy and Peter Rodts – 2009

The ‘Sconset Trust 25th anniversary
1984–2009

Robert and Phyllis Shetterly. Bob served as the Trust’s first President.
Sankaty Head Lighthouse Update

Two open days over Columbus Day Weekend saw more than 450 people climb to the top of the lighthouse. Many stopped at the nearby tent to buy an autographed copy of the just published “Keeping the Light” by Rob Benchley and Bob Felch or to make a donation to the ’Sconset Trust. Many thanks to all the volunteers who managed the traffic, manned the tent and made sure that every climb to the top of the lighthouse was made safely.

Prior to the Open Days, David Champoux redesigned the entrance to the bluff side of the property to direct walkers up the hill along an uncovered cobbledstone path.

Four interpretive signs have been designed and are being readied for installation on the property. They highlight the history of the lighthouse, the lightkeepers and their houses, the geology of Sankaty Head, and the shipwreck of the *H. P. Kirkham*.

—Submitted by Penny Scheerer
Board President David Cheek addresses over 80 attendees. Daintry Jensen and Caroline Ellis. Rhoads Zimmerman, new board member, and Paul Judy. Party attendees include new board members Joe Hale and Penny Scheerer and former board member Fred McRobie. Sherry Lourie and Bill Hobart. Board member Pam Hendrickson is amongst attendees.

Order Your Copy of Keeping the Light
the Trust’s hardcover, limited edition, pictorial history chronicling the move and preservation of Sankaty Head Lighthouse.

Order your copy of Sankaty History
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25th anniversary

The 20’s and early 30’s crowd gathered over Labor Day weekend for the second annual Young Associates Summer Cocktail Party. The event was hosted by Young Associates Co-Chairs Kendall Brown and Laurel Ried Langworthy at the Brown’s home. Over twenty Young Associates were in attendance. We plan to continue the tradition next summer and look forward to growing the Young Associates program over time.

If you would like to become involved in the Young Associates program, please contact Kendall and Laurel at sconsettrustyoungassociates@gmail.com.

Events

6 YEARS AND RUNNING
NEW YORK CITY
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For the past 5 years Trust friends have gathered in New York during the winter to celebrate our love for Sconset and Nantucket. The Trust Development Committee has decided to try something different in 2010. Thanks to the generosity of Pam and Doug Hendrickson, the event will be held on April 16, 2010, at their lovely upper eastside New York apartment. While the event is an opportunity for a weekend trip to the Big Apple to celebrate Sconset and make plans for the coming summer, it is also a fundraiser to help build our Land and Preservation funds.

Invitations will be sent to Trust members in good standing and attendance will be determined on a first reply basis.