



From the President

How about the summer of 2008? Yes, the fine weather marked this summer as one of the best in recent memory. Our thoughts at the Trust this spring were about looking back on the wonderful achievements of 2007 and finishing up the final phases of the Sankaty project. Now as we pass Labor Day and reflect on the past three months, it is clear in many ways that summer 2008 was even busier than last year at the Trust. A wonderful gala kicked off the summer in early July and it has been go, go, go all summer long.

And guess what? 2009 will mark the 25th anniversary of the 'Sconset Trust. If you think we'll rest on our laurels and put our feet up next year, it just isn't going to happen. We have big plans for next year and we'll post you at frequent and, hopefully non-intrusive intervals, throughout the winter and into next year. I feel another summer-beginning gala coming in July 2009!

All the signs are the 'Sconset Trust is in a very strong position with a whole new cadre of supporters from across the island and an emboldened mission to do our best to protect 'Sconset for future generations. Your Trust board met in early August at a retreat to review our vision, mission and near term goals. Clearly "protecting 'Sconset" is the take-away as we move to a more proactive model for land conservation and preservation of historic structures in our village. All of us are stewards of the beautiful and enchanting village of 'Sconset. Educating the island community on how we individually and collectively can protect 'Sconset, is what the Trust commits to in the future. In addition reaching out to the younger members of our community assures that today's achievements and advances will continue in the future.

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As always, we thank our supports, new and old, who enable us to achieve our mission. The community's full engagement in the saving and restoring of Sankaty Light is a legacy that will "shine" for future generations. The opening of the Sankaty Lighthouse property in October will mark a major milestone in the project. While we will be nearing the finish line, site plan implementation and interior restoration at the Lighthouse will continue into 2009.

August 2008 saw the official launch of the Young Associates of the 'Sconset Trust under the leadership of Laurel Ried and Kendall Brown. Over 30 young people (defined by the age range of 21 to 35 years old) joined us at the first event where we talked about the Trust's mission and what this group can do to help their peers get what it's all about. This is an impressive start and the group will work through the winter months at small gatherings around the country to identify specific actions young members can take to help the Trust grow and deliver on the promise.

Perhaps you have noticed, these newsletters always arrive with a giving envelope. If you have not given in the 2008 calendar year, please do so before the end of the year. Your commitment as a lifetime member of the Trust is important to us and to you. Don't miss a year. While many of us made a valuable and significant "reach" to provide support to the Sankaty Light campaign, our annual needs remain and grow. If you are not sure what your membership status is, please call or e-mail the office.

**Join in as we celebrate the 25th anniversary
of the founding the Trust in 2009.**

'Sconset Trust Young Associates

The 'Sconset Trust Young Associates were officially launched on August 30 at a party hosted by co-chairs Laurel Ried and Kendall Brown. They are planning 3 to 4 yearly events on and off island for people ages 21 through 35 who have an interest in conservation and preservation on Nantucket with a focus on 'Sconset. To get involved please email Kendall at kbrown2@gmail.com, or Laurel at laurel.ried@groveinvestors.com



*Top right: Kendall Brown, Sarah Felch Rawlings, and Hillary MacDonald
At right: The Young Associates first meeting.*

SANKATY HEAD LIGHTHOUSE Open Days

Come join us in opening the Lighthouse at its new home.

**Saturday, October 11th
10–3 p.m.**

The Trust welcomes donors and volunteers

**Sunday, October 12th
10–3 p.m.**

The Trust welcomes the public.

*On both days, we invite guests
to climb the Lighthouse*

The 'Sconset Trust



Board of Trustees UPDATE

At our July 18th annual meeting we welcomed new members to our board of trustees and said thank you to some hard working trustees finishing up their terms.

NEW TRUSTEES

Kathy Arvay
Patti Brown
Barry Cooper
Pam Hendrickson
Bonnie Levison

RETIRING TRUSTEES

Carol Benchley
Elisabeth Bittner Joun
Lydia Rhodes Petty
J. Perry Ruddick
Julie D. Simmons
Walter C. Wilson

SECOND TERM TRUSTEES

Michael A. F. Roberts
Amy Tercek



Roger Block, Lucy Dillon, Bob Felch, and Paul Judy at the Annual Meeting



Joanne and Derby Wilson host former and current board members September 1



Carol Benchley and Erika Mooney at the Annual Meeting



Patron's Party for Leadership Donors, August 8, 2008



David, Betsy and Alix St. Clair at tenth annual Fun Day



'Sconset Geology Walk, July 14, 2008

'Sconset News



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Land Committee Update

The Land Committee is fully focused on the Trust's mission of conserving open land. The committee has established three primary goals for 2009:

- **An updated database of 'Sconset properties**
- **Conservation of the Coffin Property**
- **Conservation of the Loran Station**

The new database will show current zoning and development potential for all properties in 'Sconset. This will enable us to establish conservation and preservation priorities. This database will be updated annually.

The 120 acre **Coffin Property** on Milestone Road includes the 66 acre public golf course and the adjacent 54 acre parcel to the east. With wetlands approval from the Nantucket Conservation Commission, the property is ready for subdivision. These 150 acres include half acre and 3 acre zoning lots that could see extensive development. We are continuing our best efforts to conserve this land, working closely with the Nantucket Golf Club, the Nantucket Land Bank and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation. We plan

to work proactively with these groups to minimize development for all of the Coffin property, conserving as much open space as possible.

The 190 acre **Loran Station** is currently owned by the federal government with some portions leased to the town of Nantucket. Currently used by the U.S. Coast Guard, there is concern this property could be declared surplus government land and be open for development. Town planners have been studying potential use which includes recreational uses, open space and affordable housing. The Trust is working closely with the 'Sconset Civic Association on an area plan that would include recommendations to the Town. We are also in discussions with town officials and Low Beach Road residents.

To deal with these challenges we are working closely with other island conservation groups, government officials and the members of the Trust. We will keep you updated. These parcels represent two of the four largest properties (over 50 acres) with development potential remaining on the island. It will take the support of the entire island and all of you to conserve them.

—Submitted by David Cheek

Preservation Committee News

The 'Sconset Trust 2008 Annual Meeting marked the introduction of the **Lourie Preservation Award**. This award honors the Lourie Family who were the first members of the 'Sconset community to place an Historic Preservation Easement on a private residence.

In 2002, Donald Lourie and Sherry Lourie with their children's blessings gave an Historic Preservation Restriction or easement to the 'Sconset Trust on the façade and front lawn of Atlantic House on Main Street, thus preventing the property's potential division into six house lots by future owners possible under current zoning. The purpose of the gift was to preserve the beauty and historic character of Main Street. The Trust in accepting the easement agreed to confirm by an annual inspection of that the lawn and the façade remain intact. The rear and sides of the property could be changed in any manner allowable

by current building department regulations, thus allowing a guesthouse or pool as examples.

The 2008 recipient of the Lourie Award is the Siasconset Chapel, whose board of directors and devoted parishioners through great effort and dedication were able to acquire an easement for the chapel in 2007. The easement will assure that the chapel, celebrating its 125th year, will be protected from future alteration and will remain an integral component of this very special place.

The newly formed Preservation Committee is working cooperatively with the Nantucket Preservation Trust to promote the popular architectural walking tours of the village and in 2009, will co-host the NPT's annual fete in the historic district of Sconset. This wonderful event will include historic house tours as well as a "block party."

—Submitted by Kathy Arvay and Caroline Ellis



Events

Save the Dates!

Trust Soirees 2009

Washington, D.C. Soiree
March 2009

FIFTH ANNUAL
New York City Soiree
at the Metropolitan Club
April 17, 2009

More details to follow



Virginia Rawlings on 4th of July in 'Sconset

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