



The 'Sconset Trust
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In 'Sconset

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Aerial photo taken for the Trust by George Riethof on Saturday, June 15, 2013.

'Sconset 2013

* FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robert D. Felch | info@sconsettrust.org

For a relatively small village and a community that shrinks down to about 50 souls in the winter, much is happening in 'Sconset right now. Over the past year our village has been in the news at the top of the front page of the *I & M* on at least five occasions.

The Trust plays an important role in a unique way to protect our village through its focus on conservation and preservation. The Coffin land is now in conservation in perpetuity and the adjacent old public links are being well managed by the Land Bank. The LORAN tower is down and the land is destined for some form of conservation, whether in the hands of the Trust or under the auspices of a federal department dedicated to protecting natural bounty. Not too many vacant lots remain in the core village. The fringes are being built out, in most cases, with neighborhood-appropriate dwellings. The greenbelt is staying green for the most part – a Trust legacy. We celebrate our

stewardship at various events during the year that help to remind you about what we cherish about our island experience.

The Siasconset Civic Association ties our community together for matters of civic importance such as beautification, safety, parking and our general quality of life. The Siasconset Casino and the Siasconset Union Chapel provide gathering places for civic, spiritual, theatrical, educational, social and athletic pursuits. The Siasconset Historical Research Group gives us the gift of looking back at a vintage, colonial New England seashore village and it is a charming and bucolic framework for a view into our future. Our restaurants bring us together to enjoy 'Sconset summer days of family and fellowship. And the Siasconset Beach Preservation group plays a critical preservation role as the forces of Mother Nature put an accent on the fragility of our coastline.

There's a fine balance here in 'Sconset

between a relaxing, cozy, warm feeling; the away-from-the-hubbub slow pace of life; the quintessential gathering of family and friends against the backdrop of the important pay-attention need to assess and protect our village today and for the future. 'Sconset headlines are good and bad. 'Sconset is struggling with the geopolitics of the environment vs. the human footprint that plays out in the global community daily. We are a microcosm of the tug of war between our stewardship of our natural resources and serving, protecting and housing the humans who want to live here whether for a life-time or a month or two each summer. See my article on the erosion issue on Nantucket on page 12.

Have a peaceful and relaxing summer here in 'Sconset and take from your experience rich memories. Please help all our local organizations who care for the future of our village with your support and encouragement.

Inside the Trust

* LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

29 Years of Conservation

David Cheek | davidcheekst@gmail.com

The Trust enters its 29th year deeply committed to its mission of land conservation and historic preservation in 'Sconset. Having acquired the Coffin property, now named **Ruddick Commons**, last May we are now highly focused on conserving the 190-acre LORAN property and saving Baxter Road. Never has the leadership role and mission of the Trust been more vital to 'Sconset. We are actively engaged with the Federal Government and the town on LORAN, and we are making good progress on our objectives. With Baxter Road now vulnerable from the rapid erosion of the Sankaty Head bluff we are working closely with the 'Sconset community and the town on possible solutions for both Baxter Road and beach erosion.

Our **Coffin Campaign** will end this year and it has been very successful thanks to the leadership of co-chairs **Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman** and our consultant, **Betsy Grubbs**. We plan to finish strong and hope to achieve our \$8 million goal. We thank our 297 donors to date including 38 "Keepers of the Land" with pledges above \$100,000 — your support is greatly appreciated! We will celebrate the Campaign at our "Night under the Light" event on July 21, and we are grateful to **Patti and Doug Brown** for being co-chairs of that event. I would like to thank our Board and committee chairs for all of their dedication and hard work on all of our activities. Our board members are very engaged and care deeply about 'Sconset.

Vice-Chair **Mary Will** and I complete our board terms on July 5. As officers we will be succeeded by **Mark Filipski**, President and Chair, and **Patti Brown**, Vice-Chair. **Elliot Gewirtz** will succeed Mark as Treasurer and

Finance Committee Chair and **Penny Scheerer** will continue as Secretary and Clerk. It has been an honor for Mary and me to serve on the board. The leadership team, which also includes **Jim Poole** as

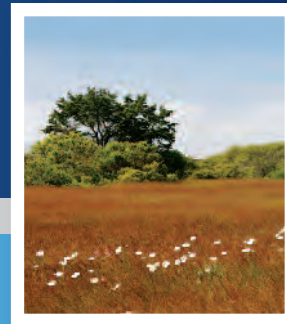
Chair of the Land Committee, is strong and will do a great job on the important agendas that lie ahead for the Trust.

Finally, I would like to close by recognizing and thanking our Executive Director, **Bob Felch**, for his extraordinary dedication, leadership, and passion for 'Sconset and the Trust. Bob has a deep knowledge of 'Sconset and its history and is well known in the community; he also has excellent working relationships with the other land conservation groups on island and with town officials. He is highly respected both on Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard where he recently advised several groups on moving a lighthouse there. Bob is an incredible ambassador for the 'Sconset Trust and has been a strong leader for the Trust over the past ten years, a period during which much has been accomplished. 'Sconset is certainly a better place as a result of Bob's efforts and we are indeed fortunate to have his leadership. It has truly been both a pleasure and a privilege for me to work closely with Bob over the past six years.

This is especially the case as we face the serious challenges of saving Baxter Road and dealing with beach erosion. We thank all of you for your loyal support of the Trust and we look forward to seeing you in 'Sconset this year!



David Cheek



ROB BENCHLEY



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Land Update

Land Committee Report

Jim Poole | Land Committee Chair

Twenty-two and 2013 have been very exciting years for the Trust. We have, with the assistance of our faithful constituency and the Nantucket Island Land Bank (NILB), purchased what we now call **Ruddick Commons**, and the old 'Sconset Golf Course. NILB took over the golf course and will continue to operate it as a public 9 hole golf course on about 75 acres. The Trust acquired the remaining roughly 45 acres as open land.

The Trust is in its later stages of raising \$8MM for its share of the acquisition. With the stimulation of a major Challenge Grant of \$1.5MM, given by 'Sconset residents—**Barbara and Amos Hostetter** and **Connie and Dennis Keller**, the goal became very realistic. The enthusiasm and generosity of our donors has to date been tremendous. We are not quite to our stated goal, but the positive success is within our grasp. We continue to need some strong support to reach the full goal.

The Trust is looking to make Ruddick Commons open to the public. We are examining various ideas to make the land accessible and interesting to the community of 'Sconset and Nantucket. We hope by our Fall Newsletter, we will be able to announce the course of action to make the space user friendly and interesting to all.

We continue to seek additional land in our area to place into conservancy. The USCG land formerly used by the LORAN Tower is an excellent target for us.

We THANK YOU for all of your help.

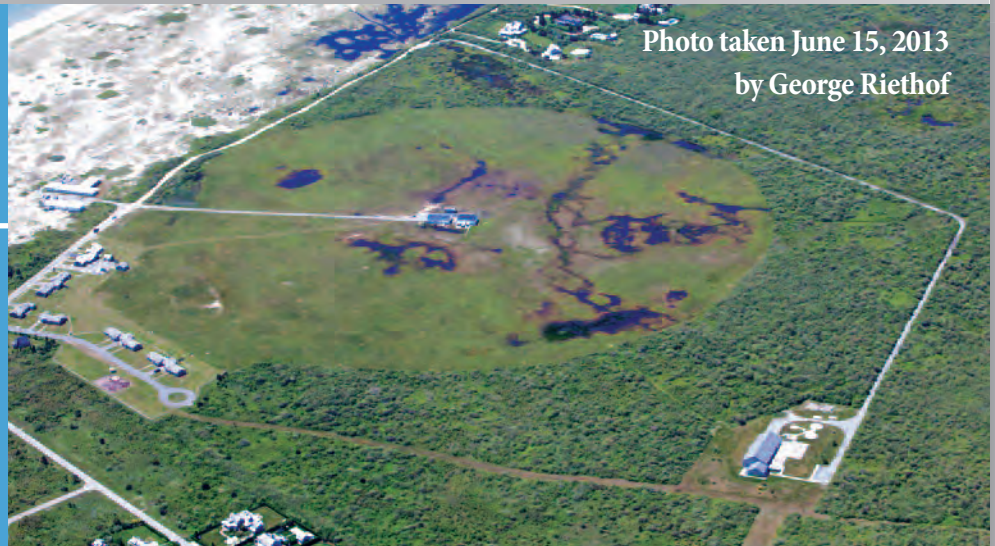


Photo taken June 15, 2013

by George Riethof

'Sconset LORAN Station Facts

The LORAN Station located at Low Beach 'Sconset is owned by the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) which falls under the Department of Homeland Security. It comprises 190 acres of meadow and dune coastal land with significant wetlands and endangered flora and fauna species.

1. The station was established in 1947 and the tower (635 feet tall) was built in 1963.

2. The LORAN navigation system was disestablished on February 8, 2010, at the 'Sconset Low Beach station.

3. The tower was taken down in May 2013.

4. The 'Sconset Trust has sent a letter of interest to the USCG and has had several meetings with USCG officials.

5. The offices of the two Massachusetts US Senators and the US Representative were informed of our interest in purchasing open land at LORAN in 2010.

6. Of the 190 acres, several parcels are slated to be transferred to the town of Nantucket because of Town use of one parcel for its 'Sconset wastewater facility and two other lots for housing of town police staffing

and police evidence storage. In addition, the Federal government would retain its housing footprint. The acreage breakdown is as follows:

- a.** Coast Guard/TSA housing: roughly 33 acres
- b.** Town use land: 55 acres
- c.** Remainder: 102 acres

7. The USGC has not committed to a timetable to sell, transfer or trade this property.

8. The Trust has determined that the favored path forward is to ask Congressman William Keating to support specific legislation to place the 'Sconset Trust as the lead future recipient of open land at the time the U. S. Coast Guard and other parties agree to a transfer. The Congressman's office is currently (June 2013) finalizing the draft legislation and reviewing the matter with the USCG.



ROB BENCHLEY

New Historic Designation for the Island

Michael May | Executive Director
Nantucket Preservation Trust

The long awaited update of the National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation for Nantucket was approved and signed by the Secretary of the Interior on October 16, 2012. Although the island has been recognized as a national treasure since 1966 – the first year the National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmark programs were implemented – only Nantucket’s structures built prior to 1900 were considered contributing to the island’s historic character. The update extends the period of significance from 1900 to 1975; it also recognizes the significance of Nantucket’s 19th and 20th century resort industry and the island’s national role in the evolution of land conservation and historic preservation – in addition to Nantucket’s whaling era.

The NHL designation does not change local controls, but it can provide benefits for property owners of architecturally significant buildings of the 20th century. The distinction means these buildings can be considered contributing in the

eyes of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), an important step when “relief” from building codes is sought for historic structures or when owners wish to place preservation easements on the post-1900 structures. Prior to the update, the MHC could not approve these requests. The update will also make federal tax credits available for owners of 20th century structures, who wish to participate in historic rehabilitation projects.

Although the extended date will not necessarily make a property owner eligible for these benefits, as the structure would still need to be deemed historic, it is a critical step for preserving these structures and a great honor. National Historic Landmarks remain the highest designation for historic buildings and districts in the country.

The NHL update project was begun by the Nantucket Preservation Trust in 2008 with a grant from the Community Preservation Fund and was supported by the ’Sconset Trust.

Annual Preservation Month Historic House Tour

Kathy Arvay
Preservation Committee Chairs



Dexioma



Shanunga



The Maples

Sunday, June 16th, the 'Sconset Trust held its annual **Preservation Month Historic House Tour**. Free to the public, the tour gives Nantucketers and visitors the opportunity to see Sankaty Lighthouse as well as the unique architecture of 'Sconset homes. Three whaling cottages on Broadway were open for viewing.

The cottage called *Shanunga*, also known as the Betsy Cary House, built around 1680, is one of the oldest and most original cottages in 'Sconset. It once served as a tavern and a post office before becoming a private home.

Right next door and another of 'Sconset oldest homes is *The Maples* or the Eliza Mitchell House. It retains many original architectural features such as the wood paneled "borning room."

Dexioma from the Greek meaning "welcome" and also known as the Captain George Wilbur Hous" was also open for touring. The home's architecture shows evidence that it dates to the first half of the eighteenth century. The cottage now has the original boat house serving as its kitchen.

The Trust would like to thank the homeowners for sharing their historically significant and very early examples of 'Sconset whaling cottages with us. **Michael Darling** for *Shanunga*, **Leslie Mayer** for *The Maples*, and **Mary and George Williams** and **Michael May and Hously Carr** for *Dexioma*. We would also like to thank our volunteers **Mimi Young**, **Victoria Pickwick**, **Emma Ward**, **Mary and Duncan Will**, and **Sherry Rodts Kelly**.

'Sconset Architectural Summer Walking Tours

July 5, August 2, September 6
4 p.m. at Pump Square
\$10 per person
ALL WALKS ON FRIDAYS

Join NPT Executive Director **Michael May**, who shares his knowledge of this unique fishing settlement at the eastern edge of the island. The 75-minute tour focuses on the early "whalehouses" as well as the village's boom as a seaside resort and actors colony at the end of the 1800s. Meet at 'Sconset's Pump Square (New and Shell Streets).



Sunday, July 21, 2013

6:30 P.M. at Sankaty Head Golf Club



PATTI AND DOUG BROWN

BARBARA AND ELLIOT GEWIRTZ

MARY WILL

LYNN WILSON

'Sconset Light

DR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ARVAY
JANET AND SAM BAILEY
PATTI AND DOUG BROWN
KATHY AND DAVID CHEEK
MARK AND LYNN FILIPSKI
MATT AND SAM FREMONT-SMITH
ELLIOT AND BARBARA GEWIRTZ

'Sconset Rose

MR. AND MRS. EUGENE ATKINSON
ANNE AND ERIC BAURMEISTER
JUDY AND JOHN BELASH
MR. AND MRS. MARK L. BONO
CHARLES BYRNE AND ELLEN MITCHELL
THE CAPE COD FIVE CENTS
SAVINGS BANK
CHERYL CLARKSON AND
DAVID TOWNSEND M.D.
DR. AND DR. STEPHEN COLEN
JANE CONDON AND KENNETH BARTELS
LUCY AND MARK ENGEBRETSON
JOHN AND MARGE FALK
CECE AND MACK FOWLER
KAREL AND FRANK GREENBERG
RAY AND BETSY GRUBBS
JANE AND LARRY GUIDO
JEFF AND PATTY HAINES
LINDA AND JOE HALE
COURTNEY AND MARCO HANIG

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MARY MCAULIFFE
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NANCY NEWHOUSE
MARY ANN AND PAUL JUDY
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KENNETH AND CAROL KINSLEY
DANNY KORENGOLD AND
MARTHA DIPPELL
THOMAS AND KATHI LOUGHLIN
BILL AND MARILEE MATTESON
CAROLYN AND THOMAS MEEHAN
BUNNY AND DUFF MEYERCORD
RALPH AND LAURA MUELLER
SHELLEY AND C. O. NORTH
JIM AND KATHLEEN POOLE
NOREEN AND JACK POULSON
JENNY AND MICHAEL PRICE
KENNEDY RICHARDSON

LAURA AND GREG SPIVY
JAMES STRASENBURGH
MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. WALKER III
SUZY AND JACK WELCH
WALTER AND DONNA WICK
DERBY AND JOANNE WILSON
LYNN AND JIM WILSON

DEBORAH AND WILLIAM ROBERTS
MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL A. F. ROBERTS
GEORGE AND ALICE ROCHAT
PENNY SCHEERER AND
JOHN SCHWANBECK
PAUL AND RACHEL SHERIDAN
DON AND MARY SHOCKEY
CATHARINE AND JEFFREY SOROS
DAVID AND ALIX ST. CLAIR
BARBARA AND DICK STOCKTON
JOHN AND LYNNE STAHLER
PHILIP AND JENNIFER TEMPLETON
ALISON AND CHARLIE TOWNSEND
CATHY AND STEPHEN WEINROTH
STEPHANIE AND JAY WILSON
JOE AND BETSY WRIGHT
PAIGE YATES
MARCELLA AND RHOADS ZIMMERMAN

Thank you!



Please mark your calendars for July 21st when we celebrate the successes of the Coffin Land Campaign with the fourth annual Night under the Light at Sankaty Head Golf Club! Come for cocktails, fabulous food and music by Perry Rossi.



2013 Red Fiat 500
Convertible

A
NIGHT
under the
LIGHT
Raffle



From the Gala Chairs

The Trust has once again put together an incredible silent auction with one of a kind items and Nantucket favorites.

Here's your chance to take that wonderful trip you have been waiting for, with two First Class tickets that will fly you to almost anywhere in the world. Or, if you want to "pilot" a commercial jet, try out a US Airways simulator, guaranteed to be a once in a lifetime experience! There will be some beautiful jewelry to bid on during the Gala, or you can go to New York City to attend a private estate jewelry showing and "try-on" at Sotheby's. Why not bid on great theatre seats at the highly acclaimed Broadway show "Pippen," complete with backstage passes and an overnight stay in the Big Apple! The highly sought after trip to famous Blackberry Farm will be available again this year to a lucky bidder. We have lined up all sorts of sporting options, from golf, to baseball, football & sailing. As always, there will be a number of Nantucket items. The evening will be capped off by the raffle drawing of Fiat 500C convertible, the only car that can fit in a parking space in town during August!

Many thanks to the dozens of people who have helped make this event possible. We also appreciate everyone who will attend the party. Your generous contributions support the mission and important work of the 'Sconset Trust.

See you at the Gala!
Patti & Doug Brown



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Gala Raffle Tickets

1 ticket \$100 2 tickets \$150
4 tickets \$250 10 tickets \$500
25 tickets \$1000

(Winner need not be present to win)

Gala Sponsorships

\$1000 'Sconset Light (4 GALA TICKETS)
\$500 'Sconset Rose (2 GALA TICKETS)

Individual Gala Tickets

\$150 Per person

Please RSVP by July 15!

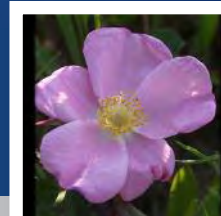
"One of a Kind" Silent Auction Items

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Ruddick Commons Update



ROB BENCHLEY



A New Name for a Milestone

The Coffin estate land located at 270 Milestone Road and now owned by the 'Sconset Trust has a new name: **Ruddick Commons**. After discussing the idea with the Ruddick family and receiving an enthusiastic go-ahead, the Trust Board approved the name adoption at its June 30, 2012 board meeting.

Our campaign to support the \$7.3MM+ purchase of the open acreage will continue to be known as the Coffin Land Campaign. Read more in this Ruddick Commons Update insert about the campaign, the Land Bank's management of the public golf course and a non-'Sconset perspective on the importance of conserving open land on the east end of the island.

Your support is key to this historic conservation effort.

Contributions can be made online at our Web site or with the enclosed envelope.
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Coffin Land Campaign

Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman
Campaign Co-Chairs

As we head into summer and make our final push to complete the Coffin Land Campaign, we would like to thank each of YOU for your participation and generosity in making this campaign so successful. You are the strength behind the work of the Trust and it is and continues to be a pleasure for us to chair this Campaign. We have a wonderful campaign committee, a committed Board, and leadership from our executive director and campaign counsel.

CAMPAIGN FACTS

- We have a goal of \$8,000,000
- We have raised \$7,493,000 to date
- We have a challenge match of gifts of \$100,000+
- We have had 100% participation from the 'Sconset Trust Board
- The Board has committed \$1,000,000+
- We have 38 "Keepers of the Land," gifts of \$100,000+
- We have 11 gifts of \$50,000–99,999
- We have 29 gifts of \$25,000–49,999
- We have 20 gifts of \$10,000–24,999
- We have 24 gifts of \$5,000–9,999
- We have 159 gifts from \$100–4,999



ROB BENCHLEY



WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED

- You have protected 120 acres off of Milestone Road
- You have worked in partnership with the Land Bank in an island-wide conservation effort
- You have helped in the preservation of the old Siasconset Golf Course (Skinners) opened in 1898
- You have protected the green space leading into 'Sconset
- You have prevented the development of 42 lots and 84 dwellings

THE FUTURE

- We must raise \$500,000 to complete the campaign and retire the debt
- We look to those who have not been a part of the campaign to join us

Ruddick Commons Update



ROB BENCHLEY

'Sconset Golf Course Update

Eric Savetsky | Executive Director
Nantucket Island Land Bank

The May 1, 2012, acquisition of the 120-acre Coffin family property represented a wonderful collaboration between the 'Sconset Trust and the Nantucket Land Bank, forever preserving this scenic gateway to 'Sconset as well as the historic 'Sconset Golf Course. Both agencies had worked toward this end for nearly a decade and with 'Sconset Trusts' strong leadership the project was finally brought to fruition.

Summer 2012 was the first season of operations for the Land Bank as new owner of the 'Sconset Golf Course. We are taking advantage of our existing golf management resources by using the same team that successfully runs Miacomet Golf Course. The one thing the Land Bank heard most clearly from the public regarding the future of 'Sconset Golf Course was "don't change it." Golf course superintendent Sean Oberly has focused on improving the existing greens which still contain many types of old bent grasses which have been lost on most courses due to more aggressive agronomic maintenance practices. The existing greens have survived with little input for over 100 years and our goal is to refine the surfaces while still promoting the sustainability of minimal input. Greens are the most important part of any golf course and players of all levels will be able to enjoy the improved greens and their old world grasses.

Work is also being performed on the fairways and roughs

including creating a primary rough to slow the ball prior to reaching the taller secondary rough. In addition, extra tees will be added to at least two holes to facilitate gaining USGA accreditation, allowing players to enter their scores for handicap purposes and future tournament play. The fairways will remain non-irrigated and afford golfers a nostalgic golf experience. The overall playability of all playing surfaces has been dramatically improved and we anticipate even better results during the 2013 season as our management team continues their efforts.

Unfortunately, the old barn succumbed to ferocious back to back storms in October 2012. Hurricane Sandy and an even stronger nor'easter a week later, packing winds of well over 90 miles per hour, finally brought down the barn. A thorough inspection of the building remnants revealed that all of the structural members were riddled with powder post beetle damage and nothing was salvageable. The decision was made to abandon the idea of resurrecting the barn because the result would have been a brand new replica of the old barn which would have no true historic value. In addition, the location of the barn detracted from the playability of the course and made its use operationally impractical.

The Land Bank will now focus its efforts on restoring the clubhouse to its former glory creating an inviting place for golfers to relax and socialize.

Ruddick Commons Update



Coffin Land in foreground and the northwest of 'Sconset — aerial photo taken by George Riethof on June 13, 2013.

We care about 'Sconset

Janet & Sam Bailey

Nantucket friends recently asked why we and many others support the 'Sconset Trust acquisition of the Coffin Land in 'Sconset when many of us live in the Town of Nantucket or the North, West or other areas of the island.

We've been coming to the island for 40 plus years. Nantucket is and will remain the finest surviving architectural and environmental example of America's most beautiful and vibrant seaport community, beginning even before the American Revolution. Amazingly, the permanent preservation of our community really began in the 1960's with imaginative and generous leaders like Roy Larson, Walter Beinecke, and many others. These leaders started the Nantucket Conservation Foundation (1963), Nantucket Land Council (1974), the Nantucket Land Bank (1983), the 'Sconset Trust (1984) and the Madaket Conservation Land Trust (1985). Nantucket's conservation organizations continue to be run by able, imaginative and generous leaders and members who are passionate about preserving the island's heritage.

The 'Sconset Trust, beginning in 1984, has acquired 16 parcels totaling 130 acres with the most recent being the Coffin Land of 45 acres adjacent to the 'Sconset Golf Club. The Coffin acquisition, at a cost of \$7.3 million, was accomplished in cooperation with the Land Bank which acquired the 'Sconset Golf Club, (71 acres) for \$8.7 million

and will continue to operate it as a public golf course. This combined acquisition preserves the historic golf course, built in 1894, and the adjacent open space which might over time have been developed into 42 lots and 84 dwellings. The 'Sconset Trust raised \$6 million in donations and borrowed \$2 million to complete the purchase and needs our help to retire the debt. The 'Sconset Trust saved the Sankaty Head Lighthouse from falling off the cliff six years ago. Next to be saved is the United States Coast Guard LORAN Station with its 190 acres of beach front property.

We all come to Nantucket because we love the beaches and dunes, the grasslands, the wildflowers, ponds, woods, moors, cranberry bogs, animals and birds. We love to ride our bikes or walk around the island on the bike paths and through Sanford Farm or play golf on one of the beautiful open golf courses. We drive our four-wheel drive vehicles to Great Point to fish or to view the seals and birds or to have a picnic. We go by boat to Coatue or Tuckernuck or Muskeget to clam, scallop, fish and swim. Can you imagine what Nantucket would be like if its open space or even a large part of its remaining privately owned open space is developed with houses?

We believe supporting island conservation is a most important passion shared by all who love Nantucket.

Trust Holdings

- 1** 5.33 acres, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Amos B. Hostetter, 1985
- 2** Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Cashman, 1986
- 3** Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson, 1986
- 4** 21.23 acres, purchased, 1988
- 5** .15 acre, donated by Mr. John A. Herndon, 1990
- 6** 9.05 acres, purchased, 1991
- 7** 11.98 acres, bequest of Mrs. Ruth L. Saunders, 1992
- 8** 14.66 acres, gift from Mary & Peter Heller, 1994
- 9** .46 acre, purchased, 1998
- 10** .32 acre, donated by Mr. Stephen B. Cohen, 1998
- 11** .87 acre, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Porter, 2000
- 12** 1.17 acres, donated by Dr. Richard A.R. Fraser, 2000
- 13** 1.02 acres, donated by Mostly "C" LLC, 2001
- 14** 4.71 acres, purchased, 2002
- 15** 1.59 acre, received from 'Sconset Hydrangeas LLC, 2006
- 16** 12.5 acres, donated by the United States Coast Guard, 2007
- 16** 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



Sankaty Head Lighthouse

Daffodil Donations

2010 Donations

HONORARY

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Foster

In honor of Carol Lathrop on her 94th birthday

The Will family

In memory of Peggy and Arthur Arnoff

Ms. Linda Arnoff Mackay



2011 Donations

HONORARY

In honor of Hayden and Carsen Critchell

Ms. Nancy Newhouse

In honor of Bob Felch

Ms. Lesley Blanchard

Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hollings

Mr. and Mrs. David Hulme

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Keleher

Mr. and Mrs. Brian MacDonald

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mackay

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKenney

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Whitlock

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Will

Champoux 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

MEMORIAL

In memory of Peggy and Arthur Arnoff

Ms. Linda Arnoff Mackay

In memory of Ed and Beth Danforth

The Breckers and The Hendrickses

In memory of Thomas J. Kelly, Lightkeeper

Ms. Barbara K. McDonald

In memory of Tom Martin

Ms. Janet Eyre

In memory of Betty McClennen Moore

Ms. Siobhan Moore

In memory of Dorothy Palmroos

Mrs. Kathy Arvay

In memory of Bernice Pedigo

Mrs. Patti Brown

In memory of Doug Reid

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leib

In memory of 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

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ROB BENCHLEY

Lighthouse Update

Penny Scheerer
Lighthouse Committee Chair

Last fall **David and Ben Champoux** installed two sets of stone stairs on the hillside that runs up to the fence. Heavy foot traffic had worn away the grass allowing rain to erode the hillside. The new, natural looking steps are an elegant solution to the problem.

Joe Jakubik, International Chimney Corp's chief engineer, did a thorough inspection of the lighthouse in June this year. A new exterior door will replace the current one, a small broken window will be replaced, patches of the exterior wall will be repaired, a section of the spiral staircase steps will get a touch up, and a paint specialist will study why some of the red paint is running and the white paint is turning chalky. In the fall a power washer will be used to determine where rain is managing to enter the lantern house during storms. Overall, Joe was impressed by how well the lighthouse is doing nearly 6 years after its move.

Daffodil Program

Despite a harsh and stormy winter, thousands of daffodils bloomed once more in late March and early April at Sankaty Lighthouse. For the third year a thousand more daffodils were planted in a drift "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.

At the April **Nantucket Garden Club's Daffodil Flower Show** the 'Sconset Trust Award was awarded for the first time. It was won by Grace Noyes for her Premiere daffodil.

Donations to the Trust can be made in these increments:

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

Saving Baxter Road



Photo by George Riethof, June 15, 2013

My View

Robert D. Felch | info@sconsettrust.org

The winter of 2013 brought a grim reminder of the harsh reality of the march of Mother Nature at our eastern flank. A slow motion process took on a scary and accelerated speed that speaks to a possibly troubling future for many of our residents and our village.

The Conservation commissions throughout our state are charged with protecting our natural resources within the context of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. They provide a very valuable service. Unfortunately, the act and the regulatory overview process suggest that retreat from coastlines is the primary solution.

I believe Baxter Road can be saved in its current location and it is not too late. I believe the lighthouse does not need to be moved again. The venerable Sankaty Head Lighthouse is not about human safety or socio-economic issues or the

environment. It is about our historical heritage and what brings many visitors to our village. And Baxter Road is an integral part of that.

Yes, 'Sconset is ground zero. The remaining 30 homes north of Bayberry Lane have a real problem.

Perhaps you don't know that the Trust is the largest land holder on Baxter Road — the Sankaty Head lighthouse property, a vacant bluff-side lot south of Sankaty, a below bluff parcel at the southern end of Baxter and 11 acres between Baxter and Sankaty Road. Roughly 22 acres of land on Baxter are owned by the Trust

Certainly Sankaty light will shine whether there is a road or not. It would be a little tricky to have a road running alongside the lighthouse — which is one of the options being reviewed by the town. But we know it will not survive over time if we have a Town policy of prohibiting shoreline protective engineering.

We should do everything within our power to promote

Saving Baxter Road

responsible erosion mitigation projects that protect our island – whether homes in 'Sconset, the airport runway, the sewer beds, our public roads, the harbor of Nantucket or all of the other shoreline inhabitants on this island. This does not mean that we must armor the entire island as one leading and vocal opponent to the 'Sconset project told me. This conservation leader told me the real problem with the plan to protect the toe of the bluff in 'Sconset is that “it will work.” He concluded: how will the regulatory bodies say “no” to future requests like it? My answer is all such applications will have to be reviewed on the sole and specific merits of each plan. And there are clearly significant stretches of Nantucket shoreline, including in 'Sconset, where thoughtful planning will allow existing beaches with no nearby threatened properties or infrastructure to be permanently maintained.

A plan has been developed by the Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) working collaboratively with the Town of Nantucket, the Trust, the 'Sconset Civic Association, Sankaty Head Golf Club and private homeowners to protect Baxter Road by the installation of a bluff stabilization revetment system in advance of this winter's storm season. A viable plan for doing

so is now being reviewed by the Selectmen with the expectation that the Town will support and possibly cosponsor an application to the Nantucket Conservation Commission in the coming weeks.

I believe a plan that is broadly supported by the community and is largely privately financed can be devised with the support and leadership of residents. However this community approach requires a sincere effort supported by the Town government to save Baxter Road from imminent closure as a core element. The alternative access routes are all likely to be contentious, technically problematic and likely of a temporary nature. Most in our community are convinced that stabilizing the bluff will work as it does elsewhere on the Massachusetts coast and will make the alternative access routes unnecessary. While developing alternative access plans is prudent and is supported by the Trust on a back-up basis, finalization of a plan can only be arranged if the primary effort is to keep Baxter Road open and the bluff protected.

Let's save Baxter Road. Responsible shoreline engineering is a core element of the future of human habitation in our village and at other erosion hotspots on Nantucket.

Have you seen the new Trust website?



Take a look, it's cool! The location is still sconsettrust.org. Check out the pages on our upcoming Gala for information about our Fiat 500 raffle and details on the silent auction items.

We thank the folks at Novation Media, Eileen Powers of Javatime, Trust board member Patti Brown, Trust campaign consultant Betsy Grubbs and Trust office manager Lorraine Milstead for many hours of work to bring us to the new website launch.

Hats on!

Show your support for the Trust with Sankaty Baseball Cap

Great looking baseball caps with Sankaty Head Lighthouse and 'Sconset Trust

comes 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.



Summer Events

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KRIS KINSLEY HANCOCK



July 4, Thursday, 9:30 A.M.	'Sconset 4th of July Bike Parade decorating will begin at Casino parking lot
July 4, Thursday, 10:00 A.M.	'Sconset 4th of July Trust Fun Day at Sconset Chapel field, SPONSORED BY 'SCONSET TRUST
July 5, Friday, 5:00 P.M.	'Sconset Trust 29th Annual Meeting of Members business meeting to start at 6 P.M.
July 7, Sunday, 5:00 P.M.	Tom Meehan, Tony and Emmy-Award Winning Writer PRESENTED BY THE SIASCONSET UNION CHAPEL
July 10, Wed., 7:00 P.M.	Civic Association Membership Meeting at the Casino
July 12, Friday, 6:00 P.M.	Siasconset Casino Association July Mixer
July 21, Sunday, 6:00 P.M.	A Night under the Light IV Sankaty Head Golf Club
July 28, Sunday, 5:00 P.M.	Sconset Jazz and Friends performance with Mollie Glazer, cello and vocal; Nigel Goss, bass; and Andy Bullington, guitar, among others PRESENTED BY THE SIASCONSET UNION CHAPEL
August 2, Friday, 4:00 P.M.	'Sconset Architectural Tour with Michael May meet at Pump Square, 'Sconset: \$10 PER PERSON
August 4, Sunday, 5:00 P.M.	Dan Yergin, Pulitzer Prize winner and author PRESENTED BY THE SIASCONSET UNION CHAPEL
August 6, Tuesday, 11:00 A.M.	'Sconset Family Nature Walk with Andrew Mckenna-Foster, Director of Natural Science Education and Programming at the Maria Mitchell Association
August 7, Wed., 6:00 P.M.	Civic Assoc. Annual Meeting and Cookout at the Casino
August 11, Sunday 5:00 P.M.	Siasconset Union Chapel Picnic
August 12, Monday, 7:00 P.M.	Annual 'Sconset History Night at the 'Sconset Casino
August 18, Sunday, 6:00 P.M.	Annual 'Sconset Trust Patrons' Party
September 6, Friday, 4:00 P.M.	'Sconset Architectural Tour with Michael May meet at Pump Square, 'Sconset: \$10 PER PERSON
October 12 & 13, Saturday and Sunday	Sankaty Head Lighthouse Open Days 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.




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5TH ANNUAL
'Sconset History Night
Monday, August 12
7 P.M. at the Casino
*From Bohemian Writer to Energetic
Entrepreneur: The Life and Escapades of
'Sconseter Edward F. Underhill*
Presented by
Betsy Tyler and Ben Simons

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