In the near future, there will be walking trails and parking so another gem within the village will be enjoyed by all for years to come thanks to the extreme generosity of the members of the Trust who have given to the land campaign.

As we look forward to the 30th anniversary of the ‘Sconset Trust, there remain both opportunities and challenges. We remain vigilant and ready to act if the U.S. Coast Guard decides to sell the LORAN property. The Board and selected leaders are pushing private and public solutions to the protection of this last big piece of land as part of our “protect the greenbelt” strategy.

On a more worrisome note, the Baxter Road bluff is at the mercy of the whims of Mother Nature. Political, environmental and personal discussions with property owners continue and the ‘Sconset Trust will continue to be involved as a landowner of approximately 13 acres at the North end of Baxter Road as well as our crown jewel, the Sankaty Lighthouse.

I thank all of you for your enthusiastic support of the Trust that magnifies our impact and reinforces what makes our village a special place. We also are fortunate to have dedicated Board members who work diligently on the issues facing the trust as well as fundraising. The ‘Sconset Trust is in excellent shape due to the work of my predecessor David Cheek and the always incredible Bob Felch, the gala chairs Doug and Patti Brown and silent auction chairs Elliott and Barbara Gewirtz, the Coffin Capital Campaign chairs Rhoads and Marcella Zimmerman and our advisor Betsy Grubbs. Our efforts this year exceeded our goals and show what a dedicated group of people can really do.

Help us finish our $8MM campaign on a strong note!

If you have not participated in the Coffin Land Campaign, please pledge now!
If you have participated or choose to participate now, we are most grateful for your gift or pledge. You have made this Campaign a success and the ‘Sconset Trust remains most appreciative of your generosity.

— Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman | Coffin Land Campaign Chairs
Land Update

Land Report

Jim Poole | Land Committee Chair

The Baxter Road SBPF has also become of great interest to us as we are the owners of one of the largest parcels of land along the ‘Sconset/Baxter Road bluff.

‘Sconset is a very important hamlet for all of us. Our mission is to preserve as much land as we can in the ‘Sconset environs and to try and create a community for all of us to enjoy for many generations to come. We had a wonderful year in 2012 when we were able to purchase the beautiful Coffin Land, which we have renamed Ruddick Commons. In raising the money for the land we told our wonderful donors, we would try to do something with the land to allow the community to enjoy access and utilization of that parcel as well as the adjoining Saunders parcel on Burnell Street. After walking the parcel with a committee from the Trust as well as members of the professional community who have had prior experience with these types of open land, we have concluded that the best utilization for it is to allow nature paths to be constructed on the site. It is our hope that for many, this will give pleasure, a recreational use and appreciation for the beauty of the land. We have asked the land surveyor to give us a total plat with elevations and wetlands delineated and from that, we will design and then construct walkways throughout the parcel without creating a commercial environment. There are wonderful natural visions for all of us to enjoy for ourselves and for our ever growing families. We hope this project will be finished for our use in early spring 2014.

As we were all happy to see this summer, the Coast Guard took down the unattractive and obsolete LORAN Tower. The Coast Guard is deciding whether this land is truly surplus, and if so, what will they do to dispose of the asset. We monitor this progress, slow as it is, on a weekly basis. We communicate with the Coast Guard as well as our local Congressman Keating to try to push the disposition of the land toward conservancy. To date Keating has been sympathetic to our calls and has been most helpful. It is hoped he will be able to bring some legislation to the Congressional floor which may assist us in the preservation of the land for open space. Others have interest in the land such as the Town of Nantucket which utilizes the out buildings on the property as well as the Sewer plant for ‘Sconset. We will continue to work hard to make sure this puzzle comes to a successful conclusion. Time will tell if our efforts will bear fruit.

The Trust believes the work of SPBF is beneficial to our preservation of the Sankaty Lighthouse. We have given them verbal support and we will watch to see if we may someday be included in the preservation efforts of that group. Right now we are not part of their current preservation effort, but with the course of nature as we have seen it the past decade or so, it may be inevitable that we become part of the plan to preserve Baxter Road and our access to the Lighthouse. This is another item we will need to monitor closely.

A closing note, if any of you see a parcel of land in need of future preservation, please let us know and we will try to assist in moving it along the proper path. Preservation is a community effort and we need everyone’s help for ‘Sconset to continue on this path. We appreciate all your generosity and continuing support of our mission statement committed to the preservation as the ‘Sconset we have known for many generations.
Trust Holdings

5.33 acres, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Amos B. Hostetter, 1985
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Cashman, 1986
Mr. & Mrs. William Wilson, 1986

21.23 acres, purchased, 1988

.15 acre, donated by Mr. John A. Herndon, 1990

9.05 acres, purchased, 1991

11.98 acres, bequest of Mrs. Ruth L. Saunders, 1992

14.66 acres, gift from Mary & Peter Heller, 1994

.46 acre, purchased, 1998

.32 acre, donated by Mr. Stephen B. Cohen, 1998

.87 acre, donated by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Porter, 2000

1.17 acres, donated by Dr. Richard A.R. Fraser, 2000

1.02 acres, donated by the Cashman family, Mostly “C” LLC, 2001

4.71 acres, purchased, 2002

1.59 acre, received from ‘Sconset Hydrangeas LLC, 2006

12.5 acres, donated by the United States Coast Guard, 2007

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
★ Atlantic House, 27 Main Street (2002)
★ The Siasconset Union Chapel (2007)

Conservation Easement
★ Mathey Property (2010)
Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make the fourth annual 'Sconset Trust Gala a huge success!

July 21st, 2013 was a great evening thanks to our incredibly supportive community. The event Sponsors truly made a difference...we continue to be humbled by your generosity. We are so appreciative to all of you who purchased Gala tickets, raffle tickets for the Fiat convertible, the ever popular Susan Ried prints, and the new 'Sconset needlepoint belts. In addition, we want to thank everyone who bid on the vast array of Silent Auction items. As a result of your participation, the Gala raised a record amount!

The Gala would not have happened without the wonderful volunteers who so willingly gave their time before, during and after the event. Please see the list of all Gala helpers! A huge shout-out goes to the superheroes behind the scenes: Bob Felch, Elliot and Barbara Gewirtz, Betsy Grubbs, Lorraine Milstead, Susan Reid, Mary Will, Lynn Wilson, Marcella and Rhodes Zimmerman.

Once again, the old saying that “it takes a village...” rings truer than ever! Again, our sincere thanks to everyone who supported A Night under the Light this past summer.

–Patti and Doug Brown, Gala co-chairs

TO OUR LUCKY FIAT WINNER

Raffle Winner Linda Kelly

Erin Boeckman, Floris and Allisson van Dijkum

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Julia and James Ogilvy, Andrea and David Kinsley

Ken Boyden, President
2013 has been a busy year for the 'Sconset Trust as we moved into our second full-year of fund raising for the Coffin Land Campaign and established our new presence at Ruddick Commons.

We worked on many fronts to enhance our communication with our members and to bring our members together for special events and educational opportunities. Our mission focuses on land conservation and historic preservation. We have played a larger role in keeping an eye on all issues important to the quality of life in 'Sconset while working in concert with our fellow-organizations across the island but particularly with the Siasconset Civic Association.

Earlier this year we launched a new website at our old address: www.sconsettrust.org. If you haven’t taken a look at our expanded Internet presence, please do so when you have some free time. Not only does it display all that we do and envision, but it captures the essence and quality of the wonders of 'Sconset — past and present.

With our focus of “donor-power” and volunteer power on the Coffin Land Campaign, we have taken some pressure off of our annual appeal. We worry that our incredibly loyal and generous members will suffer from “donor fatigue” as we march successfully to the conclusion of our largest campaign ever.

But the fact remains; we need your annual membership support to maintain our high level of mission-critical activity and communications for and with you. Our 2013 appeal envelope is herewith enclosed as a reminder. As of this writing our annual membership giving is off approximately $35,000 for the first 9 months of the calendar year.

Please be assured that we run a lean, low cost organization for and on behalf of our membership. Lorraine Milstead, our part-time office manager, has been a godsend to the Trust and I know your interactions with her have been part of your good experience with our non-profit. Your continued support will enable us to move forward into our 30th year of important program work. Please feel free to check in with me at the Trust office anytime.

Welcome New Trust Board Members

Lesley Finnell Blanchard
I have summered in 'Sconset since 1956 and my family first came to 'Sconset in 1923. I have two children Hollis and Christopher and live in Dover, MA. My children have always said 'Sconset feels more like home than Dover. I am the managing partner of Tamarack Enterprises a family business in Columbus, Ohio. I am director of two family foundations The Schumacher Foundation and The Maribel Finnell Foundation.

I serve on the board of the Columbus Museum of Art and am involved in On the Isle and the 'Sconset Chapel. I belong to Sankaty Head Golf Club, the 'Sconset Casino where I served on the board for six years, and the Nantucket Yacht Club.

I love to play tennis and golf, enjoy biking and long walks on the island. Most important to me is preserving this amazing community of 'Sconset with so many giving and caring people. I cherish the long term multi-generational friendships that my children and I have shared for so many years. We hope to spend time in 'Sconset always!!!

Don Shockey
Don and his wife, Mary, live on a farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. His family business, which is over 115 years old, consists of general contracting, concrete building components, and real estate development. During the summer, their house on Morey Lane is filled with children and grandchildren. Everyone enjoys the beach or sailing on their sloop. Whether in Virginia or 'Sconset they are actively involved in conservation and preservation.
**Lighthouse News**

**Penny Scheerer | Lighthouse Committee Chair**

The lighthouse was open to the public once again on Columbus Day Weekend. Young and old always enjoy the climb to the top and a look around outside on the balcony. The Trust is grateful to all the volunteers who make the Open Days possible. In addition to the traditional June Open Day, plans in the works to provide Open Days next summer.

International Chimney Corp., Inc., the company that moved the lighthouse seven years ago, has returned this fall to do some upkeep and maintenance on it.

**Preservation News**

**Kathy Arvay | Preservation Committee Chair**

At the annual meeting, preservation awards were awarded to ‘Sconseters who have demonstrated a dedication to preservation. The **Lourie Family Preservation Award** was presented to **Amos and Barbara Hostetter** for the renovation of their guest house “Flagship.” With the guidance of Bentley Churchill Architects, the home was carefully restored to its original footprint. In a time when most are increasing their home’s size, the Hostetters removed the library on the north side to return the structure to it’s proper scale. We applaud the Hostetter’s for this sensitive renovation.

The **Tradesman Preservation Award** was awarded to **Bentley Churchill Architects** for their passion for preserving historic architecture. In addition to Flagship, their work throughout the village was recognized. Elizabeth Churchill accepted the award posthumously for David Bentley.

An historic home informational program is in the works for next summer. The programs aims to educate homeowners about proper maintenance and restoration. More information to follow.

The ‘Sconset Trust holds easements on the Atlantic House and the Siasconset Chapel, as well as conservation a easement on Hedged About on Sankaty Road. Anyone interested in acquiring an easement, please call the ‘Sconset Trust office for additional information.

**Daffodil News**

**Penny Scheerer | Lighthouse Committee Chair**

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 flower 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.
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