In ’Sconset

Mission Statement

The Trust’s mission is to protect the unique character of the ’Sconset community through conservation of open land and preservation of historically and/or architecturally significant structures in and around the village.

Summer 2014 in Review

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2014 marked our 30th Anniversary as an organization and it was a joyous summer in so many ways.

First, all will admit, the weather was brilliant and facilitated many outdoor events including our annual patrons celebration hosted by Mary and Don Shockey, the highly successful July gala chaired by Martha Dippell and Danny Korengold, and one of my favorites the fourth of July parade and picnic (held on the 5th due to rain).

All of our functions were huge successes including our annual meeting held in early July. Everything points to a vibrant ’Sconset Trust with strong membership and engagement.

During the year, the Board has focused on many things including but not limited to the ongoing debate over bluff erosion, the maturation of Ruddick Commons as a destination site, and the preservation and conservation of future assets, amongst which remains the Loran station.

We have, as an organization, formally revisited our mission statement to ensure it’s appropriate for today’s challenges and properly focuses our resources. Adjacent activities, many of which affect the village, led mainly by the Sconset Civic Association (SCA), have been incorporated into our dialogue. For example, Mark Donato, who runs the SCA, attended part of our July board meeting. A spirited discussion of village issues such as the flag pole and the bluff walk emerged. We mutually agreed that the Trust and SCA should work more closely to impact positive outcomes and we are taking steps to make that happen.

Twenty-fourteen was a spectacular year, crowned by the brilliant weather and island activities that went with it. The Trust has, in my opinion, never been stronger nor more engaged in important projects. We welcome the future as we continue to focus on our primary tasks.
New Board Members

Elizabeth Churchill
I have spent every summer of my life in Sconset. In 1985, my husband David Bentley, and I moved to the island to build our own house. Soon thereafter, we opened up the firm of Bentley & Churchill Architects. Most of our work has been in 'Sconset where we spent years photographing, measuring and detailing existing architecture to incorporate into our work. Due to the changes in the way we live today with more open plans and stiffer codes, many of the original summer homes have been demolished or greatly changed. In my own architecture, I strive to renovate and design new buildings that reflect the character of 'Sconset. My passion is to preserve this unique sense of place from 'Sconset's historic buildings to its foot paths. I lost my husband and partner to cancer in 2012, but continue to practice in this beautiful village. I hope to pass down the love for 'Sconset, which was the inheritance given to me by my parents, to my son Austin.

Matthew Fremont-Smith
Matt and Samantha Fremont-Smith live in NYC when not on Nantucket. Samantha spent childhood summers in Sconset in the Atlantic House on Main Street, and the Fremont-Smiths took over in 2009. The family loves having three generations in one place over the summer, and in particular the unique experience of children playing with Sconset friends' children, just as they did. The Fremont-Smith children Maddie, Lila and Matthew ("Teo") spend the off-season counting the days to get back to Sconset!

Paul F. Sheridan Jr.
Paul, his wife Rachel and their three young children depart Arlington, Virginia each summer and make 'Sconset their primary summer home. Paul practices law as a partner at Latham & Watkins, where he is a member of the executive committee. Paul counts Rachel not only as his partner in life but also one of his many partners at the law firm, and on occasion they can be found on joint calls in their "Sconset Office". Paul, Rachel and the kids count the time during the offseason until they get to return to their favorite place and days of biking on island, tennis at the Casino and beaching with their 'Sconset friends.

Emma Ward
Little did I know when I was invited to Nantucket in the late 50s to stay on Main Street in Siasconset that I would fall in love. Thank you Linda Arnoff Mackay, my oldest friend. Fast forward when dating, my husband Tom and I visited friends on the island—it was love. After many years of renting in Madaket and town we wanted to own! Our broker showed us several properties—no go! On the way to the airport, he said “my wife and I are thinking about selling our house in 'Sconset, do you want to have a look?” Sure, my last look was as a teenager, we have time—15 years from my first visit. Instant, WOW, this is it! 1977 we bought our cottage on Folgers Ct. and our love affair of 'Sconset began. 'Sconset is a state of mind, it’s also about our friends, the Lighthouse, roses, vintage cottages, the beach and sense of community and history. It’s not only conservation of land, but also preservation of houses and lifestyles, it’s a way of life!
Preservation Awards & Events Update

At the annual meeting, preservation awards were presented to 'Sconseters who have demonstrated a dedication to preservation. The Lourie Family Preservation Award was presented to **Art and Diane Kelly** for the addition to their historic home at 22 Main Street. The original front part of the house has been meticulously restored by the Kellys. They added a modern kitchen addition in 1995 to the rear, carefully respecting the original house. They have kept their large yard open and protected their heritage trees. We recognize Art and Diane for the work to their own house and their love of preservation.

The Tradesman Preservation Award was awarded to **Tom Santos** for his care taking and going above and beyond to help historic homeowners to maintain their homes without destroying their original details. His work reflects a concern and respect for keeping Sconset the unique place in which his father and grandfather worked.

A round table discussion was hosted by the 'Sconset Trust on Monday, July 14 at the Casino. **Sandy Kendall**, preservation carpenter lead the panel with **David Barham**, architect, **Michael May**, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust and **Mark Voigt** from the Historic District Commission. About 25 people attended and preservation issues were discussed with the public asking questions and expressing their views as well as the panel answering their many questions. We thank the panel for the valuable discussion.

Trust Awards

'Sconset Trust Award
FOR DEDICATION TO THE MISSION OF THE 'SCONSET
TRUST (bowl)
Robert Shetterly – July 1997
George Buckingham – July 1997
Bill Roberts – July 2000
Helene (Sandy) Whitehead – July 2001
Susan and Perry Ruddick – July 2007
Mary Heller – July 2009
Caroline Ellis – July 2011

'Sconset Post Award
FOR LAND GIVEN OR TO PAST PRESIDENTS*
(Blue wooden post, replica of Trust land posts)
Jeanne Dickinson* – 2004
Susan* & Perry* Ruddick – 2006
two posts, Sankaty Head Lighthouse Campaign co-chairs
Robert D. Felch* – 2009
Tim Cashman – 2009
Stephen B. Cohen – 2009
John Herndon – 2009
Amos and Barbara Hostetter – 2009
Joan Porter – 2009
David Cheek* – 2013
Marcella & Rhoads Zimmerman – 2013
two posts, Coffin Land Campaign co-chairs

Preservation —
The Lourie Family Award
FOR DEDICATION TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
'SCONSET
(A plaque made by Nancy Chase of mahogany and ivory)
Siasconset Union Chapel – 2008
Nancy and Peter Rodts – 2009
Mary and Paul Collins – 2010
Nelson Eldridge – 2011
Mathey Family – 2012
Hostetter Family — 2013
Diane and Arthur Kelly – 2014

The 'Sconset Trust Tradesman Preservation Award
FOR DEDICATION BY A TRADES PERSON OR FIRM TO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN 'SCONSET
(A plaque made by Nancy Chase of mahogany and ivory)
Godfrey Construction – 2011
Ben Champoux – 2012
Bentley and Churchill Architects – 2013
Tom Santos – 2014
Night under the Light

This year’s 30th Anniversary Sconset Trust Gala piggybacked on the huge successes of previous years. Over 350 Gala tickets were purchased and over 700 raffle tickets were sold for the Jeep Wrangler. To celebrate our 30th Anniversary, we introduced a new giving category: 1984 Founder with a chance to win a beautiful Robert Stark painting graciously donated by JoAnne and Derby Wilson. Special and unique 30th anniversary jewelry depicting the Sankaty Lighthouse, the always popular Susan Ried prints, travel packages including visits to the Capital, Supreme Court, Mount Vernon, National Museum of Women in the Arts, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art were just a few of the fabulous auction items offered this year.

We wish to acknowledge so many people for their tireless efforts and hard work in making this Gala the huge success that it was: Rachel and Paul Sheridan, Robin Hammer, Lesley Blanchard, Lynn Wilson, Bob Felch, Lorraine Milstead, and countless others working behind the scenes.

We literally had a ball chairing this year’s event and sincerely want to thank each and every one of the hundreds of volunteers and participants who collaborated in the success of the 2014 ‘Sconset Trust Gala.

From the Gala Chairs

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Debbie and John Osborn

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The Siasconset Casino Association is a non-profit family tennis and social club, which was founded in 1899. Since that time, it has maintained a tradition of providing members with excellent tennis facilities as well as recreational and social activities in a low-key environment that is courteous, respectful and gracious. The Casino also serves the village of Sconset by providing a venue for community-oriented events such as civic association meetings, movies, weddings and other special occasions.

The Casino serves as a hub of recreational and social activities for residents of Sconset. Although it is a private club, the Casino allows non-members daily use of the tennis courts for instruction and play on a limited and space available basis. The Casino also hosts regular events open to the entire community such as the Nantucket Film Festival, Bingo, movies and live theatre. During the 2014 season, The Casino featured more than 20 first-run movies, a live production of the musical Cinderella by On-the Isle, four Bingo nights, several civic and community association events (including the Sconset Trust), a rummage sale and events sponsored by other Nantucket organizations. Planning for the 2015 season is already underway suggesting another busy year and maintaining the Casino’s long tradition as a community hub.

—Lilo Cunningham

The Sconset Chapel is an historic sacred place, offering a spiritual home to all. As such it provides an opportunity for all to worship, celebrate, learn, mourn and serve together in the Christian tradition. Our mission statement was fulfilled this summer, many times over, as we welcomed our new minister The Rev J. Carr Holland III and his partner Dr. Thomas Maxwell Mundy to a refurbished Amen cottage and began a new chapter in the Chapel’s history. Carr and Maxwell, with the help of their fostered dog Slate quickly became integrated into the fabric of the village, where they delighted us with their relaxed and joyful presence, their attention to our stories and their obvious love of all things Sconset. The inauguration of our beach services was a highlight of our worship program and they were very well attended, with over one hundred people for both July and August and probably as many dogs! We had ten weddings, several baptisms and memorial services and an excellent lecture series, including presentations by our own Melanie Reid, Eileen West and Cathy Horyn. We enjoyed musical presentations by the Charness family and by Alan Murchie and Courtney Hardy and were overwhelmed by the generosity that allowed us to reach our aspirational Outreach goal of $30,000.

I would be remiss if I did not say “Thank You” to all who have helped make the Chapel the oasis of peace, the light in the darkness, the place of belonging and the source of learning and joy that it is in our beloved Sconset.

—Catherine Saynor

On the Isle is the living legacy of the Sconset Actor’s Colony. Every summer, On the Isle produces plays, musical theater, children’s performances, and theatrical events using local talent from the ages of eight to eighty–something. Magic happens and lasting memories are made when a community comes together to create and perform. On the Isle is Summer Theater at its best because it is so much more than entertainment. Our mission is to preserve the cultural heritage of Sconset, a village with a unique theatrical ancestry, dating back to the late 1800s when a group of Broadway actors built the Sconset Casino and began performing on its stage. Today, On the Isle continues this legacy by providing opportunities for island talent to perform, and internships for students interested in the arts.

On the Isle’s repertoire is as rich and varied as our community of talent. We have produced musicals, with original music and lyrics, including Up in the Rafters, which took a nostalgic journey through Sconset’s theatrical past. We have premiered our own silent feature film entitled, Mary and the Silent Movie, the prequel of an actual silent movie that was filmed in Sconset in 1919. We’ve performed new adaptations of The Music Man and Cinderella, using the entire village of Sconset as our stage, and many, many others.

What will On the Isle present next summer? The answer will be posted on our website after the New Year.

—Kathi Loughlin
The SCA provides a forum for Sconseters to discuss village issues: pro or con with fellow Sconseters. Board members operate as a drop box for concerns, complaints, and praise on a wide variety of subjects. Common topics are traffic safety, noise, parking, beautification, children’s play areas, and adult activities. We field questions from neighbors, friends, and tourists. These subjects are then brought to the attention of the full board who attempt to provide solutions and implement them. The SCA brings the concerns of our community to the appropriate Town of Nantucket department heads and regularly corresponds with these town officials to insure our requests are receiving prompt and proper attention. The SCA is funded by member dues and donations. Anyone may apply for financial assistance for a ‘Sconset project.

In 2014, the SCA was involved with a lead role or in partnership in projects involving the restoration of the footbridge, replacement lighting on Main street, acquiring a full-time village Police patrolman, and aiding in the creation of new playground. We funded a scholastic scholarship and landscaping beautification projects around the village. It has been our #1 priority to install a new replacement flagpole in the rotary. The SCA provided the funds to purchase the new mast. Progress has been slow, but promising results are expected in 2015.

The Sconset Civic Association looks forward to continuing our role in preserving the magic of ‘Sconset.

—MARK DONATO

‘Sconset Beach Preservation Fund

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In addition to the Trust, these organizations help nurture, support and sustain our village.

Siasconset Civic Association

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Each year, ‘Sconset Beach and Bluff is at risk for further erosion—in some recent difficult storm years, up to 30 feet have been lost from sections of the Bluff. Since the early 1990s, Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund (SBPF) has worked to research and install a series of measures that might control erosion. We believe the historic and natural beauty of ‘Sconset Beach and Bluff can be thoughtfully protected for the benefit of future generations. The goal has been to find an effective, environmentally responsible and economically feasible approach. All funding has been provided from private, non-governmental sources and our recommendations are based on science and facts, working with a number of experts in the field.

It has been a very busy year for SBPF. Consistent with our goals, SBPF partnered with the Town of Nantucket to implement erosion control measures in December of 2013—January of 2014. The current approach involves a system of geotubes stabilizing the most vulnerable portions of the bluff where Baxter Road and certain homes are imminently threatened. Ultimately, SBPF would like to extend this approach to protecting the entire bluff from the end of Baxter Road at the Sankaty Lighthouse property to the point at which erosion has begun at around 63 Baxter Road. Take time to visit the viewing area we have established at 87 Baxter Road to learn more about our efforts.

—JOSH POSNER
The beautiful daffodils were in full bloom this spring! Many of these bulbs were planted “in memory of” or “in honor of” loved ones by generous donors to the Trust.

**Daffodils donations can be made to the Trust in these increments:**

- Regular Bulbs: 50 bulbs $100 • 100 bulbs $200 • 150 bulbs $300
- 200 bulbs $400 • 250 bulbs $500 • 500 bulbs $1000

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**Save the Dates!**

**Washington DC Soirée**
**Wed., February 11**
**Metropolitan Club**

**NYC Soirée**
**Friday, April 17**
**The Links**

**Sunday, July 19**
**Sankaty Golf Club**

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**Thank you to our volunteers**

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