



In ' Sconset

SUMMER 2005

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear 'Sconset friends:

We have a busy summer season ahead of us in 'Sconset. To paraphrase a famous call to volunteers, our message is:

Ask what the 'Sconset Trust can do for you and ask what you can do for the 'Sconset Trust.

We have a keen interest in protecting and preserving 'Sconset. You can help us help our village. Keep an eye and ear open to the happenings in your neighborhood. Let us know what is going on. Who's selling, who's buying, who's building, who's looking to conserve open land, who's looking to preserve an historic structure, who's thinking about estate planning with 'Sconset in mind, who's concerned about the future?

Our board wants to know what you think and what you care



Photo courtesy of Rob Benchley



Bob Felch

about as we look to the future. While we cannot thwart all development activities and are not opposed to all such activities, we must have a say and an influence as we marshal our resources to conserve and preserve 'Sconset.

We know the near term offers many challenges for 'Sconset. Some of the major issues facing our village are core to our mission. Others are best addressed by other local organizations such as the Siasconset Civic Association, the 'Sconset Advisory Board and the Siasconset Beach Preservation Fund. In some situations, local

action groups can lead the charge. Fred McRobie is the chair of our Missions Committee and his group is charged with keeping us on message in word and action. Contact Fred if you have a concern or suggestion that you think requires Trust action.

As we head into summer 2005, I would like to personally thank Perry Ruddick and his land conservation committee for their diligent work in bringing island-wide resources together to preserve our greenbelt. Perry will post you on the work of his group in this newsletter.

While you will see a calendar of summer activities for the Trust, please note that some educational and social activities are still in the planning process. We will post you by post card of newly scheduled events as the plans are finalized.

Please plan to join us at the 2005 Annual Meeting on Friday, July 8 at the Siasconset Casino.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert D. Felch'.

Robert Dean Felch, President
rdfelch@aol.com

The Trust's primary mission is to assist in the preservation of the Village's unique character through conservation and preservation of areas of open land and its structures of historic significance.

MEM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Marketing, Education and Membership (MEM) Committee has been busy at work over the winter, and we're excited about plans for the summer!

The biggest event over the winter was our first annual winter soiree held at the Yale Club in New York City last February. The evening was a great success on all fronts. Over 150 people attended and, though the event was billed primarily as a "friend-raiser", the Trust still raised over \$2,700. 'Sconseters traveled from as far away as Texas and Virginia to be part of the event! Overall the evening highlighted the Trust's mission and work, and provided a wonderful venue for celebration of community. It was a special winter reunion, and the room was abuzz with old friends catching up and new acquaintances getting to know each other. Next year should be even bigger and better, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Once again I'd like to thank the sponsors for the event, the numerous volunteers for the night, and everyone who attended. Special thanks to Bunny Whiteley and Anne St. Clair for spearheading the myriad logistics of the New York event. Also thanks to Peter Watrous for lining up the salsa band extraordinaire.

The Trust website has also been a major focus for MEM over the winter. By the time

you receive this column we'll be at least partially up and running. Please visit us at www.sconsettrust.org. We want the website to communicate the Trust's work, inspire people to protect and conserve the village and provide information about how one can support the Trust's mission. If you have any comments or suggestions about the website, please use the "Contact Us" section to reply.

This summer, the MEM committee will be particularly busy planning and organizing educational events, our annual meeting (where we're planning a special surprise!) and other membership-related functions. Some of our primary goals are to raise membership levels and donations to the Trust.

Given the current prospect of significant build-out around the village, we're positioning ourselves to respond to opportunities to preserve open space. I urge you to consider increasing your contribution to the Trust; talking with us to review ways of gifting real estate, stocks, bonds or insurance as well as estate planning and charitable remainder trusts; and helping us raise Trust membership levels by talking about the Trust's mission with friends and family. Your financial and personal support is essential in helping the Trust maintain the special character of our village.

In order to help with outreach efforts, the

MEM committee will also be working on a new 'Sconset Trust brochure this summer. Our goal is to share the special nature of the village through photos and text, provide background on the Trust's mission and communicate how 'Sconset became so special through the hard work and generosity of so many over time. The brochure will be a call to arms for the current generation of villagers to step forward and continue this 'Sconset legacy.

David Kinsley, MEM Chairman

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ROBERT A. KRANTZ, JR.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER

JUNE 29, 1932 ~ DECEMBER 18, 2004

On December 18, 2004, we lost a dear friend and former board member of the 'Sconset Trust. The Board of the 'Sconset Trust felt it important for the Trust and its members to remember a man who touched the lives of so many in 'Sconset.

Bob Krantz grew up on his family's farm, the Yaggy Plantation, in Hutchinson, Kansas. As a child he attended The Yaggy Grade School, a one-room schoolhouse, and was known to ride his horse, One Eyed Joe, to school. As quarterback of the Hutchinson High Salt Hawks, he earned All State honors. After graduating from Yale University in 1954, Bob served in the Air Force in Wichita, Kansas and took advantage of his free time to earn a Masters in History from The University of Wichita. In 1960, he graduated from Harvard Law School and moved to Denver to join the law firm of Holland & Hart.

He married his wife, Ann-Charlotte, in 1961. After a time, the couple moved to New York where Bob joined Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. He was then recruited by Kidder Peabody where he spent most of his career as General Counsel. After moving to Short Hills,

NJ, Bob and Ann-Charlotte had three children: Eric, Chandler and Christopher. The Krantz family has summered in 'Sconset since 1969.

Anyone that ever met Bob remembered him and he would remember them too. Bob always had an inviting smile that allowed him to make friends easily. Always quick to offer a kind word or funny anecdote, friends describe him as a very caring person with great intellect and an extraordinary sense of humor. He enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to live music, playing the piano, and most of all golf. The camaraderie and challenge of golf brought the best in him and he never wavered in his lifelong pursuit of a consistent, clean chip shot. He is remembered as a great friend and a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Bob leaves behind his wife of forty-four years, Ann-Charlotte; his children and spouses: Eric & Sally residing in Hong Kong, Chandler & Kaveh residing in Westchester, Christopher & Anouk residing in New York City, six grandchildren and his sister, Laura Reed of Santa Fe, NM. The family will hold a memorial service this coming September at the 'Sconset Chapel with a reception to follow. Any and all are welcome to attend.

As a summer resident for over thirty-five years, Bob felt strongly about the preservation



Bob Krantz. Photo courtesy of Anne St. Clair

of 'Sconset. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Krantz family and thank them for directing contributions to the Trust. Because of the admiration, respect and love they have for him, Bob's friends and family have generously donated to the Trust on his behalf which will help to further preserve our summer refuge that he held so dear.

Anne St. Clair
MEM Committee

NEW YORK CITY WINTER SOIREE



The First Annual New York City Winter Soiree, February 12, 2005, at The Yale Club. Clockwise from upper left: Roderick Mathey and Trust President Bob Felch; Kelley and Ashley Brasfield; "Cutting the Rug" – Board members and NYC Sponsors David Kinsley and Bunny Whiteley; Newywoods Sophia and Greg Gushee; NYC Sponsors Anne and David St. Clair; Doug Brown and NYC Sponsor Ray Grubbs; Our next generation – Ashley Evans, Laurel Ried, Peyton Grubbs, Lindsay Cooper, and Carroll Shaw. Photos courtesy of Bunny Whiteley.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!
WWW.SCONSETTRUST.ORG

NOTES FROM THE LAND COMMITTEE

This past winter and spring have continued to be active times for the Trust. It would appear that in addition to the 120 acres owned by the Coffin family, other important areas of open land in 'Sconset may well be the subject of potential development in the near future. The Land Committee will make every effort to work with the families involved to see if mutually beneficial alternatives can be developed to either eliminate, or limit the impact of, any proposed development of these parcels.

The Trust is actively in contact with representatives of the Coffin Estate and has initiated contacts with other Island organizations who are interested in working with us to insure that the Old 'Sconset Golf Course continues to serve the community and that development of the

remaining acreage to the east of it is mitigated as much as possible. As you can well imagine, this is a slow and complicated process, but the Trust is dedicated to serving both as principal and as facilitator in finding a way to accomplish these goals.

Real estate values continue to escalate and, whatever the solutions may be, they will involve significant financial commitments by the Trust and by the residents of 'Sconset who are its supporters. The success of our efforts is critical to the future of our Village and an important legacy to the generations of 'Sconseters who will follow us.

J. Perry Ruddick
Land Committee Chairman

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

Terry Groden has been printing the Trust's material as a gift to the 'Sconset Trust for as long as I can remember. Years ago, long before he became a Director, Terry generously suggested that he might be able to help keep our Trust expenses modest by printing everything we send to our members. That is, every letter, annual appeal, membership card, envelope, invitation, newsletter and brochure comes to us gratis thanks to Terry. He has been very tolerant of short time frames and modification of projects. Everything is printed at his company in Boston and is delivered with a smile and a wave, usually by Terry himself, when he flies down for the weekend.

A friend of mine in the non-profit world once laughed and said that no one looking at our printed material would ever guess that the 'Sconset Trust is so small in relation to other groups, because the quality of our printed work is fabulous. So when you see Terry, usually on the tennis court or ambling around the village, (but always with Mary), please, say thanks from all of us!

Caroline Ellis, Trust Board Member



Terry and Mary Groden

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SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

If we can help answer any of your questions about upcoming events and projects, or get you a membership packet to share with a friend, please let us know. The MEM Committee members include: Roxanne Casscells, Betsy Grubbs, Pia Guido Murphy, Julie Simmons, Anne St. Clair, Peter Watrous and Bunny Whiteley. We're also looking for new MEM Committee members, or villagers interested in project specific volunteer work. Please let me know if you're interested by emailing me at: dkinsley@kinsleypower.com.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the 'Sconset Trust.

David Kinsley
MEM Committee Chair

PRESERVATION WEEK 2005



On Sunday, May 8 the 'Sconset Trust participated in Nantucket Historic Preservation Week 2005 by sponsoring a 'Sconset House Tour. Four houses were opened in the Old 'Sconset Historic District: *Captain Valentine Aldridge House* at 6 Elbow Lane, *Whale Spray* at 29 Broadway, 25 Shell Street, and *Gull's Wing* at 15 Front Street. Roughly 80 people – a mix of islanders and tourists - braved a Nor'easter that day to view these historic treasures. We thank the owners for generously opening their homes to the viewing public!

Photos courtesy of Erika Mooney

APRIL LIGHTHOUSE CONFERENCE

In mid-April, Alix and I attended the 2005 Northeast Lighthouse Conference in Newport, R.I. Many of the approximately 120 energetic and dedicated people there seemed to know each other from past gatherings. For the most part they comprised small groups of lighthouse buffs who are struggling to save their pet lighthouses. All seemed somewhat familiar with, and equally baffled by, certain federal legislation, The National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000, discussion of which occupied the entire two busy days of the Conference.

The purpose of the Act is clear from its title, but the path to success labyrinthine. For example, the Act places responsibility for gifting lighthouses (which must be on, or qualified to be on, the National Register of Historic Places) in the hands of 3 federal agencies: the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). The USCG begins the process by identifying "excess" light stations (188 so far) and so informs the GSA which announces their availability (by public notice) to parties interested in acquiring them. The NPS is charged with issuing applications (requiring extensive research and planning) to interested parties, evaluating their proposals, and finally selecting the best qualified grantee. (A poorly written application can eliminate a candidate from the process). Then back to the GSA which develops and executes strict conveyance documents. Along the way comments must be sought from State Historic Preservation Officers. There are no published regulations (but many "desk drawer" guidelines in each agency) and evidently no one agency or person is in charge of the over-all process. There is little or no funding in place



Photo courtesy of Rob Benchley

and man power is being cut in the face of budgeting pressures. Very competent agency speakers shed light on most of the murky areas-to the relief of us all.

The 'Sconset Trust will hopefully be able to avoid the rigors of the Act because of 1992 federal legislation dealing specifically with Sankaty. It empowers the USCG to do the deal all by itself. Stay tuned.

David St. Clair
Sankaty Lighthouse Committee Chair

Thanks to the generosity of Bucky Block, 1,000 more daffodils bloomed at the Triangle this spring. What a beautiful sight!! Thank you Bucky!

'SCONSET TRUST NATURE WALK

WITH DR. BOB KENNEDY, DIRECTOR OF NATURAL SCIENCES AT
THE MARIA MITCHELL ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 11 and Monday, August 8 the Trust will be sponsoring a Nature Walk in 'Sconset led by Dr. Bob Kennedy from the Maria Mitchell Association. Dr. Kennedy will be covering the 10 most common breeding birds of 'Sconset. Bring your binoculars if you have them!

There is a maximum group size of 25 for each date so please call Erika at (508) 228-9917 or email her at SconsetTrust@comcast.net to pre-register for this event.

The cost of the Nature Walk is \$15 per adult, and \$10 per child.

The Nature Walks will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. and we will meet in the lobby of the Siasconset Casino. We hope you will join us!



Dr. Bob Kennedy with a young friend. Photo courtesy of the Maria Mitchell Association.



Fourth of July fun, 2004. Photos courtesy of Rob Benchley.



TRUST HAPPENINGS

❖ Executive Director Erika Mooney attended the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Providence, RI October 28-31, 2004. This nationwide event occurs once a year and allows conservationists to share expertise in the tools and issues vital to private land conservation.

❖ The Trust participated in the Nantucket Historical Association's Festival of Trees in December 2004. Our theme was "Signs of 'Sconset" and featured cut out photographs of street signs and quarter boards found around 'Sconset. Volunteer Aimee Anderson helped Erika take the photographs, make the ornaments and decorate the tree. Thank you Aimee!

❖ The Trust held its first winter board meeting in Boston in February. Four guest speakers came to educate and enlighten our board: Rick Lohr, President of International Chimney Corporation spoke to us about Sankaty Lighthouse; Marilyn Fenollosa, Senior Program Officer/Regional Attorney for the National Trust for Historic Preservation discussed historic preservation easements; Charles W. Collier, Senior Philanthropic Advisor at Harvard University informed us about some different aspects of planned giving and fundraising; and Wesley T. Ward, Director of Land Conservation for The Trustees of Reservations talked about TTOR's

conservation easement program.

❖ Over Valentine's Day weekend the Trust held its First Annual New York City Winter Soiree. With about 150 'Sconset friends in attendance, it was a huge success! Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers for making this a wonderful event!

❖ Board member David St. Clair and his wife Alix attended the 2005 Northeast Lighthouse conference in Newport, RI.

❖ The 'Sconset Trust took part in Nantucket Historic Preservation Week 2005 by sponsoring a 'Sconset House Tour. Attendance was great despite the stormy weather and we thank the homeowners for opening their doors and our volunteers for helping in the hosting duties.

❖ The Trust is sponsoring two 'Sconset Nature Walks led by Dr Bob Kennedy, Director of Natural Sciences at the Maria Mitchell Association: Monday, July 11 and Monday, August 8. Please pre-register as the group size is limited to 25 people per walk.

❖ The 'Sconset Trust Annual Meeting and Reception is Friday, July 8. We hope to see you there!

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON CONCERNING LAND TRUSTS

The Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation issued a number of recommendations in January 2005 that could dramatically affect the way Charitable Land Trusts, such as the 'Sconset Trust, carry on their affairs. These recommendations/proposals arose from concerns that there has been widespread abuse of the regulations allowing for tax deductions for gifts of conservation easements and land.

The Joint Committee has proposed that deductions for conservation easements be limited to 33% of appraised value. No deduction would be allowed for the donation of an easement on land used for a personal residence. The Committee also proposes changing the deductions associated with donations or bargain sales of land by limiting such donations to the owners "basis" - that is, the cost of the land plus any capital improvements made over the years.

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA), based in Washington, D.C., has been engaged in a vigorous response to these proposals, working with its members, a coalition of national conservation leaders and other allies.

The 'Sconset Trust has been in touch with various organizations such as the LTA, the Trustees of Reservations here in Massachusetts, and the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, whose interests are similar to our own.

We are cautiously optimistic that the LTA's lobbying efforts will prove to be successful and that the JCTS draconian proposals will be defeated in their current form.

We will keep you informed.

Fred S. McRobie
Mission Committee Chair

Help us thank you! The Trust received three gifts of securities in December 2004 from unknown donors: Apple, Dell and Qualcomm.

If you gave stock and did not receive a thank you letter, please contact Erika at (508) 228-9917 or email her at SconsetTrust@comcast.net.

'SCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Now that the 'Sconset Area Plan has been approved, the Planning Committee continues work to establish the definitions and distinguishing characteristics of the Village's four "Architectural Neighborhoods." Progress is slow. The Historic District Commission, which has agreed to consider using this information to establish guidelines for future building and renovations, has asked for additional measurements of dimensions. The 'Sconset Advisory Board to the HDC, which is developing many of its own more detailed recommendations, has shared its information and thoughts with the Planning Committee. Frustration with the slow pace of this process should be tempered with satisfaction that at least it is methodical, and will not produce wild or arbitrary recommendations.

Dick Duncan
President, 'Sconset Civic Association

CONTACT US

We want to hear from you! Whether you would like to purchase a copy of Voices of the Village, have questions about what's happening in the Village, or want to update the Trust on an issue, please contact us by telephone, fax, email, or post.

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2005 Calendar

JULY

- 2 ST. MARY'S CHURCH SUMMER FAIR.** 8 A.M.-2 P.M.
- 4 BIKE PARADE.** 9:40 A.M. at the Casino. Helmet required.
- 4 FIREWORKS DISPLAY.** Dusk at Jetties Beach.
- 11 'SCONSET NATURE WALK LED BY DR. BOB KENNEDY/MMA.**
8:30 A.M. at the Casino. Pre-registration required. Call the 'Sconset Trust (508) 228-9917.
- 11 'SCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING** at the Casino.
- 13 COMMUNITY GREEN THUMB FLOWER SHOW.** 10 A.M.-5 P.M. at the Point Breeze Hotel. Nantucket Garden Club.
- 14 ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE.** 9 A.M. at the Casino.
- 23 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH FAIR.** 9:30 A.M.-2 P.M.
- 27-29 DRAMA PRODUCTION "UP IN THE RAFTERS"** at the Casino.

AUGUST

- 5-7 NANTUCKET HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW.** 10 A.M.-5 P.M. at the Nantucket New School.
- 6 FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAIR & AUCTION.** 9 A.M.-1:30 P.M. at 62 Center Street.
- 8 'SCONSET NATURE WALK LED BY DR. BOB KENNEDY/MMA.**
8:30 A.M. at the Casino. Pre-registration required. Call the 'Sconset Trust (508) 228-9917.
- 8 'SCONSET CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING** at the Casino.
- 10 NANTUCKET GARDEN CLUB HOUSE TOUR.** 11 A.M.-5 P.M.
- 11 AUGUST FETE & HOUSE TOUR PREVIEW PARTY.** At 141 Main Street (Nantucket). Nantucket Preservation Trust.
- 13 BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE ORCHESTRA.** 7 P.M. at Jetties Beach. Nantucket Cottage Hospital Benefit.
- 20 SANDCASTLE & SCULPTURE DAY.** 11 A.M. at Jetties Beach. Pre-registration required.

'SCONSET TRUST DATES TO SAVE!

JULY 4 — Field Day after the Parade at the Siasconset Union Chapel. Refreshments.

JULY 8 — Reception & Annual Meeting at the Casino.

AUGUST 18 — Patrons' Party for Leadership Donors at Elisabeth and C.J. Joung's home on Baxter Road.