

## In 'Sconset

NEWS FROM THE 'SCONSET TRUST SUMMER 2018



# Summer is just around the corner!

ELLIOT GEWIRTZ, CHAIR & PRESIDENT



Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. We have a full set of activities planned for the summer

so take a look at our enclosed calendar and mark yours now.

In other news, our Ruddick Commons campaign led by Rhoads and Marcella Zimmerman has now been concluded with over \$ 8 million raised. Thanks to your generous support the campaign has been a complete and overwhelming success.

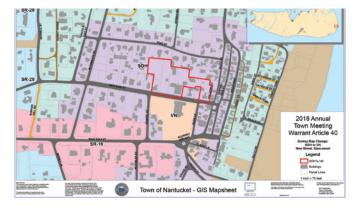
Our Sankaty Lighthouse Maintenance Fund in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the moving of the Light has also just reached a milestone: with maintenance monies raised at the time of the move and this recent initiative, we now have \$1 million in a dedicated Maintenance Fund for Sankaty Light. Again, this could not have been accomplished without the generosity of our members and the leadership of an anonymous donor who provided a \$250,000 challenge grant. Thank you one and all!

Now that our Year of the Light has been concluded, we are turning our attention to preservation of the commercial core of our village and the granting of preservation easements on historically significant properties. Over the winter the Board of the Trust has been hard at work on these efforts.

This year a portion of our Annual Meeting will be devoted to our preservation efforts including recognition of those who helped with the expansion of the Village Neighborhood designation. We'll also have a brief presentation on conservation easements. You'll be

sure to want to attend. To read more about these efforts, please take a look at the article later in this newsletter written by Matthew Fremont-Smith who along with Elizabeth Churchill co-chairs our Preservation Committee.

So as you can see, the Trust has been active over the winter and much is planned for the summer and the coming months. Enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Meeting and Gala.







## Looking Forward to Summer 2018

ELIZABETH G. GRUBBS Executive Director

It was a brutal winter on the island, and I was constantly reminded of the myriad efforts to preserve our treasured village. This includes all those who worked with the Planning Board and Town on the Village Neighborhood expansion; the hundreds of generous donors to the Coffin Land Campaign and the Sankaty Head Lighthouse Maintenance Fund; and our board committees that carefully monitor the Loran property and other concerns that have arisen such as the Cannonbury development. It truly takes a village.

As you will see in this newsletter we have a great deal planned for the summer and look forward to seeing each of you at some of our activities. The office at One New Street is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please stop by.

We will celebrate the Village Neighborhood initiative at our July 6 Annual Meeting. Also please walk through Ruddick Commons to celebrate an incredible conservation effort. Look for the boulders placed on the property to recognize our lead Keepers of the Land donors.

I am delighted that Girard Ruddick has joined me as our part time administrative director. Girard brings many talents to our slender staff as well as a passion for preserving our little bit of paradise.

Thanks as always for your ongoing support that makes our work possible.

## Remembering Mary Heller

Mary Heller's death in December was a great loss to the 'Sconset Trust and the island. Mary was a founding member of the Trust in 1984 and the first treasurer. She and her husband Peter were early land donors in 1994, placing over 14 acres in conservation. In 2009 Mary received the 'Sconset Trust Award.

Mary was also active in the Siasconset Casino, writing the centennial history in 1989. In addition she was a member of the Nantucket Land Council and Nantucket Conservation Foundation. Her legacy includes her daughter Kate Heller O'Reilly who is currently serving on the Trust board and grandchildren Mary and Sean O'Reilly. We will miss her but are so grateful for her service and philanthropy.





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## A NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHT



### 2018 SPONSORSHIPS



### Sconset Light \$1000

(4 tickets to the gala)

#### 1984 Founder \$1984

(4 tickets to the gala)

And a chance to win the Forrest Rodts painting Full Moon Over Sankaty pictured above

#### 'Sconset Rose \$500

### A NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHT SILENT AUCTION



This year the Gala will feature a silent auction celebrating the local talent of many of 'Sconset's artists and artisans. There will be fabulous items in the categories of Art & Artisans, Fine wine and dining, and Adventure. A sampling of these items includes:



#### **Art & Photography**

- Framed original photography by Cary Hazlegrove and James Ogilvy
- Original needlepoint footstool and hand stitched holiday ornaments
- A hand woven Nantucket basket
- Antique hand-colored wood engraving of Nantucket Harbor from Hollie Powers Holt Fine Art



#### Wine & Dine

- 'Sconset Trust case of wine—a collaboration of fine wines selected by the trustees of the 'Sconset Trust
- A selection of Nantucket restaurant gift certificates and cooking classes at Nantucket Culinary Center
- New York City autumn weekend ~ including private tour and dinner at the Met, a Philharmonic concert



#### **Island Adventure**

- Striped bass fly fishing expedition on Nantucket flats with Rising Tide Outfitters
- Golf packages at Sankaty Head Golf Club and Nantucket Golf Club
- Nantucket Harbor cocktail cruise for 8 on Osprey (38' day boat)
- Adventure to Cisco—tasting tour of Cisco Brewers

... and much more. So bid often and bid high!

## Preservation Committee Update

MATTHEW FREMONT-SMITH Preservation Committee

The 'Sconset Trust's mission to protect the unique character of the 'Sconset community is two pronged: through conservation of open land, and through preservation of historically and/or architecturally significant structures in and around the village. The Preservation Committee focuses on the preservation portion. Historically, the committee focused on enhancing the visibility of preservation accomplishments in the village, running an annual House Tour early in the summer, and awarding the Trust's Preservation Award. In 2017, the Board challenged the committee to renew the Trust's efforts in the preservation arena. In response to this challenge, we have adopted a 3-pronged plan.

#### Reinvigorating 'Sconset's Commercial Heart

First we are reinvigorating our focus on maintaining the commercial heart of 'Sconset. The Trust was instrumental in 2007 and again in 2012 in supporting the establishment of a zoning plan, including a new "Village Neighborhood" designation, which helps preserve commercial establishments in the village. This designation initially encompassed the village center, incorporating the buildings housing the 'Sconset Market, the Post Office, the 'Sconset Café, Claudette's, and the main Casino property. We recently coordinated an initiative to expand the Village Neighborhood designation to include 1 New Street, The Chanticleer, and the Casino's new tennis courts and staff housing. This expansion was approved at the 2018 Town Meeting. The Trust and the village are grateful to the owners for participating in this expansion. We are eager to acknowledge all property owners who supported the VN designation and expansion at our Annual Meeting on July 6.

#### **Education Initiatives**

Second, we are launching an education initiative on the process and benefits of easements, or Preservation Restrictions. Property owners transfer to the Trust a legal right to prevent changes to the property that could impair historic or architectural features of subject buildings. The Trust today holds such restrictions on the Chapel, the Atlantic House, and Hedged About. We believe the village would benefit from broader use of such restrictions, which can take the form of charitable contributions to the Trust. We will provide educational materials at the Annual Meeting in July and schedule several smaller education sessions. These restrictions provide substantial protection against future change while incorporating owners' interests. Stop by our office for our new pamphlet describing the process and its benefits and related (but minor) concerns. We are happy to work with interested homeowners as a guide and partner through the process of establishing a preservation easement.

#### **Preservation Outreach**

Last, we are planning an outreach initiative to owners of selected historically important properties to gauge their interest in pursuing a restriction. Please contact the office or members of our Preservation Committee for further information.



## 2017 DONOR REPORT

Our 2017 donor report will be online shortly and can be downloaded in pdf format from our website. For those of you who prefer a hard copy, please give us a call or stop by the office.



## ANNUAL Appeal

Again this year we are including our annual appeal envelope with this newsletter. Please support our efforts as generously as possible.



#### Night Under the Light Sponsors LIST AS OF MAY 17, 2018

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## NYC SOIR A BENEFIT FOR THE 'SCONSET TRUST

Colleen and Will Overlock hosted a spectacular NYC Soirée with over 100 guests attending



Thanks also to the following sponsors:

#### Will & Colleen Overlock

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## **BOSTON** WINTER PARTY



Thanks to Lesley Blanchard and Cynthia and John Gallagher for hosting a great Winter Party in Boston on February 7. Guests included Civic Association president Martha Polachi, SBPF president Josh Posner and State Rep Dylan Fernandes so all attending were briefed on much island news as well as catching up with island friends.

#### Thanks also to the following sponsors:

Hosts **Lesley Blanchard** Cynthia and John Gallagher

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## \$8,000,000 Coffin Land Campaign Goal Achieved

On behalf of the 'Sconset Trust, thank you for your generosity of resources, time, and talents to make this an unprecedented campaign. As we celebrate this achievement, the Trust would like to thank:

#### Coffin Land Campaign Committee 2011-14

Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

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## Run 'Sconset!



### July 28, 2018 8:30 a.m. Ruddick Commons

To register for this 4.05k family walk/run please go to our website or call the office at (508) 257–4100. Runners and walkers of all levels welcome!

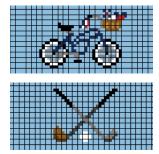


## **NEW 'Sconset Needlepoint Belt**



Our second 'Sconset needlepoint belt will be available this summer. Thanks to Doug Brown who designed this wonderful Sconset themed belt. Belts are \$200 each.

Advanced orders are being accepted on our website or by calling Girard Ruddick at the office: (508) 257–4100.



## **NEW** 'Sconset House by House

The 'Sconset Trust is delighted to be an underwriter of a new hardcover book by Michael May and the Nantucket Preservation Trust. We will have books on hand in late summer.