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In 'Sconset

NEWS FROM THE 'SCONSET TRUST FALL 2015

The 'Sconset Trust



From the Board Chair

ELLIOT GEWIRTZ

We all have our summer traditions in 'Sconset. At the Trust, our summer season starts in mid- June with a Lighthouse Open Day and concludes on Columbus Day with another Lighthouse Open Day. In between the Trust hosts our July 4th FunDay games, walking tours of the Village, our Gala at Sankaty and many other events including this year a presentation and tour of selected Codfish Park homes. Our Gala was once again a great success, made possible by the hard work of many including and most especially our Gala Chairs Dee and Jimmy Haslam. Next year marks the 10th anniversary of the moving of the Light and we intend to celebrate the occasion by designating 2017 as the Trust's Year of the Light with a special emphasis on the Lighthouse at our annual Gala and Patrons Party and even a surprise event or two. More on this to come.

This summer we welcomed four wonderful new members to our Board (see *board bios* on page 3), and I had the honor of becoming the Trust's new President. I'd like to take this opportunity to review with you the on-going work of the Trust.

Our mission is to protect the unique character of the 'Sconset community through the conservation of open land and preservation of historically and/or architecturally significant structures in and around the Village. Our hugely successful Coffin campaign under the leadership of Marcella and Rhoads Zimmerman brought Ruddick Commons to a reality, but work on

its maintenance continues through new plantings and trails. We continue to monitor the LORAN station property, and intend to increase our efforts working with the Land Bank to ensure the property remains open land. With respect to preservation, we are renewing our efforts to make it easier for those wishing to place preservation easements on their properties to do so, and for those simply wanting to know more about the topic to have the information readily available. We will also continue to explore how we might help to preserve or even expand the commercial district in the Village. As regards Sankaty Lighthouse, we remain vigilant in our efforts to maintain and preserve our most historic of properties for generations to come. As the Lighthouse ages and withstands the inevitable winter storms, it requires more and more attention. Over the course of the last year, there were a number of repairs. The work continues this fall. In addition to maintaining the Lighthouse, we continue to work to better understand the erosion occurring at the toe of the lighthouse bluff, and support the ongoing efforts of the S.B.P.F. to preserve the Baxter Road access to the Lighthouse. We hope to make a difference by leaving our Village a little better than we found it.

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our members and every gift to the Trust. We sincerely thank you for this with special thanks to our Patrons. Thanks go also to our Board members as well and to our Executive Director Betsy Grubbs for all they do throughout the year to make living in 'Sconset, be it during the summer or year-round, so very special. Finally, we build on the work of our predecessors and thanks are in order to Mark Filipski and Patti Brown for all they accomplished over the past several years as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Trust. Thanks go as well to Bob Felch, our prior Executive Director, for his continued guidance in the work of the Trust.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ELIZABETH G. GRUBBS

Executive Director

Reflecting on my first year as Executive Director reinforces all that we love about 'Sconset and Nantucket. Thanks to all of you who have demonstrated your commitment to our community through your generous financial donations and countless volunteer hours.

Our summer began in June with a Open Lighthouse day and the Preservation Month Tour of Codfish Park. Over 250 people climbed the Lighthouse thanks to a great volunteer effort and 'Sconseters opened their homes and shared their enthusiasm for their wonderful houses with several hundred people a week later.

We then moved into July with our 4th of July FunDay Games, the Annual Meeting and the wildly successful Night Under the Light Gala. Our formal events ended with the August 14 Patrons Party and the **Lighthouse Open Day on Oct. 8.**

As always the unplanned village moments are the best: the young neighbor's shoe needing to be tied, the picture of the Lighthouse from the fifties brought by the office, the island international beauty queens posing for pictures at the Lighthouse...the list is endless and all makes our island life so special. Your support makes the preservation of this special place possible.



Holiday shopping from 'Sconset!



We are offering Tervis tumblers, burgees, posters, and a new Vineyard Vines tie. Place an order prior to December 1 and receive FREE SHIPPING!

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Welcome New Trust Board Members

2016–17

Eric Baurmeister

My then girlfriend and now wife, Anne Tevebaugh Baurmeister, drew me to 'Sconset in the summer of 1989 after our freshman year at Cornell. Since that first summer, I have returned every year. Anne and I were married in Town and held our reception at the Casino. Anne's family history with 'Sconset dates back to 1957 when her grandmother bought her house on McKinley and Grand. After years of freeloading off the family and then renting on our own, we bought our home on Lincoln/Sunset Ridge in 2011. Our three children, Eva (15), Clara (13) and Hans (10) have spent their childhood summers in 'Sconset, mostly at the Casino and the beach, following in the footsteps of their mother and grandmother. When not on island, our family lives in Darien, CT.

I first became involved with the Trust after Bill Bowman asked me to help him take over running the 4th of July Fun Day games from Bob Felch (big shoes to fill). Bill and I organized the games for numerous years before passing them on to the more than capable hands of Kate Starrett last year.



Cynthia Fraser Gallagher

Cynthia has been a summer 'Sconseter since 1970, and started her career off at the soda fountain of the Bookstore as a teenager. When not on the island, Cynthia and her husband John live in Boston, having raised their children in Sherborn, Massachusetts over the last 23 years. Their grown children, Catherine, John and Ben, all worked for many summers at the 'Sconset Market and/or Nantucket Golf Club and continue to call 'Sconset their second home. Cynthia worked in corporate law at Goodwin, Procter in Boston during the 80s and 90s. Now in "retirement" she has been active with the Tanzanian Children's Fund (Rift Valley Children's Village), Summer Search Boston and Project Hope in Boston. She looks forward to spending 5 or 6 months in 'Sconset every year now and is committed to working with the Trust in every way possible in its efforts to conserve open space and preserve historic properties in the Village.



Clement Durkes

Twenty years ago, Clement and her family made a commitment to live in 'Sconset as summer residents when they acquired their home here. Now she has become a full time resident and looks forward to making a contribution to protecting and improving our one of a kind community. Clement has spent most of the last four decades living in New York and Chicago where she was actively engaged in the opera. She continues as a member of the Women's Board of the Lyric Opera of Chicago and was its President from 2008-2011. She also is on the Metropolitan Opera Guild board. She has also acted in a volunteer capacity at the Art Institute of Chicago for many years. Clement is a native of Atlanta and earned a degree (with honors) in Art History from Northwestern University.



Johnny Johnson

Johnny (John W) and Ann Johnson are from Houston, Texas, and escape the heat to spend June through September in 'Sconset. Their children and grandchildren are often on island, and the family loves exploring all of 'Sconset: Codfish Park playground, movies and tennis at the Casino, golf at the 'Sconset nine (Skinner), and picnics at the lighthouse. Ann serves on the board of the Sconset Chapel and Johnny can be seen daily walking their golden retrievers. In Houston he chairs the board of the Houston Methodist Hospital Foundation and is past chairman of St. John's School, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Amegy Bank of Texas, and the Texas Transportation Commission.





A NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHT ^{VII}

— SUNDAY, JULY 17 —

The 2016 Gala netted over \$172,000!

Thanks to all of our Sponsors, auction donors/winners, and tireless volunteers. This is the Trust's only major fundraising event, and it makes our work year-round possible. Dee and Jimmy Haslam were amazing Gala Chairs. Lesley Blanchard and Lynn Wilson organized the volunteers, and Kate Heller O'Reilly chaired the Marketplace. Greg Garland was in charge of the Mini Cooper raffle.



Thank you to our generous Gala Sponsors

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Special thanks to Susan Ried

Susan has donated an original 'Sconset painting for every Gala. The posters of these paintings have become treasured 'Sconset collectibles. Come into our One New Street office to see the full collection hung with pride and add to or start your own collection.

Karel and Frank Greenberg
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Thanks to chef Richard Nielsen and the Sankaty Head staff including manager Mark Kohler, Lori Snell.



2016 Annual Meeting

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the 'Sconset Trust was held at the 'Sconset Casino on July 8. Board members elected for a first term were Clement Durkes, Cynthia Gallagher, Eric Baurmeister and Johnny Johnson. Lesley Blanchard and Don Shockey were elected for second terms. Lynn Wilson was elected to her first full term. Rotating off the board were Patti Brown, Dee Haslam, Mark Filipiski and Kennedy Richardson. This group made incredible contributions to the Trust for which we are deeply grateful.

During her two plus terms Patti Brown served as vice-chair of the Board and chair of the nominating and mission committees. She and her husband Doug chaired the 2013 Gala and hosted the 2016 Patrons Party. She showed great energy and creativity, always with a firm eye on mission. Patti and Doug were responsible for designing the iconic 'Sconset belt.

Dee Haslam brought all of her marketing skills, sense of community and energy to the Board. After participating in past Galas and Silent Auctions, she and Jimmy chaired the record-making Gala this year. They also hosted the Patrons Party in 2013. Dee and Patti Brown came up with the idea of a

'Sconset burgee which is now adorning hundreds of cars and many flagpoles. It has become part of our logo in conjunction with the original design.

Mark Filipiski has worn many Trust hats, deftly moving from Treasurer to President. He was a lead member of the Coffin Campaign team. He was instrumental in crafting the alternative access memorandum of understanding which will provide access to the Lighthouse if Baxter Road is ever breeched.

Kennedy Richardson served on both the Finance and Land Committees. He spearheaded a new investment plan for the Trust which redefined our financial strategy. He also was instrumental on the Land Committee, working on the trails at Ruddick Commons and he will continue working with the Trust in an ad hoc capacity. He and Susan hosted the Patrons Party.



LOURIE PRESERVATION AWARD



Congratulations to the Belichick family for their thoughtful renovations of Sans Souci.

Patrons Party



Almost 150 'Sconset Trust Patrons attended a stunning cocktail party hosted by Patti and Doug Brown on August 14. The Patrons Party is held annually in honor of all donors who give \$1000 and up to our annual appeal. This group also receives special invitations and recognition throughout the year. This year we offered an architectural walking tour of the Village led by the NPT.

Thank you to all of our VOLUNTEERS

2016 GALA

Lesley Blanchard
Lynn Wilson
Kate O'Reilly
Karen Urban
Betsy Boe
Lilo Cunningham
Kathy Cruice
Tom Dixon
Cynthia Gallagher
Pam Hendrickson
Chris Hulme
Paige Yates
Patti Brown
Kate O'Reilly
Lynn Wilson
Kathy Cheek
Heather Garland
Sherry Kelley
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Marty Polachi
Liz Rider
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Sally Michler
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LIGHTHOUSE OPEN DAY

Emma Ward
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Lee Saperstein
Clement Durkes
Ellen Mitchell
Rob Benchley
Johnny Lathrop
Sheila Lathrop
Doug Brown
Stephanie Hodge
Patti Brown
Mary Will
Lilo Cunningham
Tom Dixon

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Clement Durkes
Barbara Bispham
Emma Ward
Stephanie Hodge
Patti Brown
Girard Ruddick
Mary Lathrop Will
Alix St. Clair
Rhett Currier
Daphne McCarthy
John Lathrop
Sheila Lathrop
Isabelle Seeman
Debby Belichick
Val Rossi
Kathryn Watts



Thanks to Kate and Nikoli Starett who organized the FunDay Games, and volunteers: Liz and Wilson Sullivan, Harrison Grubbs, Matt MacDonald, Keith Lister, Drew Lipner, Kate Heller O'Reilly, and Harrison Tao



Thanks to Halter Cunningham and also Novation Media, we are improving our social media presence. Our website is recently updated; and we have YouTube and Constant Contact, Facebook and Instagram to come in 2017.



Thanks to summer volunteers, Holly Blanchard and Halter Cunningham



Thank you to Marsh Chambers and Marcus Goulding for constructing and painting signs for our office. Marsh has also donated one of his lovely basket planters for our patio.

Special thanks to Cynthia Fraser Gallagher for editing our newsletter.



Ailsa Rogers visits the Lighthouse on an Open Day in her special Sankaty dress!



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Lighthouse Open Day

October 8
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Children 7 and up can climb with adults. Please, no flip flops allowed for your safety.

Boston Soirée
Winter 2017

NYC Soirée
April 8, 2017

Night under the Light
July 16, 2017

Mission

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