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Welcome Autumn

AS WE WRITE, autumn is arriving with its silvery glow, morning fogs and brilliant reds in the moors. Our village has assumed its fall persona. We have time to reflect on the hard work of each of our board members, the record Gala support, our newly energized Young Members and all of the renewed memberships that ensure our ongoing work. Thanks for your generous support. This newsletter recaps a busy summer and notes dates to save in 2022. We especially anticipate being together Under the Light again next year.

—Clement Durkes and Betsy Grubbs



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Annual Meeting 2021

On July 9th, the 'Sconset Trust held our 36th Annual Meeting to a standing-room-only crowd. Highlights of the meeting included the election of new board members Barbara Bispham, Robert Franklin, Will Hannum and Bill Holding. Dave and Ben Champoux received our Preservation Award in recognition of their outstanding work developing the Heller Trail, as well as their continuing maintenance of our properties, including the Lighthouse grounds and Ruddick Commons. Retiring board members Lilo Cunningham, Kate Heller O'Reilly, Ellen Mitchell and Greg Garland were recognized for their service.

Eric Savetsky, retiring head of the Nantucket Land Bank, was honored with a 'Sconset Trust post award and commendation for his service to the island, especially his collaborative efforts in 'Sconset.

Retiring Board Members

Lilo Cunningham served as secretary, on the executive committee and as the head of Gala volunteers.

Kate Heller O'Reilly (pictured below middle) was equally hard working as head of the lighthouse committee and the marketplace committee. She enhanced Lighthouse Open Days with fun, games and snacks and branded us with new and creative items.

Ellen Mitchell (pictured below middle), as our treasurer, worked tirelessly with the Finance Committee to develop a financial policy statement.

Greg Garland served on the finance committee and the development committee and chaired the mission committee. In addition, he designed our recycling/shopping bags and the popular burgee hats.



Clement Durkes and Eric Savetsky



Ellen Mitchell and Kate Heller O'Reilly



Ben and Dave Champoux (center)



Barbara Bispham

Born in New York City and raised in Hong Kong, Bunny has spent every summer of her life ensconced in Hedge Hog, her family's home in 'Sconset. From a very young age, Bunny found her sense of freedom on a bike, taking care of her daily errands at the market and post office early, and spending the rest of the day exploring the nooks and crannies of the village, seeking out the rarely sighted 'Sconset gnomes and persuading the former lighthouse keeper to let her friends and her climb to the top (in flip flops, no less!). As Head of Legal for BridgeBio Pharma, a biopharmaceutical company founded to discover, create, test and deliver transformative medicines to treat patients who suffer from genetic diseases and cancers with clear genetic drivers, Bunny continues to work remotely from 'Sconset. She is thrilled to be joining the board of the Trust to help preserve the magic of the village we all cherish.



Robert Franklin

As a student, Robert visited Nantucket in the early 1980s and biked out to 'Sconset, and the love affair began. He was captivated by the idyllic streets and homes that seemed to exist in another time, in another place. After vacationing in other areas on the island, he and his partner Charles started renting homes in the heart of the village and quickly became enamored with 'Sconset, not only for its physical beauty but also for the incredible sense of community they felt. Robert was born, raised and educated in Canada where he studied and worked in finance before moving into a career in marketing. He emigrated to the United States in 2016. Retired for some time, he now enjoys various volunteering opportunities in both his summer and winter communities.



New Board Members



Will Hannum

Will is a partner at Schwartz Hannum PC, representing employers, non-profit organizations, independent schools, colleges and universities in a broad range of labor, employment, and education matters. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, a Trustee of the Boston Bar Foundation, and a former Board Member of the Nantucket Atheneum. Will is a graduate of Deerfield Academy, Amherst College and the University of Virginia Law School. He also holds a master's degree in English from Rutgers University. Born on Nantucket, Will has been returning ever since—Will and his wife Sara have spent summers on the island for decades, and in recent years have made 'Sconset their home.



Bill Holding

Bill is a life-long seasonal resident of 'Sconset. He met his wife Pam in the village when they were kids, and they live in Wellesley, where they raised their three children, Will, Chase, and Abby. Bill is a software entrepreneur who has spent the past 25 years working with early stage ventures to launch and scale new services. Bill loves to play tennis and golf and previously served on the board of the Siasconset Casino, including two years as president. Bill and Pam's families have been actively involved in conservation issues on the island for many decades, and Bill has previously held board positions with the 'Sconset Beach Preservation Fund, as well as two terms on the 'Sconset Trust. Given the explosive growth and change occurring on island, Bill is excited to rejoin the Trust board to assist with land conservation initiatives.

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July 18, 2021



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Thank you!



young members party

Thanks to everyone who attended a lovely evening at the 'Sconset Casino on August 13, especially our generous sponsors listed below. It was a great opportunity to bring together established Trust members and potential new members to discuss our mission, purpose and recent activities. We are grateful to our board for supporting this event, the 'Sconset Casino for providing the perfect venue, and the weather gods for a beautiful evening. We look forward to more events for our Young Members.

—Bunny Bispham, Ashley Ghriskey, Chris Crampton and Will Overlock

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Patrons' Party

Thank you to Ann and Johnny Johnson for hosting our 2021 Patrons' Party. Their incredible Texas hospitality and a glorious evening made for a perfect gathering. Most of all, thank you to those who support the Trust by joining annually at the Patron level. You are the lifeblood of our organization and make our work to preserve this special community possible.



The Jog in the Fog was held again on July 24th after a COVID hiatus.

A group of front runners set a blistering pace through the 4.05k course that started at Ruddick Commons and ended at Sankaty Lighthouse. Each year the attendance has grown; we had to stop accepting registrations this year. We had over 200 participants! The weather was beautiful, and it was great to see so many friends and neighbors linger at the lighthouse. A heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers and runners/walkers who made the event such a success.

—Eric Baurmeister



Lighthouse Update

By Robert Franklin

Due to COVID concerns, we are unable to hold the October Lighthouse Open Day. We look forward to welcoming you next Spring.

In the meantime, this season the lighthouse exterior received a fresh coat of paint. We are now considering other restoration options to ensure our lighthouse is in top shape inside and out.

The recently installed light has been problematic this season. The Coast Guard maintains the light, and we are working with them on the best solutions to keep our beacon shining.



Development Update

By Johnny Johnson, Chair

This has been an interesting year in our community. Clearly the pandemic has changed lifestyles and habits, and yet activity remains robust. Mercifully, we dodged the fury of an unwanted guest named Henri. In spite of all the abnormality, the fiber and fabric of 'Sconset remain. Ours is indeed an extraordinary community!

Likewise, it has been an active year for the 'Sconset Trust. We continue to devote energy and resources to the development of new trails and paths. This year saw the

opening of the Heller Trail and improvements to Ruddick Commons. Sankaty Head Lighthouse, after much research and Coast Guard input, is lit again. We held the Jog in the Fog and the Fourth of July parade and games with only slight modifications due to COVID.

Little of this would have been possible without your encouragement and financial support. It keeps the Trust focused on its primary purpose to maintain and preserve the character of 'Sconset.

Land Update

By Eric Baurmeister

The Land Committee was busy this year identifying and assessing potential land acquisitions for the Trust, while maintaining and improving our holdings. The most exciting development this year was the creation of the Heller Trail that runs through our 14.66 acre property just south of the Milestone, between Morey and Cannonbury lanes. This approximately 1-mile trail makes use of a long-held Trust property. The trail system allows for walks and also provides a connection between Morey Lane and Low Beach Road via Cannonbury Lane. We have to thank the

Heller family for donating the land to the Trust, our neighbors around Heller Trail for working with us, Ben Champoux for laying out and cutting the trails, and David Brown for doing the lion's share of the legal, planning, and public outreach work.

We would like your help to continue our mission of conservation and preservation. If you know of any large parcels of land or unique properties of historical or environmental significance that may be a good addition to our portfolio of holdings, please let us know.



Congressman Bill Keating and his wife Tevis visited 'Sconset in August. With Drew Guff they toured Sankaty Head Lighthouse and discussed current issues of concern to the village with Clement Durkes, Betsy Grubbs, Robert Franklin and Rob Benchley.



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SUMMER WALKS

Thank you!

Special thanks to Linda Loring Nature Foundation, Nantucket Land Council, Nantucket Preservation Trust and the Nantucket Marine Mammal Alliance for partnering with us to present educational walks and classes. Dozens of participants learned more about our flora, fauna and sea life.

Stay tuned for more programming in 2022.



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