

Photos: Rob Benchley

at home under

Conservation
& Preservation
since 1984

the Light

The Heller Trail

THE SCONSET TRUST is pleased to announce the opening of its newest walking trail: the Heller Trail. The trail is located between 19 and 23 Morey Lane and connects Morey Lane to the Cannonbury subdivision at the end of Westerwick Drive. Look for the blue 'Sconset Trust post at each end.

The trail is nearly one mile in length and meanders through approximately 15 acres of land generously donated by Mary and Peter Heller in 1994. The Trust would also like to thank Blue Flag Partners for making the connection to Westerwick Drive possible.

Along the trail are a surprising number of mature trees and vegetation. See if you can identify the following plants and trees noted by Nantucket arborist Ben Champoux: black cherry, scrub oak, red cedar, naturalized privet, tupelo, black oak, sumac, highbush blueberry, white poplar, arrowwood viburnum, green ash, bayberry, Japanese black pine, pitch pine, sycamore maple, elm and apple.

The trail is a walking trail only; no parking is permitted at the trailhead at either Morey Lane or Westerwick Drive. Please be respectful of trail abutters and keep dogs leashed at all times. We think you will find the Heller Trail a restful and peaceful oasis in the center of old 'Sconset Village.

—David Brown, Board of Trustees



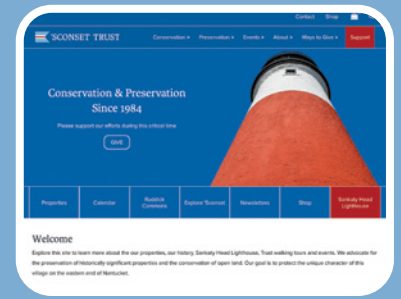
A Gift to the Trust is a gift to 'Sconset !

Please use the enclosed envelope to make your annual gift to the Trust TODAY! Or visit SconsetTrust.org.





Photo: Rob Berry



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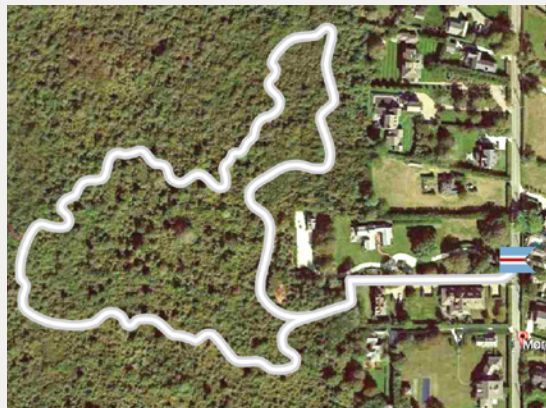
A Message from the President and Chair



VERY SOON WE EXPECT to welcome you back to 'Sconset, our favorite sanctuary. Although we don't yet know what Governor Baker's COVID-19 restrictions might be, we do expect it will be a much more normal summer for activities.

The 'Sconset Trust is excited to share with you developments with respect to a property the Trust has owned for 27 years through the generosity of Mary and Peter Heller. In 1994, the Hellers had the vision to acquire over 15 acres in 'Sconset to preserve its natural beauty and foreclose the possibility of further undesirable development.

The Trust—thanks to David Brown's hours of work and dedication—has opened up this property with a walking trail. You can now discover the beauty and serenity that has been created by the Champoux landscaping team, and you will be awestruck by what was right under our noses but not fully seen until now. In honor of Mary and Peter Heller's vision and preservation donation, the Trust is delighted to identify this new trail as the Heller Trail.



Also this summer we will celebrate the Magic of 'Sconset on Sunday, July 18th from our own homes. Please support our non-gala with a sponsorship and stay tuned for exciting events, such as an online auction including an e-bike and the opportunity to appear as a character in the next David Baldacci novel.

Membership is the heart of the 'Sconset Trust.

Please renew your membership so we can keep up the good work.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon on the Heller Trail or in Ruddick Commons. Who knows what other tricks are up our sleeves?

—Clement Durkes, President and Chair



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Visit our new,
redesigned website:
SconsetTrust.org

Special thanks to our Web Team:

Designer Eileen Powers,
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and board members
Cynthia Gallagher,
Greg Garland, and
Clement Durkes



June 19

Lighthouse Open Day

CANCELLED

July 3

Family Fun Games

CANCELLED

July 9, 4 pm

Annual Meeting

ZOOM

Members are invited to hear updates on our 2020–21 activities and current issues



Photo: Kris Kinsley Hancock

Summer Events



2021

July 10–18

'Sconset Magic Silent Auction

ONLINE

Featuring fantastic one-of-a-kind 'Sconset treasures.



July 18, 6 pm

Night of 'Sconset Magic

ZOOM

Chairs: Clement and Rick Durkes

In lieu of Night Under the Light, join us in remotely in celebrating all that we cherish in 'Sconset and on Nantucket.



July 24

Jog in the Fog

TBA

Chairs: Eric and Anne Baurmeister, Ashley and Benji Ghiskey
Starting at Ruddick Commons and Butterfly Lane (for walkers), preregistration required.

Wednesday, July 28 & August 18

Tree Walk

TBA

With the Nantucket Land Council

July & August

Nature Walks/Preservation Walks

TBA

with Linda Loring Nature Foundation, Nantucket Preservation Trust, and Nantucket Marine Mammal Alliance

Monday, August 9, 5:30 pm, 'Sconset Casino

'Sconset History Night

Topic: The Beach House, a Grand 'Sconset Summer Hotel, 1901–1957

August 13, 6–8 pm, 'Sconset Casino

Young Members Cocktails

Hosted by Chris and Chrissi Crampton, Will and Colleen Overlock and Benji and Ashley Ghiskey

Join Trust members under 50 on the Casino deck for cocktails and updates

August 15, 6–8 pm

Patrons Party

By invitation



October 9, 11 am–2 pm

Lighthouse Open Day

TBA

As we head quickly towards summer in 'Sconset, I wanted to give you a few updates on upcoming Trust events. With permissible indoor and outdoor crowd size still uncertain for the summer months, we have regrettably cancelled the June Lighthouse Open Day, the July 3rd children's Fun Day, and the in person July 18 Gala.

We will still celebrate **'Sconset Magic** with a fabulous online auction and a family-friendly online magic show that can be seen "at home under the light" at 6 pm on the evening of July 18. There will be scheduled nature walks with naturalists from the Linda Loring Foundation and the Nantucket Land Council, a younger members cocktail party at the Casino in August, **'Sconset History Night**, and a **Patrons Party** in mid-August. The annual **Jog in the Fog**, as well as other summer and fall Trust activities, remain TBD. Keep your eyes peeled for news about 'Sconset Trust activities at SconsetTrust.org.

—Kathy Cheek and the
Events Committee



Please Join

Clement and Rick Durkes
and the 'Sconset Trust Board of Directors

CELEBRATING
'Sconset
★ Magic ★
July 18, 2021



★ **The Magic of 'Sconset** ★

In lieu of our in-person Night Under the Light, our primary fundraising event in 2021 will include a virtual magic show, an online auction and private Lighthouse tours.

★ **Exclusive Lighthouse Tours**

We are offering private Lighthouse tours to \$1984 and up sponsors, with tour chances to all sponsors! ★



Virtual Magic Show
July 18, 2021, 6 p.m. ★

The Trust is excited to present the magic, mentalism and mischief of **Brad Barton** for all of our sponsors.

Online Auction *is back!*
July 10–18

★ *Fictional Immortality*
Best-Selling Novelist
David Baldacci
Will Name a Character
for You in a New Thriller



Do you dream of living forever? Or want your name known across the globe? Here's your chance! **David Baldacci**—the author of more than 40 *New York Times* bestselling novels—will name a character after you (or after someone you love) in one of his upcoming thrillers. There's no way to know whether your character will be on the side of good or evil; you'll have to read the book—your autographed copy, that is—to find out.

Trek E-bike

Need a little push uphill? Pedal effortlessly around the Village on a nearly impossible to procure **Trek E-bike**.



Summer Sconset Blues IV

Bring a little summer into your home with this 12" x 23" original gouache-on-paper by Nancy Simonds.

And **Emma Ward needlepoint pillow, Christmas ornaments from Village stitchers, a Rilce Lefton doorstop, 'Sconset neon sign, special wines, cocktail cruise, fishing trip and more!**



Susan Ruddick

1938–2021



Susan Ruddick was a dedicated and inspiring leader of the 'Sconset Trust for decades. She was a committed member of the Board of Directors for several years before serving as Chair from 1993 to 2000. Susan and her husband Perry were awarded the 'Sconset Trust Award in 2007 for their dedication to the mission of the Trust. In 2014, the Coffin Land purchase on Milestone Road was named Ruddick Commons in their honor.

Most importantly, Susan was a visionary leader in the initiative to save Sankaty Head Lighthouse from encroaching erosion. Concerned about the future of the iconic structure, she worked with International Chimney of Williamsville, New York, to develop a plan to move the lighthouse if needed. When the engineers deemed the move necessary, Susan and Perry chaired the extraordinary Sankaty Head Lighthouse Campaign, raising over \$4 million in just months through the generosity of nearly a thousand donors across the island and beyond.

Always passionate about including young people, Susan fostered her grandchildren's Lighthouse Lemonade stands and invited island children to submit artwork proposing their creative ideas of how to move the Lighthouse.

Susan is survived by her three children and seven grandchildren.



Photo: Clement Durkes



This time of year, 'Sconset seems like a movie set waiting for lights and action. All of us are eager for post office hellos, blueberry muffins and time together. We look forward to greeting you soon at the 'Sconset Trust office or on walks to the Lighthouse, Ruddick Commons or the new Heller Trail.

Please read in this newsletter about our summer events and our ongoing work to enhance and preserve this wonderful place we call home. Explore our new website for more information, as well as the 2020 Annual Report that documents the generosity of our supporters.

—Elizabeth Grubbs, Executive Director



AS A RESULT OF planned gifts and bequests in 2020 and 2021, the 'Sconset Trust has been the beneficiary of over \$340,000. These gifts have been transformative during this period of financial uncertainty, keeping the Trust financially sound and protecting our mission of conservation, preservation and education.

Gifts to annual membership or for events are made from discretionary income. A planned gift is a major gift made as a part of a donor's estate. There are many ways that planned gifts can be made that benefit both the donor and the recipient. Please consider a planned gift to the 'Sconset Trust. Our office is happy to assist you.

We are grateful for our Beacon Society members. We especially wish to remember Walter and Sylvia Lukens for their recent, generous bequest upon Sylvie's death. They were early supporters of the Trust and for many years lived in Dexioma on Broadway and later in the Capt. Valentine Aldrich house on Elbow Lane. The Lukens were deeply committed to the Village.

Making a planned gift is an important way to insure that the Sankaty Light continues to shine.

—Marcella Zimmerman, Beacon Society chair

save the date!

YOUNG MEMBERS
summer cocktail party

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
6-8 pm

OUTDOOR DECK
'Sconset Casino

IT'S WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT THAT WE ANNOUNCE A

summer cocktail party

& information session
for Young Members aged 25-50.

This will be a fun and engaging opportunity for prospective and existing members to learn more about the Trust in a casual setting.

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions, we anticipate hosting the reception on Friday, August 13 on the outdoor deck at the 'Sconset Casino. We encourage participation from all young community members. We urge member parents to mention this event to their children aged 25-50, and for younger members to invite their friends.

An evite will be sent out in early summer with details. The event is likely to be limited by state requirements for outdoor gatherings. Please RSVP quickly!

—Host Committee: Chris and Chrissi Crampton,
Benjy and Ashley Ghiskey, Will and Colleen Overlock



'Sconset Station 2

I have been asked to provide an update on the possibility of a new Fire Station for the east end of the island, and I will do my best to do that.

The firehouse feasibility study, completed in 2019, showed that changes/additions to the current fire station in 'Sconset were not financially or historically appropriate. I recognize the importance of the current building, its value to the neighborhood, and my fiscal responsibility to the town. At this time, I cannot in good faith explore any potential changes to the West Sankaty Road Fire station.

The Nantucket Fire Department and the town agencies have been coordinating to identify potential firehouse sites. Many ideas have been explored, but unfortunately, a perfect site has yet to be found. Each location we looked at had its own difficulties or concerns. We will continue to look for and possibly acquire land for a new 'Sconset Station 2.

The new station will be a facility that address needs of the town and community as minimalistically as possible. This station must also be built to serve potential future needs and missions of the Fire Department. But, before any possible design can be started, we must have a site.

I will continue to work on this this project and would like to assure 'Sconset residents that town departments are being very helpful in the search for possible land. Thanks to the 'Sconset Trust for continued support. I hope one day we can all participate in a ground breaking for a new Station 2 in 'Sconset.

—Stephen A. Murphy,
Chief, Nantucket Fire Department

THANK YOU!

To **Sara Schwartz** for all her hard work on the Trust Instagram! @sconsetandbeyond

Send your photos to info@sconsettrust.org to be featured.



THANK YOU!

To the **'Sconset Errand Boys** for putting together the 'Sconset Magic mailing.



shout out



To Lighthouse Keeper **Rob Benchley**, who has written a delightful 'Sconset history, due out in late June. *It will be available at local bookstores and the 'Sconset Market.*



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.

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