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Welcome Fall

THE MISSION of the 'Sconset Trust is to preserve and conserve the unique character of our village. Equally as important as our open land and historic structures are YOU, our year round and summer residents. The village attracts amazing people who contribute to our unique character. We are an extended family who look out for each other and our environment.

We cannot thank all our members enough but we will say this at every opportunity: your contribution always exceeds our expectations.

We welcome four new board members this fall who are profiled in this newsletter. We look forward to their continued energy, dedication, and love for our village. Again, I have to thank our four outgoing board members who contributed so much to the success of the Trust board for the last six years: Danny Korengold, Cynthia Gallagher, Eric Baurmeister and Johnny Johnson. The Trust has been fortunate to have you all as part of its board. Enjoy the months away from 'Sconset wherever you are, knowing the village is awaiting your return.

—Clement Durkes

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Annual Meeting 2022

The 37th Annual Meeting of the 'Sconset Trust was held on July 8th with a standing-room-only crowd present. The Lourie Family Preservation Award was presented to Jessica and Drew Guff for their careful preservation of L'il Light, a classic Underhill cottage on Evelyn Street.

Mary Bergman, executive director of the Nantucket Preservation Trust presented the Codfish Park brochure produced jointly by the NPT and the 'Sconset Trust. It is available online and in the 'Sconset Trust office.

The newly Elected board members for 2022 are Lisa Bermel, Holly Johnson, Sally Michler and Robin Ried.



Retiring Board Members

Eric Baurmeister started the highly popular Jog in the Fog in 2016. He also chaired the Land Committee and was an instrumental member of the Finance Committee.

Cynthia Gallagher served as Clerk, chaired the Nominating Committee, and was our editor-in-chief.

Johnny Johnson was chair of the Development Committee and oversaw the establishment of the Lighthouse Maintenance Fund. He also served as vice-chair of the board. He and his wife Ann hosted two Patrons parties.

Danny Korengold returned to the Board for a third term after setting new development standards and goals in his prior terms. He again ably chaired Development and also served on the Land Committee. Danny and his wife Martha also hosted a Patrons Party.

Jessica and Drew Guff with Clement Durkes and Jamie Holt.



Clement Durkes honors retiring board members Johnny Johnson, Eric Bauermeister, Danny Korengold, and Cynthia Gallagher (not pictured).





Lisa Bermel

I first visited Nantucket with my husband John in 1990. We had barely stepped off the tarmac before realizing that all Nantucket was great but that we favored 'Sconset. So, on our next visit, we rented on King Street. That was in 1992 and we were startled to learn of the loss of houses from Codfish Park. I found that devastation so disturbing we scuttled back to town and rented on Brant Point for years. In 2007, we bought a house on Cabot Lane. Though we loved every minute there, in 2018 we saw the light (!) and bought Aloha on Morey Lane. I'm a long-time supporter of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, I have also served on the board of the Nantucket Lightship Basket Museum and currently chair a committee for The Garden Club of America. My husband and I and our two children cherish every minute here and I am looking forward to working for 'Sconset's benefit.



Holly Johnson Harris

I was raised in Montreal and had the great fortune of spending many summers in 'Sconset as a child where city life was left behind and I was encouraged to roam freely and safely. Now living in San Francisco, 'Sconset remains our family's connection to the East coast and a place to gather. I have a background in film production and the arts and currently serve on the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco's board as well as the Acquisitions Committee of the SFMOMA. Education, diversity and public access are of particular interest and philanthropic focus for myself and my husband, Parker Harris. We have three children Zoë, Nicholas, and Benjamin.



New Board Members



Sally Michler

My husband and I have been enjoying our summer trips to Nantucket for 40 years. After experiencing many different parts of the island with our three daughters, we found our absolute favorite community and purchased a home in 'Sconset. There is nowhere else our family would rather return to each summer. I so admire and respect the community's commitment to its history and preservation, unique character, community closeness, and reverence toward protecting all that makes 'Sconset so special. I look forward to doing what I can to help preserve these special qualities so that we can share with our grandchildren and future generations this most wonderful part of the world.



Robin Ried

My career in urban planning was directly inspired by my love of 'Sconset. I lead the Real Estate Development practice of Bloomberg Associates, the philanthropic consulting arm of Michael Bloomberg's charitable foundation. I work with mayors around the world to improve quality of life for their residents by advising them on urban redevelopment projects, land use planning and urban design, and public space initiatives. Before joining Bloomberg Associates, I was the Head of Urban Development and a Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum and conducted a Fulbright Scholarship in Barcelona and a Mayoral Fellowship in Providence, RI. I received a B.A. in Urban Studies from Brown University and a Master of City Planning from the UC Berkeley. While I have worked in cities on almost every continent, there is no place I love more than 'Sconset.



BACK HOME UNDER THE LIGHT

'SCONSET TRUST ANNUAL GALA

JULY 17, 2022

SANKATY HEAD GOLF CLUB



Our 2022 Gala, Back Home Under the Light, was a huge success, completely selling out early and netting just over \$307,000 after a 2 year hiatus. We are deeply grateful to this year's Gala Chairs, Pam and Bill Holding, and to all of our sponsors and donors, auction item donors, and the many hardworking, dedicated volunteers.



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PAUL JUDY was awarded the 'Sconset Trust Award in recognition of his myriad contributions to the 'Sconset Trust, the village and the island. Paul is the founder of the popular 'Sconset History Nights and has supported many initiatives to capture and preserve the history of 'Sconset. The Judy Foundation is an underwriter of Building with 'Sconset in Mind by Michael May which will be published in 2023.



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YOUNG MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

The second annual Young Members cocktail party was held on August 5 with 140 attendees. A special thanks to our hosts Bunny Bispham, Ashley and Benjy Ghirskey, Chris and Chrissi Crampton, and Will and Coleen Overlock as well as our sponsors.

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THANK YOU!

The 'Sconset Trust is the proud recipient of a painting of *Auld Lang Syne* by noted Nantucket Artist Maud Stumm. We are grateful to Lucinda Young for this generous donation.

It is hung in our One New Street office along with the 1896 map by William Codd and the Susan Ried print series capturing 'Sconset life.

Patrons' Party

AUGUST 14, 2022



Robin Ried and Christopher Staudt hosted the annual Patrons Party to thank all of our Patron level donors who made an annual membership gift of \$1000 and above. 150 Patrons enjoyed the evening, meeting the Misses Charlotte and Annika Staudt and also touring the historic barn that the Staudts are carefully preserving.



A record crowd of 200 registrants participated in the 5th Jog in the Fog. Thanks to founder Eric Baurmeister and his co-chair Ashley Ghirskey for organizing a great community event.



Land Update

By David Brown

The Land Committee continues to look for ways to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the village of 'Sconset which has become increasingly challenging with increased development and traffic. Our focus over the last few years has been on land conservation, maintaining public beach access and trail development on Trust land. While the Trust does not have the resources to acquire or preserve every undeveloped lot in 'Sconset, we reach out regularly to landowners who own property which the Trust views as strategic to its mission. Please contact us if you would like to discuss property conservation and the tax benefits related to outright or partial gifting and conservation restrictions.

The Trust is also actively involved with the Town of Nantucket and the Land Bank in multiple discussions related to ensuring continued public access to 'Sconset beaches. We expect to be able to announce one or more initiatives in this regard in our next newsletter.

Finally, the Trust continues to create walking and biking trails on some of our larger land parcels. Following the successful development of the Heller Trail off of Morey Lane in 2021, the Trust recently completed a new trail system on approximately 15 acres of Trust land off of Burnell Street and Lenox Way. Look for the 'Sconset Trust Trail stone markers.

Lighthouse Update

By Robert Franklin

Early this fall, the crew from International Chimney who oversaw the lighthouse move in 2007 returns to the island to start a significant preservation project on the lighthouse.

Among other work, the crew is focusing on restoring the lantern housing and its railing, the gallery deck railings and floor, the ships ladder and, importantly, all the windows in the lighthouse. The spiral staircase will be spongeblasted and recoated, and the anchor that stabilizes the staircase will be replaced. All of this will of course require restoration of the masonry and mortar. The work will take approximately 8 to 10 weeks to complete.

Thanks go to the Community Preservation Committee of Nantucket for a major grant that will cover a significant portion of the work. We also heartily thank our members who turned out for the Gala in support of this initiative as well as individual donors who have generously contributed to our Sankaty Head Lighthouse Fund. Thanks to all of you!

More exciting news: the United States Coast Guard is planning to install a new, state-of-the-art light sometime in the coming year to replace the current light which, as many of you know, has had its issues since its installation. We very much look forward to this as well. Her Majesty (as some refer to the lighthouse) will be in excellent shape from bottom to top.



Students from the Lighthouse School on a visit Sankaty this past summer.



BEACON
SOCIETY

By Marcella Zimmerman

The Beacon Society, the planned giving society of the 'Sconset Trust, is now in its 5th year! The society was formed as a way of recognizing those who have made provisions for the 'Sconset Trust in their estate planning. You, too, can increase the impact you will have by considering a gift that will meet your financial, estate and philanthropic goals.

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Jeremiah Berube, Site Superintendent (right), and ICC Commonwealth crew members Vicki Kirsch and James Pelletier take a break from their restoration work at Sankaty Light.

Photo: Eileen Powers



Baked Goods by Elle

Trust president Clement Durkes samples treats with entrepreneur Isabelle Kadakia owner of 'Sconset's newest catering company, Baked Goods by Elle. Isabelle offers breakfast catering, dinner desserts dropped to your door!

Lighthouse Guests

Sankaty Head Lighthouse had some special guests this summer. Thanks to Rob Benchley, Robert Franklin and our volunteers and staff who made these visits possible.

- Nantucket Lighthouse School
- The crew of the USS Nantucket
- Preservation Institute of Nantucket students
- Aspiring authors, the 'Sconset Errand Boys
- Sankaty Head Golf club caddies
- Maury Camp

What a summer!

THE TRUST AND THE VILLAGE celebrated a glorious, sun drenched summer in the village and on the island. In addition to attending over a dozen organized Trust events, hundreds of people walked to the Lighthouse and hiked our expanding trail system.

Our membership continues to grow, especially among our Young Members and Patron level donors. Our members have been incredibly generous in their support, with record memberships, Gala sponsorships and Lighthouse Restoration gifts. Thanks to all who make our work possible. Our board is working constantly on preservation efforts in the village and land conservation initiatives as well as planning events to inform and entertain. We are fortunate to have strong collaborative relationships with the NPT, the Land Bank, the Conservation Foundation and the Town of Nantucket.

Thanks to our staff who made this landmark summer possible: our Administrative Director Jennifer Ahlborn, Lighthouse Keeper Rob Benchley, our summer intern Charlie Schild, and our summer events organizer Gennifer Costanzo. We also owe a special debt of gratitude to Eileen Powers at Javatime Design for her incredible design work including the memorable graphics celebrating the Lighthouse move's 15th anniversary and upcoming restoration work.

—Elizabeth Grubbs

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