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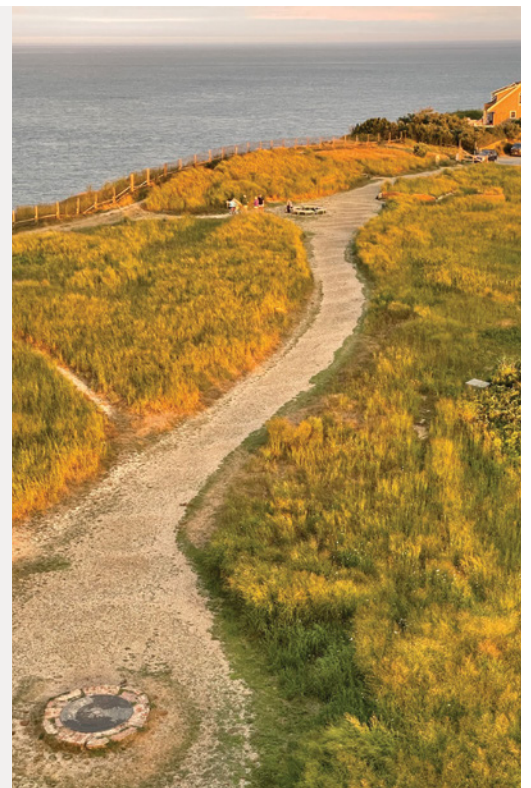
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Thank you to our retiring Executive Director

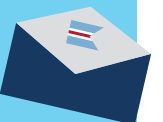
NORMALLY THE SPRING NEWSLETTER is focused on changes in 'Sconset since the Fall. While many major developments have occurred in that time period, I would like to focus on the fact that our extraordinary Executive Director is retiring, effective June 17. Betsy has served the Trust for eight years as our Executive Director, after having previously served two terms as a Board Member and also leading two capital campaigns. Her many recent accomplishments include: increased membership; expanded financial support; expansion of the village core—notably the purchase of the Aldrich House; increased open land holdings culminating in the purchase of 2 Gully Road; a growing walking trail system; and, the publication of *Building With 'Sconset in Mind*—a landmark guide to preserving the character of our community.

Please join me in celebrating Betsy's tireless and selfless dedication to enhancing, while protecting, our village. Betsy and Ray will remain in 'Sconset and will have more time for all of us! Thank you Betsy for your tireless effort and guidance to our Board and, especially, me. Our new Executive Director will be able to build on the expansive and solid base that Betsy has created.

—Clement Durkes, Board Chair

**Renew YOUR TRUST MEMBERSHIP!**

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





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'Sconset Trust Annual Meeting

July 7, 5:30 p.m.
'Sconset Casino



A Message from the Executive Director



WRITING MY FINAL NEWSLETTER COLUMN is very humbling as I reflect on all the people with whom I have worked for several decades to preserve 'Sconset and the island. There is an unparalleled passion for this village and island that generates an incredible sense of community and support.

The litany of 'Sconset Trust members, board chairs, board members, island nonprofits, town officials and Trust staff to acknowledge would take up this entire newsletter. Your energy and vision have inspired me. My deepest thanks to all of you.

'Sconset and the island have been remarkable in their generous support of our work and fundraising efforts. Every fundraising campaign has surpassed our goals thanks to your philanthropy.

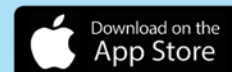
Your willingness to volunteer, contribute to auctions, and host events around the country have made for great times together. We have Jogged in the Fog, rolled watermelons on the 4th, walked our trails, and of course hugged our Lighthouse. We have learned together at annual meetings, History Nights, on guided walks and with publications including *Building With 'Sconset in Mind*.

Receiving contributions from lemonade stands and mask holder sales reinforces that the 'Sconset Trust and our village will flourish for years to come. I share with you my great excitement in envisioning all the wonderful strides we will make in the years ahead to protect all we love about our village. See you soon in 'Sconset.

—Betsy Grubbs, Executive Director

Free Trail App

The Trust is delighted to become part of a free trails app hosted by the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and Nantucket Land Bank to provide approachable and adventurous routes for residents and visitors to experience Nantucket's open space. This encompasses over 80 trails and parks across the island. Download it for free on Apple and Android Devices through the app store.





Trust Committee Reports



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Land Update

—David Brown, chair

The first phase of the 2 Gully Road remediation plan approved by the Nantucket Conservation Commission is nearly complete with the planting of 151 non-invasive trees, 294 shrubs and beach grasses. The work will be monitored over the next three years by the Nantucket Conservation Commission and a third-party consultant to ensure satisfactory growth of the new plantings and the stability of the resource area. As reported earlier, the prior owner has taken full financial and other responsibility for the previous tree removal on the property and the satisfactory completion of the remediation plan. The Trust is very excited about the long-term benefits the acquisition of 2 Gully Road will bring to the Sconset community. The purchase includes an additional 100 yards of access abutting the 'Sconset beach. In the photograph, a crew from Wilkinson Ecological Design works the area where plantings include bayberry, beach plum, cedars and 14,000 plugs of beach grass.

Preservation Report

—Jamie Holt, chair

Building With 'Sconset In Mind

is a landmark publication that will be distributed at the Annual Meeting and other summer events as well as in our One New Street office. Thanks to the Judy Foundation for supporting the production of the book and to Diane and Art Kelly for generously underwriting the publication costs so we can offer this book free of charge.

Also thanks to Michael May, graphic designer Eileen Powers and editor Cynthia Gallagher who created this publication with help from many.



Lighthouse Report

—Robert Franklin, chair

This year, our Spring Open Day will take place on Saturday June 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors must register online in advance at the Trust website to secure a spot and make the climb. Online reservations will open on June 1st on a first-come, first-served basis. The Island Kitchen food truck will once again be on the grounds for the day.

If you cannot make it on June 17th, we will be offering a members-only pop-up Open Day during the summer. Watch your email for the announcement. We will conclude the season with the Fall Open Day on October 7th.

Some of you may have heard about the lighthouse preservation work that was completed last fall. International Chimney carried out a restoration project that included work on the lantern housing and its railings and the gallery floor deck and its railings. The spiral staircase was sponge blasted and recoated. The anchors which stabilize the staircase at the base and up the sides were replaced. Finally, all the windows were painstakingly restored.

Thanks to the Community Preservation Committee of Nantucket for providing a significant grant for this project. We especially wish to thank our generous members who turned out in numbers for the 2022 gala, proceeds from which helped finance this project. See you at Sankaty!



A NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHT

'SCONSET TRUST ANNUAL GALA



Hosted by Clement and Rick Durkes & the 'Sconset Trust Board of Directors

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 ★ SANKATY HEAD GOLF CLUB

Sankaty Head Golf Club ★ Cocktails • Raw Bar • Music

GALA SPONSORS List as of May 1, 2023

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Cocktail Party



FRIDAY, AUGUST 4
6-8 PM SCONSET CASINO

Hosts

BUNNY BISPHAM
CHRIS AND CHRISSY CRAMPTON
ASHLEY AND BENJY GHRISKEY
WILL AND COLLEEN OVERLOCK
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Tickets

\$100 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
\$300 SPONSORSHIP WITH TWO TICKETS



Village Keepers Initiative

—Bill Holding

In addition to its focus on land conservation and historic preservation, over the past decade the board of the 'Sconset Trust has increasingly engaged in efforts to protect and sustain the village center and businesses that are vital to the fabric of the community:

- In 2012, the importance of the village commercial center came to the forefront with the designation of the Village Neighborhood Zoning District to foster the retention of commercial structures.
- In 2018, this district was expanded through the continued work by the Town of Nantucket, the 'Sconset Trust and local business owners.
- To help address the island's critical shortfall in employee housing, the Trust recently acquired The Captain Aldrich House (behind the Market) to secure workforce housing capacity to support our village businesses into the future.
- The Trust continues to engage with owners of the commercial structures in the village about its interest in partnering wherever possible to secure and protect those buildings

The Trust's mission remains the same: protecting the best parts of 'Sconset that we all love—the natural beauty, historic properties, and the village—the way of life that is so unique and special to us all. We have heard clearly from our membership and donors that the handful of businesses in town are central to this equation. The Village Keepers is an exciting initiative that reflects the Trust's efforts to support the village core and adapt to the evolving challenges on island.



Aldrich House

Founding Village Keepers

We would like to thank the founding Village Keepers whose vision and generosity provided the resources needed to support the purchase of the Valentine Aldrich House and the ongoing efforts to preserve our village center.

Gene Assaf & Liz McHenry

The Carson Family

Lori and Eric Dannheim

The Fremont-Smith Family

The Golden Family

Philip and Nicole Hadley

Holly Johnson and Parker Harris

Pam and Bill Holding

Ben and Laurel Langworthy

John and Christine Maraganore and Family

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Lydia and Rob Petty

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Catharine and Jeffrey Soros

Amy and Mark Tercek



Florida Soirée

February 25, 2023

Thank you to hosts
Kathy and David Cheek
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Trust Soirées 2023



New York City soirée

April 14, 2023

Thank you to hosts
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Katie and Conor Tochilin
Meira Chiesa and Clint Uhler



January 19, 2023

Holly Johnson and
Parker Harris hosted the first
San Francisco Soirée.
Thank you, Holly and Parker
for bringing 'Sconset west.





THE TRUST'S ANNUAL RUN/WALK

JULY 29 AT 8:30 A.M. • RUDDICK COMMONS

ASHLEY AND BENJY GHRISKEY,
ERIC AND ANNE BAURMEISTER, CHAIRS

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Lighthouse open day
June 17 & October 7

online registration starts June 1

Hats, t-shirts and other 'sconset trust merchandise
will be available for purchase.