



The Shore

Friends Keeps Province Lands Visitor Center Open!

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore must be applauded for refusing to allow the budget cuts mandated by the federal sequestration to close the Province Lands Visitor Center (PLVC). The Cape Cod National Seashore is the backbone of our economy on the Outer Cape, and the PLVC is an integral component in the park.

– Eastham Chamber of Commerce, 5/16/13 eNews

Yes, that's us. The Friends bested the Beltway politicians by donating \$25,000 to save the Province Lands Visitors Center from its earmarked summer closure.

Just who are the Friends? Simply put, Friends is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Massachusetts corporation, allowing contributions to it to be tax deductible. Its mission is to help the Seashore to preserve and protect the incomparable natural and cultural resources that characterize the Outer Cape. Our present membership totals over 630 folks who value their good fortune to be able to experience the park in all its present day splendor – and who want to share that good fortune with future generations.

When federal funding falls short, we try to fill some of the holes. Most of our funding is derived from the annual dues members pay. Other valuable sources include “in memory” and “in honor” donations, will bequests, gifts, and income from advertising in our annual magazine.

So thanks to our 630 members, and additional supporters, we were able to keep the PLVC doors open this summer – for us, for our visitors, and for those who depend on the presence of the Seashore for their livelihood. This is not all our members and supporters have done. During the last three years, the Friends refurbished the Old Harbor Life Saving-Station in period furniture and accessories from the early 1900's, as well as exact replicas of items which no longer can be found. The Penniman House in Eastham has a new replica flag pole, fencing, and walkways thanks to the Friends. Interpretative signs are presently being designed, built and installed along the Province Lands Bike Trail, all funded by the Friends.



The Seashore is able to offer summer educational talks and family entertainment, thanks to the Friends. Science symposiums are sponsored by the Friends. The list goes on.

In addition to financial support, some of our members do things for the Seashore. We maintain the most popular trails through our adopt-a-trail program. We maintain native gardens and remove invasive plants. We furnish volunteers for a myriad of park projects: its cut, pile and burn program, its seal education team, its phenology program, its shorebird monitoring program. Then there is the group of people who make it all happen. They are our board members and committee members.

So, Friends, take pride and satisfaction in how you have helped the Cape Cod National Seashore fulfill its mission. And, if you are not a member of the Friends and love the Seashore, join us. We do good.

■ Dick Spokes, President



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We thank all Friends who have renewed their membership for 2013. Special thanks to those who have given to our special funds, and in memory and in honor of donations.

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For those members who have not yet provided us with their email address, we encourage you to do so. Increasingly, the board communicates with Friends members by email – from our bi-monthly eNews to information about volunteer opportunities to membership news and renewal. You may send us your address at info@fccns.org or go into your member profile and add. Friends will never share your address with other organizations.



Photo: Ross Johnston

Meet the New Friends Directors

Heather Hill moved to Orleans from Charlotte NC with her husband and three sons in July 2012. She has been a life-long visitor to the Cape and a Friends member since 2000. As a full time Cape resident she is now able to take a more active role in the Friends, including volunteering as membership chair, helping with the magazine, and best of all, participating in volunteer projects such as Earth Day and the Seal Education Team.

Bruce Hurter retired two years ago. He was, through most of his career a community psychiatrist and assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts in Worcester. Bruce and Maddy, after years of frequent visits to their second home in Wellfleet, moved here permanently in 2009. Since retirement Bruce has been involved with a number of “citizen science” projects with Audubon and the National Seashore, and has been active on many conservation projects. He is currently the Friends board liaison to the Seashore Natural Resources.

Guy Strauss moved to North Truro year-round 20 years ago, from previous lives in Boston, New York and Paris. He has been involved with the town of Truro on various committees including Chair of the Truro Cable Advisory Committee for ten years, and the Truro Partnership. He was the Founder/Artistic Director for ten years of Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro, which he physically moved three times, landing where the Tent stands now, at Highlands Center, Cape Cod National Seashore. He has enjoyed working with the rangers and staff of the Seashore for many years.

Jeff Tash has owned a home in Wellfleet for the past quarter century. Recently retired, Jeff was previously an entrepreneurial CEO and before that a corporate executive in the computer software and information technology industry working for firms including Hewitt Associates, Digital Equipment and IBM. As an expert enterprise architect Jeff consulted on emerging technologies to scores of clients around the world. In retirement Jeff has channeled his passions for Wellfleet and computing into a popular website called WELLFLEETian.com. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore, Wellfleet Historical Society, Wellfleet Community Forum, and Nauset Newcomers. Jeff is the Friends’ webmaster.

In Memory of and in Honor of Gifts

If you would like to give a gift to the Friends in memory of or in honor of a special person in your life, you can do so by going to “Donate” on the Friends website at www.fccns.org.

Will Bequests – Another Way to Give to Friends

Preserving and protecting the things we treasure is a wise investment. Bequests allow you to make a meaningful gift to the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore without jeopardizing your family’s security.

A bequest can be cash or specific property. It can be designated for general purposes or a specific program, fund or project. Naming the Friends in your will gives you peace of mind that you are helping to protect the Cape Cod National Seashore forever.

If interested in learning more, please go the Friends website at www.fccns.org and click on “Donate.”

FRIENDS 2013 CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore sponsors FREE concerts and activities each year for residents and families visiting the Seashore. Note that seating at Salt Pond Visitor Center events is limited, so please arrive early.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Check our website www.fccns.org for updates on events.

Friday, June 21 **7:00 pm**

TOAST AND JAM

Tim Dickey, Julie Wanamaker, and Laird Boles playing original bluegrass music.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

Wednesday, July 17 **7:30 pm**

FROM RIGHT WHALES TO GRAY SEALS: Stranding Response on Cape Cod

Cape Cod and its surrounding waters are habitat for an impressive number of marine mammal species, from critically endangered right whales to rebounding gray seal colonies. **Brian Sharp**, stranding coordinator for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) on Cape Cod, will give an illustrated talk on IFAW's Marine Rescue and Research program that deals with everything from large whale necropsies to mass stranding of dolphins to human interactions with seals.

The lecture follows the **Annual Meeting of Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore** at 6:30 pm (see below).

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham



Friday, July 26 **7:00 pm**

BILLY & BETH

Billy Hardy and Beth Sweeney, the dynamic Celtic fiddle and instrumental duo who play Irish and other Celtic music and songs, return once again.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

Thursday, August 8 **7:00 pm**

The Outer Cape Chorale Chamber Singers

A glorious evening of song by this esteemed Outer Cape choral group.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

Friday, October 11 **7:00 pm**

The Rum Soaked Crooks

The traditional Autumn Winds Concert by this lively quartet, singing a medley of sea chanteys, ballads, and ditties that span four centuries of Yankee seafaring tradition.

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham



IFAW Seal Rescue

FRIENDS Annual Meeting on July 17 – Salt Pond Visitor Center, 6:30 pm

FCCNS President will give the annual report on Friends of the National Seashore's activities and accomplishments of the past 25th anniversary year, followed by election of officers and directors. A notice with the slate of officers will be mailed to all members in late June. Following the meeting, at 7:30 pm, Brian Sharp will present an illustrated talk on IFAW's rescues of stranded marine mammals. Don't miss this exciting event!

2013 CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE PROGRAMS

TUESDAY EVENINGS AT SALT POND

These FREE summer Cape Cod National Seashore programs are sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore. All programs begin at 7 pm, are about one hour long, and take place at Salt Pond Visitor Center (wheelchair accessible) in Eastham. Seating is limited; come early! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

July 2 **7:00 pm**

A Look at the Herring River Restoration Project

The Herring River in Wellfleet is the largest estuary of Outer Cape Cod, yet it is in a severely altered state due to a dike constructed in 1908. Join CCNS restoration ecologist **Tim Smith** to learn about efforts to restore the system, in this most ambitious wetland restoration project in the state.

July 9 **7:00 pm**

Songs of Nature and the Land

Balladeer **Linda Russell** explores the impact of settlement and the relationship between people and the land as revealed in the traditional songs of the past. A musical and historical look at the natural world of Cape Cod.

July 16 **7:00 pm**

Salt and Family: The Life of a Humpback Whale

Join **Carol "Krill" Carson** for an evening about Salt, the most famous humpback whale in the world. Salt returns each year to feed in the waters off Cape Cod. A life-size model of Salt, as well as 25-foot fabric whale of Salt's calf Crystal, will be on display.

July 23 **7:00 pm**

Once Upon a Tide

Stand-up Chameleon **Jackson Gillman** shares a rollicking mix of interactive songs, movement, and stories that will enchant your family, drawing on his fishy repertoire from sandy beach to the briny deep.

July 30 **7:00 pm**

From Beach to Table:

Modern-Day Saltworks on Cape Cod

Resourceful Cape Codders have been harvesting salt from the sea for hundreds of years. **Janice Burling** and **Penny Lewis**, founders of Cape Cod Saltworks Sea Salt, look at the history of the Cape salt industry and the processes they use today to harvest natural sea salt from local waters.

August 6 **7:00 pm**

Songs of the Sea

Join local musicians **Denya LeVine** and **Julie Charland** for a fun, maritime, musical presentation of sea chanteys, folk music, fiddle tunes, and twentieth-century popular music on the theme of the sea.

August 13 **7:00 pm**

Geography Game Show

Explore the world through this innovative and interactive program by local artist, geography expert, and world traveler **Neal Nichols**. Features the rendering of a map from memory through which the audience interacts and participates.

August 20 **7:00 pm**

Oceans of Fun

Join storyteller **Diane Edgecomb** as she shares favorite family tales about water time adventures. Enjoy her original humorous participatory story about water conservation and the things we can do to help.

August 27 **7:00 pm**

Tools of the Trade

Aquinnah Wampanoag historian **Jonathan Perry** gives an insightful presentation of the development, history, and use of many common place tools and utensils used in traditional Wampanoag culture.

PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER

Two of the above SPVC programs will be presented at the Province Lands Visitor Center, off Race Point Road, at 3 pm on the same day:

July 9 – Songs of Nature and the Land

August 20 – Oceans of Fun

August 9 **2 to 4:00 pm**

Province Lands Mini-Fest

Join us at the picturesque outdoor PLVC amphitheater for an afternoon of games, crafts, and music. The third annual **Zoe Lewis and Peter Donnelly Concert** at 3 pm will quickly have us all dancing and singing along!



The Myriad Ways



Contributes to the Seashore

For 25 years now, Friends has been a vital partner to the Cape Cod National Seashore. We thought members would like to know some of the many ways Friends lends a hand, particularly in this year of severe budget cuts due to sequestration. Friends makes a difference, both through financial donations and volunteer hours donated. If any of the activities described below by committee chairs peak your interest, please contact us at info@fccns.org or volunteer@fccns.org. The Seashore needs you!

AUGMENTING PARK STAFF

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore augments the staffing requirements of the Park through its **Volunteer Program**. Over the past 25 years, volunteer opportunities in partnership with the park have expanded into a number of different areas. We now have opportunities that have something for everyone. For those who enjoy the outdoors, we have programs like trail management, seal education, native gardens and beach restoration. We also have annual events such as Earth Day and National Public Lands Day. On these two days teams of volunteers tackle larger projects in conjunction with Park staff. Our volunteers also assist the Park Rangers with many programs that Friends sponsors throughout the year such as the winter film series and the summer lecture program.

With the federal budget cuts, the Friends has expanded our volunteers efforts to help staff the Province Lands Visitor Center throughout the summer. Working side by side with Rangers, this work allows the Park to preserve some of their interpretive programs. Also this year, we have several members adopting sections of the National Seashore



Earth Day, 2013. Footbridge, Nauset Marsh Trail

to provide shorebird monitoring of the piping plovers, again to augment Park staff.

■ Fred Guidi

NATURAL RESOURCES and CITIZEN SCIENCE

Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore is involved with a number of projects with Seashore Natural Resources. Volunteers assist in educating the public about seals and sharks and help monitor piping plovers, an endangered species.

Friends sponsors a summer symposium of regional scientific studies, as well as sponsoring a local scientific inquiry. Volunteers are involved with a number of citizen science projects. One, the phenology study, involves observing the effect of climate changes in plant flowering, ice formation, and the return of red-winged blackbirds. Volunteers also assist Seashore staff in inventories of dragonflies and collection of dragonfly nymphs to assess mercury accumulation. Results from studies have been presented at national conferences.

■ Bruce Hurter



THE FRIENDS AND OLD HARBOR STATION

Several years ago, the Friends made a commitment to provide Old Harbor Life-Saving Station with period furnishings. Over \$125,000 was raised to acquire major items as suggested in the Furnishing Plan prepared by the Park Service.

What is most gratifying is how the Friends initiative has caused so many items on the "Wish List" to be donated!

One of the most interesting donations recently received is a fir flagpole. This "stick" originally came from the *SS Pendleton* back in February 1952. Some adventurous Chatham men daringly boarded the stern via the Jacob's ladder and took some items including the bilge pump, red jib and mast from the ship's lifeboat. The mast has been painted; equipped with proper halyards, bronze snap hooks,

and a bronze ball at the top! It has been installed at the Old Harbor Station and proudly announces when the Station is open for visitors.

■ Richard Ryder

“LOVE THE SEASHORE? JOIN THE FRIENDS!”

The membership committee is responsible for attracting new members to the Friends organization, as well as retaining existing members. We write letters and emails to remind members of upcoming renewals, as well as thank you notes to acknowledge memberships, donations and gifts. Twice a year the committee organizes member-only events, such as the recent Peepers and Creepers evening amphibian walk with Bob Cook, the Park Biologist. Friends also sponsors annual invitation-only events for members joining at the Navigator level or above, such as last fall’s outing to the ARM Climate Research Facility at Highlands Center.

We also attend local events such as the Nauset Newcomers meetings in order to provide information about volunteer opportunities, memberships, and other ways to help Friends to support the Seashore.

■ Heather Hill

FAMILY FUN AND CONCERTS

Each year Friends sponsors a series of free, lively concerts and family programs, as well as the popular Tuesday Evenings at Salt Pond and events at the Province Lands Visitor Center (see the calendar listing on pp. 4-5). Friends also sponsors the Winter Film Festival at SPVC.

■ Suzanne Morin

CUT/PILE/BURN

For several years, every Tuesday morning during the off-season, a group of Friends volunteers joins forces with the National Seashore Fire Team and Americorps in what has become known as the “Cut/Pile/Burn” activity. Friends does a variety of work including cutting and burning brush, cutting trees to open up vistas, and helping with “controlled burns” for fire protection and encouragement of the growth of native species.

Some notable examples are the clearing of trees at “sharpening rock” in Eastham enabling a clear view from the Fort Hill lookout area, clearing trees from behind the Penniman House to restore the original vista to Town Cove, clearing trees and brush behind the Eastham visitor center opening up the view of Salt Pond, restoring the walkway to Nauset Light, clearing trees and underbrush at the Pilgrim Heights parking area in Truro, and controlled burns at Fort Hill and Doane Rock. This activity is a great source of fun, fellowship, and physical exercise as Friends assists in maintaining the natural beauty of the Seashore.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL

Various Friends members “adopt” many of the hiking trails within the Seashore and assume responsibility for maintaining those trails. There are many trails from Eastham to Provincetown that have been adopted in this



Cut/Pile/Burn at Penniman House

program. A partial list includes the Fort Hill trails, the Buttonbush trail behind the Eastham visitor center, the Atlantic White Cedar trail and the Great Island Trail in Wellfleet, Small’s Swamp and Pilgrim Spring trails in Truro, and the Nauset Marsh trail in Eastham.

■ Carl Sylvester

SPREADING THE WORD

The communications committee works to keep Friends members – and indeed all of the visitors to and residents of the Outer Cape – aware of Seashore issues and particularly how Friends is helping the Seashore. The annual FCCNS Magazine, now in its fourth year, our bi-monthly eNews, *The Shore* newsletter, our website at www.fccns.org, and our Facebook page are all aimed at keeping you and the public informed about the Seashore. We also issue press releases and posters publicizing Friends events and accomplishments, such as the recent release touting Friends donation that kept PLVC open!

■ Janet Bush

MANAGING THREE SPECIAL SEASHORE FUNDS

1) The **Joshua A. Nickerson Fund**, established in 1992, supports each summer a Nickerson Conservation Fellow whose research contributes to understanding the Seashore’s natural and cultural resources. We are specifically encouraging donations to the Fund this year to support the ongoing scientific studies by the Seashore.

2) Monies received by **Friends for the Arnold Oswald Memorial Fund** are used to maintain the Buttonbush Trail (SPVC) and other National Seashore facilities for the handicapped. Mr. Oswald was a blind volunteer whose efforts helped equip the Buttonbush Trail.

3) The **William A. Pettit Memorial Fund** uses its monies to acquire historical objects and out-of-print books to enhance the Seashore’s museum collections, as well as adding to the reference library. The Fund honors Mr. Pettit who was instrumental in preserving the collections.

■ Dick Spokes



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