

The Shore

Friends Helps Fund Painting of Penniman House

“We are thrilled that the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore were willing to step forward to make a substantial donation in support of the historic Captain Penniman House.”

— Superintendent George Price

If you have visited the home of the whaling captain Edward Penniman at Fort Hill in Eastham recently, you will have noted that its exterior is badly in need of painting and repair. Thanks in large part to a major contribution by Friends, the project to re-paint and repair the Penniman House was awarded \$85,000 of funding from the National Park Service’s “Centennial Challenge Fund” to match \$100,000 pledged by Friends. An additional \$15,000 was donated by Eastern National, the partner that operates the bookstores at the visitor centers and the Highland Light and Museum.

“As President of the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore, I am pleased to say that the present Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the project and approved the funding, as it is consistent with our mission to preserve the environment and unique cultural heritage of the park,” said Ryder G. Richard. “Thanks to the commitment of our 600 dues-paying members, we are able to be supportive of the Cape Cod National Seashore. This is a major project for the seashore, and we are pleased to be a part of it. None of us can do it alone.”

As one of the most historic properties in the park, the Seashore was anxious to complete this refurbishment by the National Park Service Centennial in 2016. It is expected that work on the project will now begin later this summer so that the Penniman House upgrade will be completed as part of the Seashore’s Centennial program.

Work includes inspection and repair or replacement of architectural details, including trim, gutters, downspouts, columns, doors, shutters, cupola, porch, chimneys and storm windows; repainting of chimneys and repair to flashing; preparation and painting of the house; and preparation and staining of the mansard roof.



FCCN President Richard Ryder (right) hands Superintendent Price (left) a check for repainting the Penniman House.

The Penniman House and its grounds have been a special project of the Friends over the past several years. Volunteers, with park staff, regularly clear undergrowth from the grounds to help restore the 19th-century vistas across the fields. In 2012, Friends funded improvements to the grounds and planted and tended cottonwood saplings to replace some of the original trees from the Penniman era. This painting project will be the culmination of our efforts. With \$90,000 designated from Friends funds, we seek to raise an additional \$10,000 this year to reach our total commitment of \$100,000. Thank you for joining us in preserving this important part of the park’s heritage.

Please help us reach our goal by donating to the Fund at www.fccns.org/donate.



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Meet the New Directors of Friends

Frances Lautenberger lived in Alaska for 28 years, where she was a Professor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage in the Theatre and Dance Department from 1986-2012. She was awarded Emeritus at her retirement. Fran has written and directed several plays and has designed costumes, puppets and lights for many productions at the University, as well as at various professional and community theaters. She moved to the Cape full time in 2012, but before that was a frequent visitor to the Cape Cod National Seashore, especially to the Old Harbor Life-Saving Station. Fran recently hand-made reproductions of the 1900s-era cork life preservers now displayed at Old Harbor. A member of the Friends board, she also serves on the board of Nauset Newcomers. Fran also volunteers at the Orleans Historical Society and with Horizons for Homeless Children at a shelter in Hyannis.

Stacy Rogers is trained as a Coastal Geologist and GIS professional with 18 years of experience. For 10 years she worked in the mapping and environmental consulting field. Following her move to Cape Cod, she worked at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, while maintaining an independent geology and GIS consulting business. Stacy has experience reviewing site locations based on many factors including land use, endangered species, and wetlands for management plans, environmental reports and public presentations. She assisted with data compilation for the Marindin Study, an analysis of volumetric coastal change on the Outer Cape dating back to the late 1800s, a joint project between the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies and the Cape Cod National Seashore. She served on the Town of Truro Conservation Commission for three years. She currently lives on the Outer Cape with her husband and three children.

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

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 means that you are helping to protect the Cape Cod National Seashore forever. If interested in learning more, go to www.fccns.org/donate.

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FRIENDS 2015 CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham

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 the SPVC auditorium is limited, so please arrive early. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY, JULY 10 – 7:00 pm

TOAST AND JAM

Lively original bluegrass, classic swing, Americana, and jazz music played on a wide array of instruments.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 – 7:30 pm

The Coast Guard on the Outer Cape – Then and Now

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard, BMCS Rob Goley, USCG (ret.), former officer in charge of Coast Guard Station Chatham, will talk about today's Coast Guard, the world's premier Marine Search and Rescue Operation. He will discuss similarities of operations today compared to the 1950s, when the CG 36500 and crew made a legendary and heroic rescue of 32 crew members from the Pendleton, which broke apart in a massive nor'easter off the coast of Chatham.

The lecture follows the **Annual Meeting of Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore** beginning at 6:30 pm. After introductory remarks by National Seashore Superintendent George Price, FCCNS President Richard Ryder will give the annual report of Friends' many activities and accomplishments in 2014-2015. The election of officers and directors follows. A notice with the slate of officers and new directors will be mailed to all members in late June.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 – 7:00 pm

OUTER CAPE CHORALE CHAMBER SINGERS

A glorious evening of song by this esteemed Outer Cape Chorale ensemble. The wide range of melodies will delight the audience.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 – 7:00 pm

BILLY & BETH

Billy Hardy and Beth Sweeney are a dynamic Celtic fiddle and instrumental duo who play Irish and other Celtic music,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 – 7:00 pm

THE RUM SOAKED CROOKS

Friends' traditional Autumn Winds Concert features this rousing quartet, singing a medley of sea chanteys, ballads, and ditties.

SUNSET MUSIC ON THE BEACH

Herring Cove Beach, Provincetown

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, JUNE 24 TO SEPT. 2, AND FIRST SUNDAYS.

Concerts timed to the beautiful sunsets at Herring Cove Beach. Bring your own beach chairs. Note varying starting times. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore and Far Land on the Beach.

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| June 24 | Rip It Ups / 6:30 pm |
| July 1 | Cheryl "Dirty Blonde" Aruda / 6:30 pm |
| July 5 | New Beach Band / 6:30 pm |
| July 8 | The Pollyannas / 6:30 pm |
| July 15 | Johnny and the Washashores / 6:30 pm |
| July 22 | The Spaces with Dave Myers / 6:30 pm |
| July 29 | The Daggers / 6:30 pm |
| Aug. 2 | Zoe Lewis / 6:00 pm |
| Aug. 5 | Chandler Travis Philharmonette / 6:00 pm |
| Aug. 12 | VB and the Buzz / 6:00 pm |
| Aug. 19 | New Beach Band / 6:00 pm |
| Aug. 26 | Zoe Lewis / 5:30 pm |
| Sept. 2 | Chandler Travis Philharmonette / 5:30 pm |
| Sept. 6 | Rip It Ups / 5:30 pm |

2015 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.

JUNE 23

The Alewives' Tale. Join Dr. Barbara Brennessel and Derrick Alcott for a look at the spawning migration of river herring in Wellfleet's Herring River estuary and the man-made barriers and predators they encounter along their journey. Learn about the herring's biology and natural history and their historical importance.

JUNE 30

CCNS's New Geographers. Using their GPS devices throughout the park, Geographic Information Specialist Mark Adams and Coastal Vulnerability Specialist and Mapping Technician Mike Tanis help us to understand the changing shoreline, the aquifer, the effects of storms, and the fate of local habitats. Come see their mapping equipment and learn how to better understand what's going on in the park.

JULY 7

Keeping Time: A Few of the Park Historian's Favorite Things! Come view some very cool artifacts, including a shipwreck surprise, and listen to Park Historian Bill Burke's best Cape stories. Bill has been the seashore's 'keeper of time' for the past 15 years, and he has scoured the archives to give you his 'Top 10 Moments' in working with historic houses, Cape Cod personalities, archeology sites, and obscure historical places that you can explore too.

JULY 14

Attack on Orleans! On the morning of July 21, 1918 a German submarine surfaced off the coast of Cape Cod and attacked an unarmed towboat and her four barges. A handful of the shells struck Nauset Beach, giving Orleans the distinction of being the first, and only, spot in the United States to receive enemy fire during WWI. Author and historian Jake Klim tells of this historic event followed by a signing of his book *Attack on Orleans!*

JULY 21

Jobi Pottery: The History of a Cape Cod Cottage Industry. Jobi™ Pottery is a Truro cottage industry that was begun in 1953 by original owners Joe Colliano

and Bill Hastings. Current owner and designer Susan Kurtzman will present the history and techniques behind Jobi Pottery. Items will be available for purchase following her presentation.

JULY 28

Earth Celebrations. Join acclaimed storyteller Rona Leventhal for this family-friendly program. Rona will share stories and songs about environmental awareness, personal action and responsibility, conservation, interdependence, and our animal friends.

AUGUST 4

Once Upon a Tide. Stand-up Chameleon Jackson Gillman shares a rollicking mix of interactive songs, movement, and stories that is guaranteed to delight and enchant your family. In this performance he will draw on his fishy repertoire from the sandy beach to the briny deep.

AUGUST 11

Sea Turtles on Cape Cod. For more than 30 years Mass Audubon has been researching and rescuing sea turtles off of the beaches of Cape Cod. Join Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary Director Bob Prescott for a look at the sea turtles found here and the challenges they face, including the record-breaking cold-stunned turtle stranding of this past winter.

AUGUST 18

Wild about Weather. Join Keith Michael Johnson for a fun, interactive, family-friendly program that takes a creative and quirky look at clouds, air pressure, the water cycle, weather instruments and forecasts.

AUGUST 25

Geography Gameshow. 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 participates by identifying specific locations throughout the program.

PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 —3 to 5 pm

Province Lands Mini-Fest. Join us at the outdoor PLVC amphitheater for music, food, games, and crafts. Wampanoag educator Kitty Hendricks Miller will share native games and songs. The fifth annual **Zoe Lewis and Peter Donnelly Concert** begins at 4 pm.

Grants to Young Scientists

The Joshua A. Nickerson Fund, which is administered and supported by FCCNS, has been giving grants to support research by young scientists since 1992. The award honors Joshua Nickerson, a Cape Cod environmental advocate and long-time member of the National Seashore Advisory Committee. Funding was originally provided by the Nickerson family and others, with a matching grant from the Kelly Foundation.

Nickerson grants have supported studies on many important natural and social science issues on the Cape over the years, including work on the effect of biomedical bleeding on horseshoe crabs, a study of red tide in the Salt Pond, studies of pond restoration and impact assessment, and the effects of prescribed burning on a restored salt marsh.

For many of these young scientists, the work has been a part of their Masters or PhD dissertation and is one of the first steps toward a career in the natural sciences. For example, one of the recipients, Ethan Esty, who did a Recreational Creel Survey of Outer Cape Beach Access is now the Wellfleet herring warden.



Kate Morkeski, with the chamber she uses to measure gas fluxes in a salt marsh.

The winner of this year's grant is Kate Morkeski, who will be working on a study of the release of greenhouse gasses in the Herring River, Wellfleet. Kate is a Masters level technician with the Marine Biologic Labs in Woods Hole. Dr. Jim Tang's group, with whom she works, has been studying the effects of salt marsh

restoration on greenhouse gasses. They are creating a model that may allow for the prediction of gas flow based on measurements of environmental conditions such as salinity, vegetation type and nitrogen levels. This may allow for easier carbon management and could eventually be used in potentially generating carbon credits to assist in the restoration of the Herring River. Kate, who hopes to continue to be active in this exciting field, is the mother of a one-year old.



Derrick Alcott and a snapping turtle.

A second grant was given this year to Derrick Alcott, who is a University of Massachusetts PhD candidate studying herring in the Herring River. He has been tagging herring above the Herring River dike with transponders, and following their progress upstream. His grant was for a special camera to also study herring predators such as otters and snapping turtles. If you would like to donate to the Nickerson Fund to support the environmental studies of future young scientists, go to our website at www.fccns.org/donate.

– Bruce Hurter

Payomet Befriends Friends!

Payomet Performing Arts Center is a unique and special feature of the National Seashore. Located at the Highland Center in Truro, Payomet draws a wide variety of top-notch performers to the Lower Cape from April through September every year. “Small tent, big shows” sums up Payomet’s programming, which features music concerts and professional theater, as well as classes and performances for children in both Wellfleet and Truro. In 2015, Payomet Performing Arts Center celebrates its 17th year as one of the Cape’s leading theaters.

Payomet was founded in 1998 by the late Guy Strauss, actor and dedicated Friends board member. Guy was a visionary who saw the potential for celebrating the beauty of the arts within the beauty of a national park setting, and he worked tirelessly to achieve his vision. Current managing artistic director Kevin Rice generously hosted our 2014 fundraising gala at the Payomet tent and continues to be an active supporter of the Friends. Be sure to check out their lineup of summer concerts and events! There is a link to Payomet on our website, or go to www.payomet.org. Watch for special offers for Friends members!

A sampling of early summer shows:

June 30	Las Cateternas
July 2	CJ Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band
July 11	Marcia Bell
July 14	Melanie

News from the Seashore

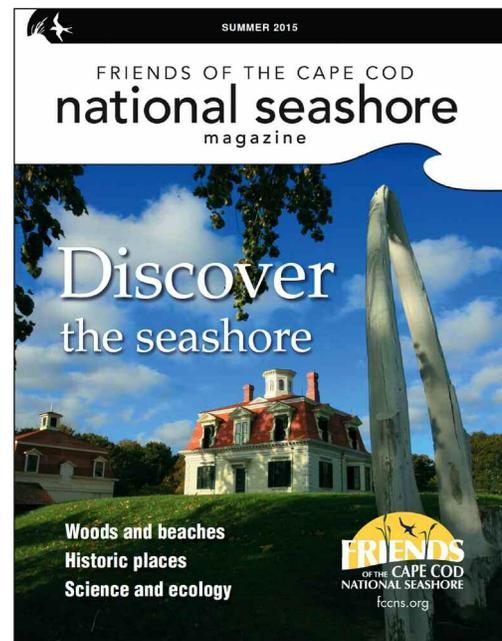
- **Emergency funding** has been received from the National Park Service to replace the stairs at Nauset Light Beach in Eastham and to repair the revetment and north parking lot at Herring Cove Beach in Provincetown. Once again winter storms wrecked their havoc — for the third straight year! The Seashore is therefore looking to long-term solutions in the future, such as modular stairs that can be removed each winter and reinstalled in late spring.
- **Summer Youth Trail Crew at CCNS.** A crew of eight high school students recruited nationally through the Student Conservation Association will spend three weeks this July working on the park’s trails. Funded by the NPS Centennial Challenge, the young crew will focus on trail improvements at Bearberry Hill in Truro.

However, they will also learn about possible careers in the NPS and about the natural history of the Seashore – in hopes that some may return to paid national park seasonal positions.



- **2016 Centennial of the National Park Service.** Excitement is mounting for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the NPS. Cape Cod National Seashore is planning many special programs throughout the Centennial year. One of the many initiatives is the NPS Centennial Challenge that awarded more than 100 projects across the National Park Service to leverage a \$100 million congressional appropriation with \$15.9 million in matching funds from more than 90 partner organization. Friends is proud to be the partner in one of these grants!

Watch for the 2015 Friends Magazine, which will be mailed to all members in late June.





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