River Otter Survey of Fishers Island
By Mike Bottini

In late March, 2013, three colleagues and I arrived on Fishers Island to survey for river otter (Lontra canadensis) – thanks to a grant from the Fishers Island Conservancy. You may wonder, as many have asked, “Why look for river otters on an island that has no rivers?” As is the case with many common names, this one does not accurately reflect the habitat frequented by this interesting creature. River otters actually spend most of their time on land, but when they are hungry and looking for a meal, they will dive into any waterbody - river, swamp, pond, tidal creek or bay - that has their favorite prey: fish, crabs and crayfish.

You may also wonder: why the interest in documenting the presence of river otters? Positioned high on the aquatic food chain, and being year-round inhabitants of fairly limited areas (unlike migratory species like the osprey), river otters are valuable indicators of the health of the aquatic systems in which they reside.

River otters once inhabited nearly every waterway in North America. Unregulated trapping during the Fur Trade (early 1600s to mid-1800s) decimated otter populations. Years of overharvesting were exacerbated by habitat loss and water pollution. Having a relatively low reproductive rate, otter populations have been very slow to recover. In New York, for example, despite a hunting moratorium enacted in 1936-1945 a large portion of western New York – nearly a third of the state – lacked otters until a reintroduction program was implemented by the NYSDEC between 1995-2000.

Although there were reports of occasional otter sightings and roadkills on Long Island in the 1980s and 1990s, the status and distribution of river otters on that island – the largest in the continental U.S. - remained unknown until a survey was undertaken in 2008.

The purpose of the Fishers Island otter survey was two-fold. First, to complete the survey of Long Island started in 2008 (although Fishers Island is geographically not part of Long Island, it is politically linked by way of being in Southold Town, Suffolk County). And second, finding evidence of established otter territories on Fishers Island could lend weight to the theory that the otters documented near Greenport on eastern Long Island could have arrived by way of the archipelago of islands linking Connecticut and Orient Point: Fishers - Little Gull – Great Gull – and Plum.

I should point out that, although the river otter’s streamlined, torpedo-shaped body, webbed feet, and unusual tail are all adaptations designed for swimming efficiency, and it could easily make the 15-mile crossing from the widest point between Long Island and Connecticut in a matter of hours, research has shown that it will not attempt open water crossings greater than four or five miles.

That finding limits their ability to reach and recolonize Long Island to two general areas: the highly urbanized coast at the far western end of Long Island Sound and the archipelago of islands, including Fishers, at the far eastern end of the Sound.

Armed with detailed maps of the island, local knowledge gleaned from Lou Horn, Ken Edwards and folks at the Thursday senior lunch, and with the sharp eyes and assistance of Carol Giles science class, we managed to survey over fifty potential sites on Fishers Island for otter sign. We were specifically searching the places where they would be exiting the water to travel to the next pond or cove, and where they would most likely be leaving sign of their comings and goings for other otters in the area to read.

These sites, generally less than 50 square feet in size and within 10 feet of the water’s edge, are called otter scent stations, pullouts, or latrine sites. They are identified by otter scat, small mounds of leaves where their scent is deposited, and leaf-free areas of ground where they’ve rolled around to dry off.

Fishers Island definitely has a population of resident otters that utilize most of the wetland areas throughout the island, and it is quite possible that the island provides a base for young otters dispersing to eastern Long Island. We documented and mapped 20 scent stations and two dens. The science class located a hub of otter activity at Oyster Pond: four scent stations and a clearly defined otter trail leading from the brackish water of Oyster Pond to a nearby freshwater pond. And by kayak, we mapped several large scent stations – larger than any found on Long Island – at Middle Farms Pond.

Otters have large, overlapping territories and, with the exception of females raising young, they are always on the move. Territories are measured in linear miles of shoreline, and average sizes for coastal areas are approximately 40 linear miles (NOTE: this is based on research from coastal Alaska).

Including all its coves and harbors, ponds and swamps, Fishers Island barely meets the 40-mile shoreline average. As is often the case in wildlife research, one question is answered and a half dozen more arise. Do the island’s rich intertidal areas enable otters to survive in much smaller territories? Is it possible that Fishers Island is just a portion of some of the otters’ territories?

And then there’s the most commonly asked question: How many otters are there on Fishers Island? This is impossible to answer based on our survey. Population estimates require genetic analyses over an extended period of time of material left at scent stations.

I’m looking forward to a follow up visit to Fishers Island in the summer, during which I’ll be presenting a workshop and field trip on river otters. Many thanks to the Fishers Island Conservancy for the grant that made the survey possible.

River Otter Facts:
Length: 36” - 48” (including tail)
Weight: 12-30 lbs.
Lifespan: up to 17 years
Home range (in coastal areas): 40 linear miles of shoreline
Diet: mostly fish, crabs, crayfish
Speed on land: 18 mph max.
Speed in water: 7 mph max.
Dive time: 4 min. max.
Dive depth: 65 feet max.
Most foraging is done in water less than 10 feet deep.
Ebb & Flow
Weddings:

March 9, 2013
Marie Rentschler and Peter Weber

If you have a life event to add to the Ebb & Flow please feel free to email us and we will include it in the next edition.

FI School Board
Schedule of Regular Meetings
2012-2013

April 17, 5:00 pm
May 14, 6:00 pm
June 19, 6:00 pm

Public Participation Guidelines
Members of the community are invited to speak on topics of interest and / or topics to be addressed in the agenda. The Board of Education may choose to interact with participants, but will not act upon topics that require further study before action is taken. The participation time will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and fifteen (15) minutes overall to guarantee efficient operation of the entire meeting.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING SCHEDULE

April 15, 2013 4:30 pm
May 6, 2013 4:30 pm
May 20, 2013 4:30 pm

Meetings are held at the Fishers Island Community Center, unless noted.

FI Community Board
Schedule of Regular Meetings

2013 Meeting dates will be posted when announced

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Fishers Island Community Center unless noted.

FI Library Book Group Meeting Dates:
2012-2013

May 9 Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese (novel)
June 13 A Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling (novel)

Happy reading! Remember all are welcome whether they have read the book or not and no pressure to talk. If you know of anyone interested in receiving emails about the Library book group please have them contact me and I will add them to the email list. Louisa Evans

Fog Horn Entries:
Send your photos, announcements, articles and other submissions to fcommunityboard@gmail.com or you can mail them to:
FI Community Center
P.O. Box 464,
Fishers Island, NY 06390

You can also drop them off at the Island Community Center or call 788-7990 and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Submissions are due by the 7th of the month.
Parsons: Long time resident of Fishers Island, Joseph (Jay) Lester Parsons, III passed away peacefully in Vero Beach, FL on March 21, 2013 after a year long battle with cancer. Jay was a New Jersey native who was born in Orange, NJ on Feb. 9, 1940. Jay is survived by his wife, Nancy Hunt Parsons, his daughter, Emily Frances Parsons, and his sons, Joseph (Josh) Lester Parsons, IV, James Sahler Parsons, and Dr. Charles (Chas) Stattler Parsons, as well as his step-daughter, Tanis Hunt Meakin and step-son Robert Edmonds Hunt, seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and eight nieces and nephews. He is survived by his sister, Lucille Alonzo and step-sister, Margot Meyer. Jay was preceded in death by his wife, Estella Day Parsons. Jay was a graduate of The Choate School, ’57; Princeton University, ’61; and Harvard Law School, ’64. He also received a Masters in Tax Law from NYU and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He began his career at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, specializing in tax law, then worked for the maritime law firm of Burke and Parsons, 50 Wall Street, NY, NY. Jay opened his own private practice in Bernardville in 1976. Jay served as a member of the Bernardville Borough Council and subsequently was elected as Mayor of Bernardville in 2002. He will long be remembered for his dedicated leadership and intelligently applied service, not only to the residents of Bernardville, but also to many non-profit, civic and educational organizations including the Choate School, the Princeton Class of ’61, the VNA of Somerset Hills, St. Bernard's Church, the Bernardville Library, the Hay Harbor Club, the Fishers Island Civic Association, as well as many others. Intelligence and integrity, combined with a strong work ethic were Jay's hallmarks, and they were always offered generously and with great humility. He was an accomplished private pilot, sailor and bridge player. In compliance with his wishes that there not be a formal service, the family plans to gather for a private service of remembrance during the summer. For others, who may wish to remember Jay, the family suggests that gifts be made to the VNA Hospice House of Vero Beach, FL in his name.

William H. Wood Jr., 91, of West Hartford, and Fishers Island, NY, beloved husband of Mary Andrews Lewis Wood, to whom he was married for 62 years, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, March 3rd, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. Born in Hanover, NH, the son of the late William H. and Mabel (Munson) Wood, Bill graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy (1939), Yale University (1943) and University of Michigan Law School (1948). He was a United States Air Force veteran of World War II where he served with distinction as a 1st Lieutenant Navigator. Bill began his law career at Hoppin, Carey and Powell in Hartford where he was a Senior Partner for many years. He later moved to and eventually retired from Shipman and Goodwin. Bill was a natural athlete and loved all sports. He was a member of the Golf Team and Captain of the Ice Hockey Team at Yale. He also enjoyed fishing, skiing, and was a competitive bridge player. As an avid golfer, he was a member of the Hartford Golf Club and the Fishers Island Country Club. Before he joined the Fishers Island Country Club, he was very active in the Hay Harbor Golf Club, where he won the Men’s Club Championship several times, and was president of the club from 1978 to 1980. He loved Fishers Island and spent as much of his free time there as he could. Besides his wife, he is survived by his three children: Nancy Andrews Wood of New Britain, William H. Wood III of Avon, and Richard Lewis Wood of Fishers Island, NY; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his three sisters, Frances, Beulah and Katherine. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the VNA HealthCare Hospice Program, 103 Woodland St., Hartford, CT 06105 or to Fishers Island Conservancy, P.O. Box 553, Fishers Island, NY 06390. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.
A Yummy Celebration of Reading

Our first graders recently celebrated their reading success with a delicious ice cream sundae party. Collectively, Ben Edwards, Ellie Bloethe, and Hailey Myers read 100 books!!! Ben said he likes to read “nonfiction adventure books” and that his favorite was Lewis and Clark and Me, A Dog’s Tale. Ellie loves to read “chapter books” and recently finished the fantasy tale, Blizzard of the Blue Moon. Hailey “likes reading because it’s special” to her. She enjoyed the book, Abracadabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole, because “it had lots of magic in it.”

Our prolific first grade readers are not going to stop at 100! Their goal is to reach a total of 200 by the end of this school year. Their teacher, Mrs. Deb Walters, proudly shared that she is “thrilled that her students have joined the world of readers.”

The kindergarteners were proud of their classmates’ accomplishment and thrilled to take part in the celebration. They assured us that when they are in first grade they will meet or beat the same goal!

Mrs. Karen Goodwin, Principal

Girls Basketball

The 2013 Girls’ Basketball team had a very successful and exciting season. The team came in second place in the New England Shootout Tournament, held in North Stonington, CT. The majority of the team is composed of young, but very talented, individuals. Annabelle Orlando, the only senior on the team, concluded her high school career by scoring the first basket in the alumni game, held in early March. From the start of the season, every player drastically improved and quickly learned to achieve success through teamwork. We look forward to next year, a season filled with even more improvements, enthusiasm and accomplishments.

Written by co-Captains Olivia Backhaus and Shelby Lusker

Fishers Island School

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Fishers Island School District Recognized Nationally for Schools’ Music Education Efforts
As One of the Best Communities for Music Education, District Heralded for Support Music Education

Fishers Island, NY. (March 18, 2013) – The NAMM Foundation recognizes Fishers Island Union Free School District for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation. Fishers Island joins 307 districts across the country to receive the prestigious distinction this year.

In its 14th year, Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools’ core curriculum.

The BCME survey requires districts to answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service of Lawrence, Kansas, an affiliate of the University of Kansas.

Fishers Island School Principal, Mrs. Karen Goodwin, is not surprised by the honor bestowed upon the school, stating that “Music is a very popular and important program here, as evidenced by the fact that nearly all students elect to participate in band and/or chorus under the direction of our exemplary music educator, Christopher Dollar. We are proud to be recognized nationally as a school that embraces music education and infuses music throughout the curricula.”

As Fishers Island finalizes its 2013–2014 budgets, the announcement of this year’s Best Communities for Music Education designation brings attention to the importance of keeping music education part of school’s core education and music’s vital role in student success in school.

The BCME designation is an important part of the NAMM Foundation’s efforts to advocate for school-based music education. Numerous studies have demonstrated that learning to play music can boost other academic and social skills, such as math and learning to cooperate in a group. The NAMM-funded Cost of Music Education study found that a comprehensive K–12 music education program cost an average of $187 per student per year in the sample district.

The Fishers Island School District has seen outstanding student participation in its music program, with over 85% of students participating in one or more performance ensemble.

For more information regarding the music department or the Best Communities for Music Education designation please contact Christopher Dollar, Fishers Island School music teacher at (631) 788-7444 or by email at c.dollar@fischool.com
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Fishers Island Union Free School District, Suffolk County, Fishers Island, New York, will be held in the school building in said District on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Fishers Island Union Free School District #4 of the Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the Fishers Island School gymnasium in said District on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm prevailing time, during which time the polls will be open to vote by paper ballots in voting booths upon the following items:

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

To elect (1) member of the Board for three-year term commencing July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2016 to succeed Linda Mrowka, whose term expires on June 30, 2013.

To authorize the annual budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 to the Fishers Island Library, to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District’s budget for 2013-2014, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident in the District beginning Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the Fishers Island School building from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM prevailing time not later than noon Friday, April 19, 2013. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated: must be directed to the District Clerk, signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate, One vacancy on the Board of Education is to be filled for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2016. The present incumbent whose term is expiring is Linda Mrowka. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday, except holidays from the District Clerk. The District Clerk must receive completed applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Abstee ballots must be received by the District clerk not later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on Monday, May 20, 2013. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the school main office on and after May 16, 2013 during regular school hours, and that such list will be posted at the polling place at the election.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District shall be entitled to vote at the District’s annual meeting, vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the annual meeting, vote and election. The District may require all persons offering to vote at the election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation. The report will list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and will show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll, the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) or other payments for municipal services, and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. This exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on the website maintained by the District.

Leslie Tombari, District Clerk
Dated: February 7, 2013
Fishers Island UFSD
Town of Southold, Suffolk County, New York
NOTICE OF BID REQUEST

Bids are hereby solicited for the repair and replacement of channel markers and instructional floats in both West Harbor and Hay Harbor.

There are approximately 25 buoys to be prepared and placed by May 25th, 2013. All equipment must be removed and stored by October 15th, 2013.

Bidder is also requested to replace, or return to its location, any lost or missing floats. This work is to be accomplished on a per hour basis, which should be noted separately in this bid.

Bids must be returned to me by NOON, FRIDAY, 10th MAY, 2013 and will be awarded at that time.

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Mystic Isle Realty is optimistic about 2013 and please call or e-mail with any sales or rental questions.

Please call with any questions about Fishers real estate or to take a look at any of these properties. We also have several other exciting properties for sale of varying specifics. These are not on the public market, but are available to be seen and purchased by qualified buyers.

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Health Tips
By Annie McPhail, Certified Health Coach

Roundup herbicide in conventional farming leads to overgrowth of deadly bacteria

We all know that the first step to food preparation is to wash our hands and then wash the vegetables before we even cut them or peel them. When we wash our produce we believe we clean them well so they are safe to eat. However, it may not be the case if we are handling conventionally grown food. Most likely, the washing procedure is merely a waste of water.

Conventionally grown plant food is sprayed with a potent herbicide known as Roundup. It is very efficient and we can even use it at home to get rid of weeds on the driveway. It’s easy. Just spray and don’t worry about it. The problem is the active ingredient is also very good at destroying beneficial bacteria in the soil, which severely threatens its fertility and therefore its ability to produce food for present and future generations. If it’s only about weeds in undesirable spots in the backyard, I guess nobody really cares, but when it comes to farming the quality of the soil does matter. The nutrients we need to get from our food come from the soil it grows into, not from sprayed chemicals.

Chemicals routinely sprayed on conventionally grown crops are engineered to not wash off plants every time it rains, so residues remain on the produce when they are picked. Logically, if the rain water doesn’t wash off the residues, why should tap water make our food safe to eat?

Unless you buy certified organic produce you can be sure to ingest Roundup residues along with your food. The same goes for take-out food and chain restaurant food because cheap food is always conventionally grown. This is a serious problem because Roundup’s active ingredient is known to cause genetic mutations, to kill beneficial bacteria both in our gut and in the soil, and it is linked to Parkinson’s disease.

The most serious consequence of the destruction of good bacteria in our gut is that disease causing bacteria are free to multiply, because the good bacteria release a byproduct of their metabolism which creates an unfriendly environment for the bad bacteria. If this balance is upset the bad bacteria thrive and make us sick. The same mechanism takes place in the gut of animals we eat. Roundup is in the feed they consume, it reduces the good bacteria in their gut, they get sick, they need more antibiotics, it accumulates in their flesh, and then we consume the Roundup-antibiotic infested flesh of these farmed animals because it is better priced than organic meat and organic chicken in the grocery store.

If this is not enough to make you want to stay away from conventional food, know that it only takes 75 billionths of a gram of the active ingredient in Roundup (glyphosate) to kill a person weighing 165 lbs. Besides, it takes less of that in our gut to create the right environment for life threatening bacteria to thrive. So if glyphosate doesn’t kill us, the bad bacteria overgrowth could very well do the job.

To find out more about the dangers of genetically modified foods and conventional farming, including the effect of herbicide residues on our food, you can watch the documentary “Genetic Roulette” online.

THE PEQUOT INN OPENS FOR THE SEASON

The Pequot Inn is excited to start the 2013 season and welcomes you, your family and guests to come try our new menu items and fresh summer cocktails including the new floats. We continue to strive to use fresh, simple ingredients, drawn from carefully chosen purveyors. The Pequot Inn is also thrilled to welcome back Chris Lyon, Chef from the 2012 season. Chris has collected your favorite menu items from past seasons including lasagna, bread pudding, fish tacos, scallops, mussels, sweet pea carbonara as well as adding his own specials. New to the Pequot for Summer 2013:-A digital Juke Box and a PAC-MAN table top game!
-Our famous light up disco dance floor has been restored and waxed for the dancin’ crowd, so come try out your moves.
-We will continue our half price bottles of wines when purchased with and entree, every Tuesday night.
-A new wine catalog with full wine portraits and pairings.
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Here at the Suffolk County Executive’s office we are dedicated to furthering the education of all students. Currently we are offering educational internship opportunities for graduating high school seniors and college students. Our summer internship program will run from the end of May until the middle of August. Our hours are very flexible as we require a minimum of 12 hours per week but the more time your students commit to our internship program, the more knowledge and experience they will gain.

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Please see the attached flyer which will give you and your students an overview of our departments. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 631-853-5639 or email me at Brian.Sapp@suffolkcountyny.gov.
The HLFM’s Collaborative 2013 Exhibition

In recent years the Henry L. Ferguson Museum (HLFM) has initiated active collaborations with several mainland institutions. This year we are extremely pleased to have established a working relationship with the New London Maritime Society (NLMS) and its associated Custom House Maritime Museum. Guided by its dynamic director Susan Tamulevich, the NLMS has been sharing expertise and providing digital scans of images and maps for our 2013 exhibition entitled “Race Rock Light.” After our exhibition closes in the spring of 2014, we will in turn loan back to the NLMS those parts that are useful for display in the Customs House Maritime Museum located on Bank Street in New London. In the last several months we have sent the NLMHS selected photographs and documents from our files to aid its effort to secure ownership of Race Rock Light. It’s a win/win relationship with a two-way flow of research and images that could easily expand to encompass a variety of subject areas in years to come.

Our “Race Rock Light” exhibition will chronicle the history of this legendary light from conception to completion with a focus on the remarkable construction feat accomplished by engineer Francis Hopkinson Smith and his partner on the project, New London’s own Capt. T.A. Scott. It will include a major section of recent photographs of the interior and exterior taken by Todd Gipstein, author of “Legacy of the Light,” and NLMS director Susan Tamulevich.

Images and Objects Still Wanted for Race Rock Light Exhibition

As mentioned in the January Fog Horn, if you have photographs of Race Rock Light from any decade, or objects that feature Race Rock Light that you are willing to share—models, ornaments, souvenir plates, cobalt china, potholders, tee shirts, etc.—please contact Pierce Rafferty at the Museum by phone, 631-788-7239, or e-mail, fimu-seum@fishersisland.net. Several display cases are being filled with a variety of products that tie in to this legendary lighthouse.

Date of the Opening Party

The opening party for “Race Rock Light” will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at the HLFM with regular hours beginning the following day, Sunday, June 30th. Check out other Museum programs and the live ospreycam at our website: www.fergusonmuseum.org.
April Gardening Tips from Melie

April has finally arrived, although the first few days on Fishers Island, it felt like the beginning of March! It has been a long winter this year, but signs of spring are beginning to appear and I opened up my shed this past weekend and brought out my favorite tools and started my gardening year.

My Favorite Gardening Tools – pictured below

**Small Spade:**
This tool gets in between plants and is especially good for adding plants to the flower border and transplanting old ones without making too much of a mess.

**Dandelion Weeder:**
The weeder is very handy in digging out Dandelions or any other weed or plant with a long root.

**Nejiri Gama Hoe:**
A Japanese small lightweight hoe that is superb in cultivating beds and loosening weeds, probably the one tool I not live without!

**Fiskars Short Pruner:**
All Fiskars shears are terrific, but this one is a particularly handy pruner, just a bit stronger than regular garden clippers.

**Digging Fork:**
A digging fork is a wonderful tool to use to loosen the soil in your vegetable garden and to lift perennials gently that need to be transplanted.

Not in the picture, but definitely on my list, are nitrile garden gloves and a small child’s garden rake that is indispensible in cleaning up flower beds without damaging established plants.

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**THE LIGHTHOUSE WORKS: SPRING 2013 NEWS**

The Lighthouse Works’ Spring I Fellows, visual artists Harold Mendez and Boru O’Brien O’Connell and writer LuLing Ososky, will close their fellowship with a night of Open Studios and a Reading on Friday, April 12, from 6-8 pm in the Ferry Annex. All three artists lived and worked on the island from March 1 to April 15, and Boru and Harold taught workshop to students in Fishers Island school in photographic development and portraiture. While here, Harold completed a series of pinhole camera photographs on the beach near the oyster pond, LuLing finished on an essay for Orion magazine and continued work on her book about Jewish boxers in World War II, and Boru completed a video commission for Triple Canopy (starring island resident Tim Patterson!). For bios of all three artists and more photos of their stay, see www.thelighthouseworks.com.

Left: Boru O’Brien O’Connell on set, teaching students how to take portraits. Above, Harold Mendez checks out the photograms made by two eighth grade art students.

Our next fellows, visual artists Meredith James and Tyler McPhee and writer Andrew Milward, will arrive on May 15 and will live on the island through June 30.

Our new print shop is up and running in the green building to the west of the Island Community Center. Come and see us! Many thanks to Ted and Nan Danforth for the most astounding donation of presses, type cabinets, and assorted equipment we’ve ever seen, at least quadrupling the shop’s capacity. Coming this summer: our internship program, letterpress printing classes, a new website, and an etsy store.

Please join us on SATURDAY, MAY 4TH FOR DRINKS AND DAFFODILS AT HOOVERNESS FROM 1:00-4:00 PM!

Tickets are $5 at the door or in advance from The Beach Plum, by calling 788-7864 or by emailing info@thelighthouseworks.com. Ticket sales benefit The Lighthouse Works.

**Dates to Note:** Late June (TBA): Closing Event for Spring II Fellowship; August 3: Sotheby’s-sponsored Cocktail Reception at the home of Lucinda Herrick and Charlie Moffett.
Senior Lunch Fun!
Next month there will be updates on our spring Senior Lunches stay tuned!
Fishers Island Community Calendar

Any Organization or Group wishing to have information included on the Community Calendar or interested in booking a room at the Community Center please email me at:

fishersislandevents@gmail.com

Please Include:
Name of Event/Meeting/Program
Location or Room desired
Date(s) and Start & End Time
Any additional relevant information about the event.

You can also write up your request & drop it off for me at the Community Center. Monthly Calendars will be posted on the Post Office Bulletin Board the 1st of each month with all information to date. The calendar is updated daily and is available on the FishersIsland.net website. An iPhone application is also available at iTunes.

Thank you, Sarah Porter, Calendar Manager

Veterinarian on Island

Dr. Christopher Otka will be on the island for veterinary check ups Spring 2013, for more information please contact

Wendy Krag O’Neil
www.KragSilversmith.com (413) 446-4788

AUGUST RENTAL

Small cottage on Bell Hill Ave with piano
Sleeps 5, 1 1/2 baths
DirecTV and Wi-Fi included
Available August 1st - Labor Day
Walk to town and the Hay Harbor Club
$9000
Email: pandpgai@yahoo.com

A beautiful floral arrangement made for the March Senior Lunch by Ellen Picket and Ann Banks
**IMPORTANT WINTER 2012 -2013 IHP INFORMATION**

*** NOTICE: ** All visits to the Doctor’s Office are now **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**
Patients requiring urgent care will be seen the same day they call. ***

**WINTER OFFICE HOURS: September 9, 2012 – June 24, 2013**

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**INSURANCE COMPANIES:**

**BLUE CROSS / BLUE SHIELD** (CT Anthem & NY Empire, plus most EPOs and PPOs)

*AETNA* **MULTIPLAN** (includes some CIGNA plans)

**MEDICARE** **OXFORD** *(Liberty and Freedom)*

**UNITED HEALTHCARE** **UHC EMPIRE** *(NYS employees)*

**PLEASE NOTE** – patients with other insurances will be required to pay in full on the day of service. You will be given a detailed receipt to submit yourself for reimbursement from your insurance company. Patients with NO insurance will also be required to pay in full at the time of service. No exceptions.

**INSURANCE INFORMATION:** In order to bill your insurance, we **MUST have a copy of your insurance card** (both front and back) on file at our office. Please do not arrive for an appointment with only the name of your insurance company and your ID number, or in the case of Medicare, your SSN. **ALL co-pays are due at the time of service. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the patient being responsible for the cost of the entire visit.**

**TO SAVE TIME** before you come into the office this summer, especially if you or a family member are a regular patient, or know you will be seeing the doctor, we urge you to log onto our IHP website, [www.islandhealthproject.com](http://www.islandhealthproject.com) and download our **PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM. PLEASE fill it out and mail (PO Box 344) it to us in advance of your arrival** OR bring it to the office when you arrive on the island. This will be a HUGE help to our office!

*** PHONE NUMBERS ***

Office: (631) 788-7244

**FOR URGENT NEEDS ONLY** -

To reach the doctor outside of office hours call the cell:

From a FL landline: 1-942-9647 **OR** From a cell phone: 631-942-9647