ISLAND CELEBRATION: 400TH ANNIVERSARY

SUSTAINING FISHERS

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The Yale Report: Sustaining Fishers Island broken down by chapters for ease of downloading, printing and reading.

Links to Letters, posts and comments on The Lost Apostrophe blog.

Discovery of Fishers Island by Adriaen Block in 1614!

Happy 400th Anniversary Block Party
Fishers Island Community Center
Saturday, August 9, 2014 4:00-6:30pm

Children’s Art
Exhibition! “What does Fishers Island mean to you?” Answered in Artwork, Poetry, Prose, and Photography by all Island children and students.


Food and Drink: Rolling Tomato Pizza Truck, Finger Food for adults. Soda and water will be served – beer and wine available for purchase.

Happy 400th Block Party – an Island celebration.

Hosted by: Island Community Center, FIDCO, Sanger Fund, Ferguson Museum, Fire District, FIWMD, FI School, IPP, Island Concerts, the Conant Family, Lighthouse Works, FI Library, and FI Community Members

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Masthead Photo by Jane Ahrens
3 FROM FISHERS RECEIVE NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

Washington, DC — President Barack Obama will present the National Medals of Arts in conjunction with the National Humanities Medals on Monday, July 28, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. ET, in an East Room ceremony at the White House. First Lady Michelle Obama will attend. The event will be live streamed at WH.gov/Live.

This honor will be given to three from Fishers Island.

Congratulations to:
Al Maysles, Billie Tsien and Tod Williams

The National Medal of Arts is the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the federal government. It is awarded by the President of the United States to individuals or groups who are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts in the United States. – See more at: http://arts.gov/news/2014/president-obama-award-2013-national-medals-arts#sthash.8ulectAO.dpuf

NEA Chairman Jane Chu said, “Whether its animation or architecture, writing or music, these artists’ creativity and passion have made an enormous impact on our nation. I join the President in congratulating them and celebrating the arts in our country.”

Albert Maysles, documentary filmmaker, for rethinking and remaking documentary film in America. One of the pioneers of direct cinema, he has offered authentic depictions of people and communities across the globe for nearly 60 years. By capturing raw emotions and representations, his work reflects the unfiltered truths of our shared humanity.

Billie Tsien and Tod Williams, architects (receiving individual medals), for their contributions to architecture and arts education. Whether public or private, their deliberate and inspired designs have a profound effect on the lives of those who interact with them, and their teaching and spirit of service have inspired young people to pursue their passions.

TAGGING HORSESHOE CRABS ON FISHERS

This spring, during the spawning season, Science Teacher Carol Giles and her team of volunteers tagged horseshoe crabs on Fishers Island. Carol is a trained site coordinator, helping to collect data on horseshoe crab spawning, abundance, size, sex, and tag returns. The data collected through this program is used to assess the status of horseshoe crabs in New York State, and will help determine the management and conservation of this important species throughout the region.

This tagging program is conducted under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956. It is coordinated by Cornell University Cooperative Extension’s Marine Program, working with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to develop and organize the New York horseshoe crab monitoring network.

Half an hour before high tide, on twelve evenings around both the full and new moons in May and June, the dedicated volunteers met at Dock Beach – this often occurred between 9pm and midnight. With bug spray and flashlights in hand they waded into the shallow water to find the horseshoe crabs that had come in to mate. In all, fifty horseshoe crabs were tagged with numbers between 311201 – 311250, and over the 12 nights, they counted hundreds of horseshoe crabs of various sizes. (Tag # 311201-311225 were tagged on 6/11/14. Tag # 311226-311243 on 6/25/14. Tag # 311244-311250 on 6/27/14.) It will be interesting to see if they return to Fishers for future breeding!
A BUSY JULY 2014

**BEN CAMERON LIVE**

On Saturday July 19th, the Fishers Island Theater parking lot rocked with the sounds of Ben Cameron and his band from Nashville. The concert was put on by the Friends of the Fishers Island Theater (FFIT); and more than 260 people came out to enjoy the music, support Ben, and show their support for the Theater. Many enjoyed tailgate spots, while others gathered down in front! As everyone knows by now, the town of Southold shut down the theater this summer due to some bricks falling off the building. Ben’s concert was a great reminder to us all how integral the theater is to our community; and the Friends of the FFIT Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

**IPP HOUSE TOUR THANK YOU**

Dear Fishers Islanders,

This year’s IPP House & Garden Tour was an outstanding success – our best year ever. Thank you to those who bought tickets: sales were up fifty percent this summer, with more than 300 tickets sold. Thank you to the homeowners, who so generously opened their glorious houses. Thank you to the volunteers, who donated precious time on such a glorious summer day. IPP is grateful for your support. Most important, you continued a wonderful tradition that contributes to our small island’s strong sense of community.

With gratitude,

Jan Geniesse and Courtney MacDonald

**CARDBOARD REGATTA**

More entries than ever were set to race in the Cardboard Boat Regatta hosted by IPP and Fishers Island Junior Sailing on July 11. Creativity, humor and engineering, with lots and lots of duct tape, (and a little help from some grownups), produced an amazing array of crafts all with at least two in crew. First heat, age 6 and under, was followed by the 7 and up group. Over 40 kids participated! The goal: To stay afloat and paddle to reach the Dock Beach netting buoys 1st.

A huge thank you to HHC Sailing Program Director Meris Enright and IPP Director Marilyn Mullen, lifeguard James Wright, Sarah Porter, Geordie Loveday, the FI Sailing Instructors, and all of the volunteer judges for making the event a wonderful success!

**BULLSEYE NATIONS & OPTI REGATTA**

Fishers Island Yacht Club hosted the 2014 Bullseye Class National Regatta the weekend of July 18-20, 2014. The Bullseye is a Nathaniel Herreshoff designed 15’ Marconi rig sailing boat.

Bullseye sailors competing represented the FIYC, Fishers Island, Beverly Yacht Club, Marion, MA, Card Sound Sailing Club, Ocean Reef, FL, Sandy Bay Yacht Club, Rockport, MA, Saunderstown Yacht Club, North Kingston, RI, Toledo Beach Marina, LaSalle, MI and Michael Barr’s crew from Gales Ferry, CT.

Fishers’ team of Peter Rugg and Carter Rose won by one point!
IN MEMORIAM: PATRICIA HOSLEY KIBBE

Patricia “Pat” Hosley Kibbe died peacefully at her home in Yorktown, New York on Sunday, July 13th, surrounded by her loving family. She was 90 years old and lived a full and well-rounded life.

Pat was born on September 2, 1923 to Loring and Frances Hosley, and grew up in Southwick, Massachusetts. Her father was vice president of Indian Motorcycles, and Pat graduated as valedictorian of her high school class. She turned down a scholarship to Wellesley College in order to pursue an acting career. She attended The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, and after graduating in 1944 appeared on Broadway in the musical “Janie”, as well as other well-known theater productions. She had a successful career in radio and played “Gladys” in the long-running and popular “Henry Aldrich Family” radio program.

As the television industry emerged, Pat made the transition from radio to TV and became a pioneer in live TV, including performances on Armstrong Circle Theater and early syndicated comedies – she appeared on “The Honeymooners”, where she played Agnes, Alice Crandem's sister, and early TV shows including “Car 54 Where Are You?”. As Madison Avenue ascended and it came time to raise a family, Pat transitioned to commercial work – she made memorable TV commercials for Dove, Playtex, and General Mills – among her memorable lines were “There’s a Dove in my pantry!” and the still famous “I’m cukoo for CoCo Puffs!”

Pat and her husband John (Jack) Kibbe purchased their home in Yorktown 60 years ago in 1954. They raised five children and both Pat and Jack were active contributors to the growing Yorktown community. Pat helped start a Christian Science church in Yorktown and donated her time to the Yorktown schools and many other schools in the Westchester area.

Pat and Jack purchased a summer home on Whistler Avenue on Fishers Island in 1966, which they renovated with the help of their children. Pat loved the Island community and was well known by generations of children for her milkshake parties. She loved the history of Fort Wright, she was a steadfast supporter of the Fishers Island ferry crew at any softball game held on the Island and she was an active participant in the Fishers Island Library and the Fishers Island School. She was known on the Island for her ready smile and standard greeting, “Hello my love!”

After a vibrant career in theater, radio and TV, Pat started to write. She was a gifted storyteller who found her material in the joy of surprise of everyday life. She wrote three well received books for young adults – The Hocus Pocus Dilemma, My Mother the Mayor Maybe and Mrs. Kiddy and the Moonbooms – all of which were originally published by Knopf and have been recently re-published by the Author’s Guild.

Pat was deeply committed to humanitarian goals. In 1991 she founded Kids to Kids International. Her organization allowed children in the United States to send school supplies and picture books to children in refugee camps, and enabled children in refugee camps to make picture books to return to children in the United States. Pat’s goal was not to create pen pals - she wanted to provide educational resources for children living in refugee camps, but just as importantly, she wanted to inspire and empower children in the United States to contribute to a larger, global, community.

She is survived by her husband of seventy years, her five children and her six grandchildren. Donations in her memory can be made to the Fishers Island Library Association, Box 366, Fishers Island NY 06390.
IN MEMORIAM: HELEN HAYES HAMILTON

Helen Hayes Hamilton died peacefully at home on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

The middle daughter of Isobel Stewart Bryan Hayes and John Green Hayes Jr., she was born on June 16, 1938, in Richmond, Virginia. She attended St. Catherine's School and graduated from St. Timothy's School in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1955. She was on the tennis and field hockey teams while at St. Timothy's and she sang in the choir. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Smith College in 1959.

She married James C. Hamilton Jr. in December of 1961. She worked in the children's division at Doubleday Books while they lived in New York and they moved to Richmond with their daughter, Helen Hamilton Horsley, in 1966. A long-time member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Goochland, she was a 40 year member of the Altar Guild and one-time head.

She had a passion for flowers and delighted in arranging them. Her home was always filled with flowers from her garden. She was a past head of Historic Garden Week in Virginia, and she was a former member of The Three Chopt Garden Club and the St. Catherine's School Foundation Board. She also served as past head of the Belle Bryan Day Nursery and the Memorial Foundation for Children and served on these boards for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James Christy Hamilton Jr.; her daughter, Helen Hamilton Horsley (John Garrett Horsley); and her three granddaughters, Selina McGill Horsley, Margaret Hamilton Horsley, and Lilian Holladay Horsley. She was predeceased by her sister, Isobel Bryan Hayes Kober; and is survived by her sister, Mildred Boyd Hayes Schoeller Cross. She is also survived by one niece and two nephews, Mildred Boyd Schoeller, Karl Christian Schoeller and Joseph Bryan Kober.

She was a beloved mother and grandmother. She was a tireless cheerleader to our family. She attended every game and recital and always arrived early to save the best seats in the house. She delighted in making candy houses and taking each granddaughter on a special trip abroad. She always encouraged and loved her family. She enjoyed spending time in Richmond, Gulfstream, Florida and Fishers Island, New York. She had a host of dear and true friends in each locale, many with whom she thoroughly enjoyed playing golf and bridge. The family wishes to give special thanks to Dr. Mary Helen Hackney of Massey Cancer Center, Bon Secours Hospice and St. Mary's Church, for their compassionate care during her illness.

The memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 12291 River Road, in Richmond. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Catherine's School, St. Mary's Church, or Massey Cancer Center.

EBB AND FLOW

Weddings:

July 12, 2014  Sara Merrihew and Randolph Hunter Lamere, Chapel Island, Saranac Lake, NY

CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

This is how we celebrate!

Many thanks to IPP for organizing the parade, the Fort Stretch Irregulars for singing, the Sailing Masters of 1812 band for making the trip from Essex, CT and playing for us, and the Fire Department for the picnic lunch!
For Mélie’s Gardening Tips post this month we took the opportunity to interview Dave Denison, Hay Harbor Club’s Golf Course Superintendent. Everyone so appreciates all he does in his months on Island and the care he takes in the gardens around HHC (and the daffodil patch on the hill by the school each spring).

Guest Gardener Dave Denison: “Thank you so much for asking me to talk about the gardens. I love trying to grow nice things and am so fortunate to have the job that I have - and to have members who enjoy the gardens.”

When did you get interested in gardening? When I was a kid my grandfather, who lived next door, grew beautiful dahlias. I would bring a big bouquet to school to give to my teacher.

How long have you been gardening on Fishers Island? I started about 25 years ago, around when Hay Harbor put in automatic sprinklers on the greens and tees.

What inspired you to do the gardens on Hay Harbor Golf course? I noticed that the irrigation on the tee boxes covered a lot of area outside the tee box, and could see that gardens planted there would flourish – full sun every day and plenty of water. I thought it would be interesting to put in vegetables instead of flowering plants that would be more commonly seen on golf courses.

What are the biggest challenges gardening on Fishers Island? Rabbits and insects.

What do you like most to grow? Probably corn, although seedless watermelons are pretty good too.

What gardening tips would you like to share? Like Mélie’s July issue suggested, keep the weeds under control. I am fortunate to have a good assistant on the golf course – I can send him out to mow fairways or tees and spend my own time pulling weeds in the gardens. Also, plant vegetables where they will get sun all day if possible.

What are your favorite sources for plants? Nurseries, Catalogs, etc.? 99% of what we plant is started from seeds. I like Burpees, Park Seed, and Totally Tomatoes.

What else would you like to share with our readers about gardening on Fishers Island? Our gardens at Hay Harbor are anything but formal – grow what you enjoy and don't worry if the garden is not perfectly edged or color coordinated. Have fun trying different varieties – new ones come out every year. But keep hold of proven favorites. I have been planting Burpee’s Ambrosia cantaloupes ever since Ray Doyen showed me his melon patch, who knows how many years ago, and have never found a superior variety.

Do you have a favorite flower, tree, vegetable or recipe to share with us? No recipes, but a few favorite seed varieties: Mirai corn, Maxibel bush green beans, Fortex pole beans, Sweet Treats and Sungold cherry tomatoes, Sweet Success cucumbers. And Asian Pear trees do well – disease and pest resistant, they don't need spraying.

This spring Dave planted kale at the HHC’s 4th Tee box. It has flourished! He writes, “I don’t know how many people even like kale! But it sure is doing well in that spot. Anyone who wants some can stop by the Navy gate and cut off some of it.”

Dave Denison came to Fishers in 1977 as the math teacher at Fishers Island School where he taught until his retirement in 2007. In addition to his position as HHC Superintendent, he is also a volunteer fireman with the Fishers Island Fire Department, and manages the H summer softball league. And, if you ever want to know which baseball team is leading in the American League East, just take a glance past the HHC putting green and you will see that team’s flag flying. Dave started doing this when he had a Red Sox fan for a helper, and he likes the Yankees!
FI FERRY COMMISSIONERS ELECTION

The ferry is our lifeline to the mainland, and all of us use the service regularly, and some are absolutely dependent on its reliability to earn a living, receive ongoing medical attention, and receive needed supplies on island. The governance is vested in a five person Board of Commissioners (BOC) who decide policy and provide oversight of the operation and staff. In the current year we have had only 3 commissioners, thereby requiring attendance of the whole to make a decision. For a variety of reasons it has been difficult to achieve a quorum in some instances. On August 12 we will have the annual election to elect new commissioners for the current two vacancies plus the seat held by Commissioner Chris Edwards who is completing his term.

Candidates Running for the 3 vacancies in 2014:
Harry Parker for a Term Of Five (5) Years
Chris Edwards for a Remaining Term Of Two (2) Years
Lucinda Herrick for a Remaining Term Of Two (2) Years
Andrew Ahrens for a Remaining Term Of One (1) Year

Absentee Ballot Applications Due:
Tuesday, August 5, 2014: 7 days prior to election if mailed to voter
Monday, August 11, 2014: 1 day prior if picked up by voter.

Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 2:00-6:00 pm
Commissioners’ Election, FI Community Center

HELP BRING A SAX TO FI SCHOOL

Calling all lovers of music and supporters of the performing arts!

The Fishers Island School Music Department is in need of a baritone saxophone to enhance the ensemble opportunities for our island music program. This instrument is needed to allow our student musicians to perform a wider genre of music and for our students to have the opportunity to perform on a complex instrument.

A baritone saxophone is a large, bass member of the saxophone family. This particular instrument is too expensive for the budget of our small school. Prices of quality instruments range from $4,000 – $12,000 dollars.

After unsuccessful attempts to borrow an instrument from other school districts, we decided to try to raise the funds using an online fundraising site Idiegogo. Our online campaign started on July 24 and will run through September 7, 2014.

How can you help…
Please go to the Indiegogo site for our campaign at http://igg.me/at/fimusic and contribute toward our goal. No amount is too small.

Harry Parker  Chris Edwards  Lucinda Herrick  Andrew Ahrens

Saturday, August 9
9:00-12:00
Village Green
ISLAND CONCERTS:
Island concerts:
Begin August 10:
- Ji, Pianist
Please check the website or PO Bulletin Board for the 2014 Summer Schedule.

ISLAND CELEBRATION:
400th Anniversary of the Discovery of Fishers Island by Adriaen Block
Happy 400th Block Party
FI Community Center
Saturday, August 9, 2014
4:00-6:30 pm

FERGUSON MUSEUM:
Coming and Going:
A History of Transportation to Fishers Island
Please visit us for the During Museum Hours or by appointment.

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN
P.O. BOX 464, FISHERS ISLAND, NY 06390

If you have something you would like posted on FishersIsland.net or in the Fog Horn - a story idea, an event ‘save the date’, photos to share, suggestions or an interest in advertising, please contact Jane Ahrens at (631) 788-7487 or info@fishersisland.net.

Contact Sarah Porter to place an event on the Community Calendar at www.fishersisland.net/events/ at (631) 788-7683 or fishersislandevents@gmail.com.

FI TELEPHONE’S NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS
Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the Fishers Island Telephone Company’s Team.
L-R: Telephone Superintendent Bryan Marteeny with Service Technicians Mike Conroy, Victoria Chin and David Rovero.

FI FERRY COLLECTING EMAILS FOR FREIGHT
The Ferry District is collecting emails to assist with customer communications regarding freight delivery. Please send your preferred email address to: Debbie Doucette at ddoucette@fiferry.com at your earliest convenience.