Plan to attend a presentation - on Fishers Island on Monday, June 23.

The Island Community Board (ICB) reviewed and accepted the working draft of the report titled *Sustaining Fishers Island: A blueprint for protecting the future* in March. Prepared by The Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW), the document recommends steps to be taken to address the long-standing and long-term issues of population, jobs, infrastructure and the present and future costs of Island living.

YUDW’s Director Alan Plattus and Project Manager Andrei Harwell will present *Sustaining Fishers Island: A blueprint for protecting the future* again on Fishers Island on Monday, June 23, 4:45 pm at the Community Center.

There will be an informal gathering after each for discussion among those in attendance and the people from Yale.

Additionally, the small group meetings, for those who attended the March 28, and May 28 presentations, will be scheduled shortly on Fishers Island. A separate email will go to those individuals and additional small sessions will be scheduled as needed.

*Sustaining Fishers Island is available on FishersIsland.net.* The document is broken down by chapters. After input from the Fishers Island community is collected and the final chapters are completed any revisions will be reposted to the website. Please visit [www.fishersisland.net](http://www.fishersisland.net) and search Yale Study to easily access *Sustaining Fishers Island online.*

Yale Study Questions & Comments

The ICB is receiving feedback from individuals regarding the first draft of the Yale Study. They are excited about the progress, momentum and discussions the Study’s readers, and group meeting attendees, are generating in the community.

The email address below is provided by the ICB as a way for people to give their thoughts, ask questions, and comment on the Study’s working draft.

The goal is to encourage conversations, be constructive and to collect a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The answers and factual information will be compiled and posted on FishersIsland.net and in the cFog Horn.

Please send your comments, questions, concerns and suggestions to *yalestudyfi@gmail.com*
This year's Peter Sanger Memorial Sea Stretcher Marathon, organized by the Fishers Island Fire Department, was held on Sunday, May 25. All proceeds from runners' sponsor pledges, the Fundraising Challenge sponsored by Tiggy Health, and the Bake Sale organized by Mary Ski, go to maintaining the Sea Stretcher, the Fire Department's ambulance boat.

Many thanks to all the volunteers, runners, sponsors, bakers and drivers! It was a beautiful morning for the annual marathon.

With the runners' sponsor pledges, contributions through Team Tiggy Health, and the Bake Sale proceeds at nearly $500, the marathon will have raised over $34,000 for the Sea Stretcher this year.

"Awesome Memorial Day Marathon on Fishers Island, thanks so much to all those who supported, volunteered and donated towards our fundraising efforts for Fishers Island Sea Stretcher Ambulance Boat. Team Tiggy Health raised over $18,000 and donations are still coming in!!"

The race began at 9:00 with runners of all ages choosing to run or walk 1, 3, 5 or 8 miles.

More photos can be viewed on FishersIsland.net at: http://fishersisland.net/peter-sanger-memorial-sea-stretcher-marathon-2/
Fishers Island’s American Legion Post 1045 hosted the Memorial Day remembrance ceremony Sunday, May 25. The rite began with the firing of the canon by United States Army veteran John Doucette with the assistance of United States Marine Corps veteran and past American Legion Post Commander John Ski.

The parade traveled to the island’s Town Green for the ceremony that included a prayer by Karl Eiriksson, pastor of Church on the Rock, and remarks by Army Reserve Captain Eric Giles, also serving as the post commander.

A wreath was presented to the Gaillard family by Army Lieutenant Mike Conroy and Marine Corporal Sam Dillman. It was laid in memory of all deceased service members and in special memory of Happy Gaillard, who served in the Navy’s WAVES in Washington for three years during World War II. A rifle salute followed, led by Korean War veteran Joe Rogan, and executed by Vietnam veteran Tim Patterson, and representing the Sons of the American Legion Bruce Hubert. Taps was played by Fishers Island School music teacher Chris Dollar. The ceremony and parade were followed by a picnic cookout at the Legion organized by Legion Manager Deb Doucette.

Earlier that morning from the Sea Stretcher a wreath was laid at sea by members of the Rogan family in memory of all service members lost at sea and in special remembrance of United States Marine Corps veteran Peter Rogan.

Many thanks to the Fire District, Fire Department and EMTs, all the current and retired service men and women, volunteers and guests who participated and enjoyed the afternoon of remembrance.

More photos can be viewed on FishersIsland.net at: http://fishersisland.net/memorial-day-ceremony-2014/
IN MEMORIAM: ANDREW G. BRAUN

Andrew G. Braun, of Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully on May 20th at age 75 after a terminal cancer diagnosis 10 days earlier. Born in Paris to Polish intellectual parents, he immigrated to the United States as a toddler. He attended the New Lincoln School in NYC and graduated from Middlebury and MIT’s 3/2 program in 1961. He received in Sc.D. from Harvard School of Public Health. He continued working in science as a teacher, researcher and administrator and was a great lover of the outdoors and the arts.

He is survived by his wife Helen, daughters Rebecca and Stephanie, son-in-law Michael, and grandchildren Andrew and Vivian.

A memorial service is being planned. If desired in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University or MIT Libraries.

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IN MEMORIAM: ANNE HYDE CHOATE PATTERTSON

Anne Hyde Choate Patterson died peacefully in her home in Hobe Sound, FL, on May 11, 2014, at the age of 95. Born in New York to Arthur Osgood Choate and Anne Hyde Clarke Choate, she attended St. Timothy’s School and Columbia University.

She and her husband of 64 years, Ellmore Clark Patterson, who died in 2004, lived in Westchester County, New York City, Fishers Island, NY, and Hobe Sound, and raised five sons, Michael, Arthur, Robert, David and Thomas Patterson, who survive her along with their wives and fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, of all of whom she was immensely proud. She will be remembered by her loving family and all who knew her as athletic, spunky, interested and smart, with a quick and challenging mind.

Her family asks that you consider a contribution in her memory to Island Health Project, Fishers Island, Inc., PO Box 344, Fishers Island, NY 06390.

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EBB AND FLOW

Births:

May 28, 2014
Colton William Horn born to Stephanie and Mason Horn

Weddings:

Kevin G. Carroll and Gillian Burns
May 3, 2014 Compton, MD

Abbe Grimes and Scott Montaldo
May 30, 2014 New Rochelle, NY
From Mélie’s Garden

During this past year there have been many articles in the press and on line about the decrease of pollinators in our country. Birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths and beetles are the primary pollinators of plants and they are of utmost importance in the cycle of nature. World wide over 1,000 plants depend on pollination to grow. The use of herbicides, pesticides, invasive non-native plants, diseases, loss of habitat and extreme weather has contributed to this decline. The home gardener can help by planting trees, shrubs and plants that will attract and feed these important contributors to our environment.

You can go to the Pollinator Partnership or Xerces Society websites and type in your zip code to get a complete list of plants that are suitable for your area, but here is a partial list of plants that are recommended for Fishers Island that is part of the “Eastern Broadleaf Forest – Oceanic Province”.

**Trees & Shrubs**
- Acer spp
- Amelanchier spp
- Blueberry
- Cercis
- Canadensis
- Dwarf sumac
- Eastern Redbud
- Elderberry
- Maple
- Oxydendrum arboreum
- Rhus Capallinum
- Rusa spp
- Salix spp
- Sambucus spp
- Serviceberry
- Sourwood
- Vaccinium spp
- Wild rose
- Willow

**Perennials**
- Asciepias syriaca
- Asciepiastuberosa
- Aster spp
- Asters
- Baptisia australis
- Bee Balm
- Black Eyed Susan
- Blackberry
- blazing Star
- butterfly weed
- Cranesbill
- Echinacea purpurea
- False Indigo
- Geranium
- Golden Rod
- Liatris spp
- Lilium
- Milkweed
- Monarda spp
- Native lilies
- Phlox
- Phlox spp
- Purple Coneflower
- Raspberry
- Rudbeckia spp
- Rubus spp
- Salvia
- solidago spp
- Rubus spp

**THE XERCES SOCIETY GUIDE**

Attracting NATIVE POLLINATORS

Protecting North America’s Bees and Butterflies

Create a landscape that is beautiful, diverse, and pollinator-friendly.

Discover plants and native insects for bees and butterflies.

Identify the flower-visiting insects in your region.

Ensure pollination in your garden, wherever you are.
Senior Lunch

Always a special gathering, the Senior Lunches are held on the third Thursday of the month from October through May – most are held at the Union Chapel unless otherwise noted. All islanders over age 60 are invited! So, if you would like to be added to the list, please let Heather Burnham know by email hfburnham@gmail.com or call Heather at 788-7662.

This was a busy year. Well over 20 monthly lunch guests enjoyed seasonal table settings, delicious meals provided by volunteer chefs and servers, and several guest speakers.

Thanks to all our volunteers who have made the lunches happen this winter: Ace and Jane Ahrens, Joe and Tracy Brock, Heather Burnham, Patty Cook, Jamie Doucette, Louisa Evans, Patty Faulkner, Karen Lamb, Sue Lusker, Gina Scumaci, Robin Toldo (Community Center Café), and Fishers Island School.

Special thanks to Ann Banks and Ellen Pickett who do such a fabulous job on our set-up and table decorations. The Senior Lunch Committee is always looking for entertainment ideas and volunteer chefs, contact Heather with any ideas.

Next Senior Luncheon Date:
Thursday, October 16, 2014

Senior Lunch on May 15 was our annual picnic. Thanks to our “grill masters” Ace and Joe. Southold Town visitors grabbed a quick bite too.
FOR THE BIRDS – ISLANDERS JOIN NATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD COUNT

By Allison Sargent

On Saturday, May 8th in the gray fog of morning, a small group of islanders (and two bird-loving academics) traversed the island to bring some systematic rigor to the much loved pastime of birding. In a race against time, these two teams of spotters joined thousands of other birders across the country in the North American Migration Count.

The Fishers Island Conservancy organized the count which took place on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. With the help of two graduate students from the University of Delaware, Emily Baisden and Will Almeida, the count will be used as a baseline to aid in the study of migratory birds. “The Island is a perfect stopover for many species of migratory birds flying the eastern coast,” says Justine Kibbe, resident naturalist who chronicles the flora and fauna of Fishers Island. Kibbe, whose work is supported by Conservancy grant funding, was part of the bird counting team along with other participants Tom Sargent, Jeannie Kelly Cook, Carol Giles, Allison Sargent, Joe Henderson, Penni Sharpe, Jackie Williamson and Peter Williamson.

“The protocol is pretty simple,” says Tom Sargent, president of the Conservancy, “two teams travel one half mile at a time. At each half-mile mark, the groups count as many different birds as they can find in five minutes. The scribe needs to write quickly because the spotters see things almost instantly.” The count is held annually on the second Saturday and Sunday of May and must end by 11 am on both days.

This year’s count boasted nearly 25 different species including resident and migratory birds. “The cool birds were the migratory song birds: Northern Parula, Black and White Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Baltimore Orioles, even the Common Yellowthroat and Yellow Warbler, even though they are abundant and common,” notes Will Almeida, “the Marsh Wren is a really great secretive bird so to be able to have everyone spot it was exciting.” Emily Baisden noted that the count could be skewed a bit due to Fishers’ later spring arrival. “I think the island is about two weeks behind the mainland in terms of flowering trees and shrubs,” she said, “and that means less food for hungry travelers.”

All participants enjoyed the adventure. At a post birding breakfast at the Community Center, it was generally acknowledged that rising early to creep around the underbrush in search of swift and shy quarry was a very excellent way to start a May morning.
Due to the generosity of many Fishers Island cemetery families, eleven new trees were planted in the cemeteries this spring. They join the four new ones that were planted last year. The three cemeteries suffered significant storm damage over the last few years and many trees had to be removed. The new trees planted are native to the area and will be appealing to birds and other pollinators. Over the next few years more trees will be planted as funds will allow.

**New Cemetery Trees:**  
1. Acer rubrum – red maple;  
2. Quercus rubra – red oak;  
3. Oxydendrum arboreum – Sourwoods;  
4. Nyssa sylvatica – Black Gum;  
5. Winterking Hawthorn;  
6. Franklinias;  
7. Magnolia;  
8. Cercis – Canadensis – redbud;  

Many thanks to Race Rock Garden Co. for the excellent job they did cleaning up the storm damage in the three cemeteries and replanting the new trees.

The Fishers Island Cemetery Committee