

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

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NY SUES EPA OVER LONG ISLAND DUMPING SITE

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Thursday challenging its decision to allow dredging sediments to be dumped into the Long Island Sound.

In the lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn, Schneiderman asked the court to block the newly designated dumping site because the EPA's actions were "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion or otherwise not in accordance with law."

The lawsuit claims that the EPA didn't adequately prove the need for a new dumping ground—the third in the Long Island Sound—and didn't consider using existing sites. The state also claims that the EPA didn't consider the health or environmental impact of the proposed dumping.

In a statement, Cuomo said that the EPA's decision to designate a permanent open water disposal site in eastern Long Island Sound poses a "major threat to a significant commercial and recreational resource, but it also undermines New York's long-standing efforts to end dumping in our treasured waters."

The Democratic governor in December announced plans to sue the EPA over the disposal site, arguing that it is a "direct violation of the designation criteria outlined" in the federal Ocean Dumping Act.

A spokesman for the EPA said the agency "does not comment on potential or ongoing litigation."

Josefa Velasquez, New York Law Journal, August 17, 2017

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"Allowing dumping of potentially contaminated dredge spoils in the Sound just flies in the face of common sense," said Town Councilman Bob Ghosio. "The fact that these dump sites are just off the environmentally sensitive shores of Southold Town is especially troubling."

N.Y. State files suit against EPA over dredge spoil dumping in L.I. Sound riverheadlocal.com, By D. Civiletti, 8/18/17

"The protections of the federal Ocean Dumping Act were extended to the L.I. Sound in 1980. The sound was designated an estuary of national significance in 1988."

Connecticut leaders oppose N.Y. lawsuit to block dredging site in eastern Long Island Sound The Day, 8/18/17

"Dredging is a practice that has been used for decades to keep harbors and rivers open for shipping. The silt and material pulled up from area waterways is so voluminous, it can't all be deposited on land, so some is disposed of in open water in the Sound." ~ The Day

FISHERSISLAND.NET APPEAL

Happy Summer to our Fishers Island Community,

August 30, 2017

What a wonderful summer we all have had on Fishers these past weeks! From celebrating July 4th with the bike parade, Fife and Drum Corp and Fire House cookout, to beach bonfires, Pequot evenings, cheering at the softball games, cardboard boat races, walking the Parade Grounds and nature trails, riding the bike path, surfing off Chocomount and paddle boarding in the harbors, the weather has (mostly) cooperated and our families and friends have had a lot to smile about.

We hope that you have enjoyed the photos, stories, calendar events and news provided by FishersIsland.net this summer. Our aim is to keep you informed about all that is going on here – all year long – whether you are on or off the Island.

To continue to bring Island news, calendar events, Ebb & Flow announcements, photos, celebrations, online directory, non-profit and business links, the classifieds, lost & found and more to our readers, **your financial support of FishersIsland.net is needed.**

The generous Sanger Fund was instrumental in getting this off the ground. Advertisers help, but **it is our community members who make the difference in supporting this valuable Island resource.** Serving our year-round and seasonal residents as well as school families, island employees and visitors, contractors, scientists, and others, this is the local news source focusing on Fishers Island's uniqueness.

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 9681 Images
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A few favorite photos from the Summer of 2017



Marlin Bloethe



Beth Arsenault



Jane Ahrens

FISHERS ISLAND SUMMER THANK YOU'S



As the summer of 2017 draws to a close, the Fishers Island Library would like to thank the community for its support during this past year. With contributions large and small, our library has undergone a transformation that propels us into the 21st century. In addition to boasting a first rate collection, we now have a library that welcomes visitors with large sunny workspaces and highly functional technology. Thank you for your patience during construction, your cheerleading upon completion and for your ongoing patronage of this island treasure.

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Thanks to the community for supporting the Fishers Island Theater this summer. We showed 20 movies, and shifted our schedule to Monday and Wednesday evenings. Our summer blockbusters were **Captain Underpants** and, at the other end of the spectrum, **Windshield, A Vanished Vision**, the fascinating film about the J. Nicholas Brown house on Clay Point designed by Richard Neutra in 1936. We hope you enjoyed coming to the theater this summer.

The 35th Anniversary of the filming of the **World According to Garp** was celebrated on July 7th with a fundraiser put on by the Friends of the Fishers Island Theater (FFIT). The Parker family graciously hosted the successful event at their beautiful home, Holiday House, which provided the perfect setting overlooking the Wilmerding house, the site of the movie's filming. Over 150 guests attended, donning costumes or clothing reminiscent of the late 70s. Several cast members shared wonderful stories of their experiences on set, as well as drinking beer with Robin Williams at the Pequot. The event raised much-needed funding for the repairs and maintenance of the Island's beloved movie theater. Many thanks to all who supported this worthwhile endeavor!



On Friday, August 4th the Fishers Island community gathered at the theater for the screening of the independent film entitled, **Windshield: A Vision Vanished**, which documented the infamous Windshield House built by Anne and John Nicholas Brown in 1936. Windshield was the first east coast commission of the modern California-based architect Richard Neutra, and the design was a collaborative effort between Neutra and the Browns. Fortunately, Mr. Brown was an early adopter of home movies, which resulted in rich visual documentation of the family and their lifestyle. Mr. Neutra asked the Browns to complete extensive questionnaires about their daily habits, which he could take into consideration as he designed their house. The resulting film takes a candid and personal look inside the lives of a patrician east coast family and their close collaboration with Neutra to create a contemporary living space on Fishers Island. The Brown's granddaughter Elissa Brown created this beautiful and informative film. She not only came to Fishers with her husband and new baby daughter, but she introduced the film and conducted a lengthy Q&A session after the showing. The theater was packed almost to capacity and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



Thank you to all who have thoughtfully donated food and/or tax-deductible funds to the Islanders for Islanders initiative this summer. The shelves of the food resource room at the Union Chapel are beginning to fill and funds will support our year-round community in efforts spearheaded by the Island clergy.

Food collection bins are located at the FI Village Market as well as at the entrance to St. John's, Our Lady of Grace, and Union Chapel (back door). PLEASE check food expiry dates before donating.

In conjunction with the Sanger Fund, Islanders for Islanders helps cover some winter fuel and utility bills. We are pleased to now offer island residents limited support for professional development opportunities in order to enhance possibilities for year-round income. In addition, Islanders

continues to provide healthy snacks for our school children and take-out Senior Suppers.

If you are able to donate funds, kindly do so through your island church. Checks may also be written directly to Union Chapel with "Islanders for Islanders" in the memo line. (Mail to Union Chapel, PO Box 192, Fishers Island, NY 06390.)

On behalf of the Islanders for Islanders team, once again, thank you. We are deeply grateful for your support.

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN H. THATCHER, JR.

John H. Thatcher, Jr., 86, passed away peacefully at home on August 14, 2017. Born on April 18, 1931, he was the son of the late John H. Thatcher, Sr. and Eleanor (Bonbright) Thatcher. He was raised in Englewood, NJ, settled in Chatham, NJ, and moved to Hillsborough, NJ in 2012. He graduated from Princeton University in 1953.

An avid fisherman, John spent many summers in his childhood and adult years fishing on Fishers Island, NY. His love of the island and passion for preserving the island's clean waters and natural habitats spurred him to co-found the Fishers Island Conservancy in 1985 and serve as the Conservancy's president for many years. Throughout his tenure as Conservancy president, he tirelessly advocated for preservation and conservation of the island's clean water and ecosystems and will be remembered for working with the "mosquito girls" to lessen the mosquito population on the island through non-toxic control measures. A stroke, sustained while fishing on Fishers Island in 2005, prevented him from returning to his favorite island and fishing grounds.

John was a devoted husband to Mary, father to Monica (Eric) and Marisa (Chris), grandfather to Gwen, Ellie, Abby, Bridgette, PJ, Kathrynne, Mackenzie, Liam, Alison, great-grandfather to Brantley and Corbyn, brother to Llewellyn, and uncle to nieces Evelyn and Katie and nephews Chris, Michael, Rich, and James. He was predeceased by his brother Richard Thatcher. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

John Thatcher's funeral will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Fishers Island following the private burial. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to the Fishers Island Conservancy, PO Box 553, Fishers Island, NY 06390. www.fishersislandconservancy.org.



IN MEMORIAM: PETER H. STRIFE, II



Dr. Peter H. Strife II passed away peacefully at his home in New York City on August 22, 2017 surrounded by his loving wife Annabel O'Connor Strife and his children Peter H. Strife III, G. Andrew Strife, Molly S. Lombardi (John), and Sarah S. Barnwell (Michael). He is remembered fondly by his grandchildren Josie & Peter IV (Strife), Lillian (Strife), Kylie, Paige & Hayden (Lombardi) and Michael, Megan & Connor (Barnwell).

Dr. Strife was a graduate of Middlebury College and The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He had a private dental practice in Manhattan for 43 years. After gaining his dental degree, he served in the United States Air Force. Throughout his career he continued his military commitment, retiring as Commander from the United States Navy Reserve. He was a Fellow in, and past-President of the New York Academy of Dentistry, a Fellow in the American College of Dentistry, and a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry. He served as a Trustee to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and was a Trustee and past-President of the Dental Clinics of The Boys' Club of New York. In

2007, he received the Humanitarian Award from The New York Academy of Dentistry for his many years of dedication and service to Boys' Club of New York Dental Clinics. He was an Associate Professor of Prosthetic Dentistry at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine and a Facilitator in the Ethics Program for many years. He was a member and past President of Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity, and a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society.

Peter Strife was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend to the many who had the fortune to be a part of his blessed life. To his chosen field of Dentistry, he brought a professionalism, integrity and compassion for which he will always be remembered by his associates, peers, students and of course patients. However, in the role he cherished most, he became known as Poppy. It is with a great hole in their hearts and lives, that his wife of 52 years and adoring family say farewell to their faithful leader. God Bless.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of St. Vincent Ferrer at 869 Lexington Ave (66th) on Monday, August 28th at 10:30 AM. A reception will follow. A private burial service will be held on Fishers Island, NY on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in his honor to The Boys' Club of New York (www.bcnyc.org/donate) or The Dominican Foundation, 141 E 65th St, New York, NY.

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IN MEMORIAM: FREDERICK SMITH



Frederick Middleton Rotan Smith, of Manhattan, passed away on August 11, 2017, at age 75, from complications related to heart disease. Fred was born in New York City, where he attended St. Bernard's School. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1959 and received a B.A. in History and Economics from Yale University in 1963.

After serving in the U.S. Marines Corps, Fred was hired by First Boston Corporation in 1967 and remained at the firm, and its successor firm Credit Suisse, for the duration of his career, retiring in 2002. He remained a senior advisor and consultant to the firm for a number of years thereafter. At First Boston, Fred established and then headed the firm's media, transportation and telecommunications Investment Banking Coverage Group. He later founded and co-headed the firm's international private equity investment business.

Fred was a devoted father, world traveler, and passionate golfer. A fierce competitor, he won three club championships at the Fishers Island Club and two at Deepdale Golf Club, where he also won five senior club championships.

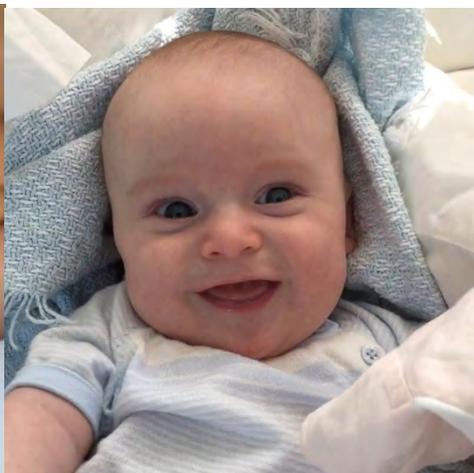
Fred is survived by his three children (Frederick M.R. Smith Jr., Margaret Smith Warden, and Charles Lister Smith), three grandchildren (Maxwell Wilson, Eloise August and Nicholas Hollingsworth Warden) and his beloved Alexa Gale Kroeger.

A private funeral service will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA. A celebration of Fred's life will be held in New York City in September. Donations in Fred's honor can be made to Aperture Foundation, 547 West 27th Street, New York, NY 10001 attn: Mary Colman St. John.

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Isabella Waafas Gyasiwa Ofosu-Amaah
June 26, 2016
to Sara diBonaventura Ofosu-Amaah &
Nii Amaah Ofosu-Amaah



Charles Wayman 'Chase' Young
April 19, 2017 to Kelley Chapoton
Young & Donald W. Young



Elinor Holloway Taylor
May 10, 2017
to Liz Burnham & Will Taylor



William Nicholas Cyr Blondel
July 24, 2017
to Carol Rossetto and John Blondell



Mason James Bruner
August 1, 2017 to Jennifer Edwards
Bruner & Matthew Bruner



Luca Spinola Turner
August 4, 2017
to Camilla Spinola Turner & Cale Turner

SEPTEMBER GARDENING

FROM MÉLIE'S GARDEN

As the summer ends, I have had some successes and failures in my vegetable garden. The sugar snap peas, which are normally so easy to grow, were a complete failure due to a pheasant that picked out and ate every seed I planted. (Next year I will have to cover the rows with Micromesh cloth until the plants are well established.) The same pheasant also ate all the bean seeds and even the leaves off of the pac choi. He left the Swiss chard alone and I was able to save the zucchini by putting large plastic water bottles, with the bottoms and tops cut off, over the seeds and emerging plants to protect them.

I have harvested enough zucchini to wear out my family's tolerance for it and have made relish with the leftovers! The broccoli was a huge success and my grandchildren loved cutting off the heads and enjoyed eating it fresh from the garden. One new vegetable I tried to grow was artichoke. I bought four plants at Gilberties in Westport and much to my delight one of the plants has produced four small artichokes! The other two surviving plants hopefully will produce some as well. The most prolific plants this year were the tomatoes and the garden is overflowing with them.

My husband's favorite salad is sliced tomatoes and red onions and he has certainly had his fill this summer. I have cut up the rest of the tomatoes and cooked them in a 250-degree oven for three to five hours. Once cooked, I put the roasted tomatoes in small plastic bags, which I place in the freezer. The defrosted tomatoes are delicious to add to soups, stews and tomato sauce throughout the year. This oven process is far easier and tastier than canning the tomatoes. I have also made a tomato pie, which is a delicious vegetable side dish.

**Tomato Pie**

1 pre baked pie shell
 5 tomatoes
 1 Onion
 1 cup of grated cheddar cheese
 1 cup of mozzarella cheese
 1 teaspoon of oregano, basil, salt & pepper

- Pre-heat oven to 350 Degrees
- Slice all five tomatoes into thin slices and salt them to remove excess water dry with paper towel
- Sauté the onion
- Layer the bottom part of the piecrust with tomato slices and sauté onions
- Sprinkle salt & pepper & herbs on top
- Sprinkle cheese over the first tomato layer and repeat layering until the pie is filled
- Sprinkle cheese on top and bake in 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. The tomatoes should be slightly firm in the middle.
- Remove from the oven and let the pie rest for 15 min and serve

**Roasted Tomatoes**

- Halve or quarter tomatoes
- Remove the seeds – leave the skin
- Place flesh side up on a parchment lined baking sheet with sides to catch the juice
- Season with olive oil, peeled garlic, rosemary, thyme, oregano, salt & pepper
- Roast in a 275-degree oven for three to five hours
- Once finished and cooled, place in plastic bags and freeze for later use in sauces, stews or soups

Hopefully, the vegetable garden will continue to produce beets, lettuce, arugula, turnips and Swiss chard through out the fall and I might just try to sneak in some peas again and hope the pheasant has had his fill of picking out the seeds!

BULLETIN BOARD



YEAR-ROUNDERS WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS!

The summer season is coming to a close so let's have a party for those who are newest to the island – and everyone can meet more of the familiar faces that are here in the off-season.

Dock Beach - Tuesday, September 12, 5:30-7:00

If raining @ the Community Center

Very casual "come as you are" after work, and BYOB. If you would like to bring a little something to share for munching that would be great.



ISLAND-WIDE BEACH CLEAN UP DAY: HELP US TURN THE TIDE ON TRASH

Fishers Island Waste Management District (FIWMD) is sponsoring Beach Cleanup SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Anytime after 7:30 am, meet us at the **COMPOST STATION** to pick up **TRASH BAGS, GLOVES, and DATA CARDS.**

THEN, anytime before 2:00 pm, return to the **COMPOST STATION** where we will collect **YOUR FINDINGS and DATA CARDS!** Thank you in advance for participating!

THE LIGHTHOUSE WORKS FALL EVENTS

Visiting Artist Talk: Lisa Sigal
Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 11am
Lisa Sigal will be visiting as part of our Visiting Artist Program. All are welcome.

Open Studios and Reading
Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 11 to 1pm
Join us as we celebrate the closing of our Fall '17 Session at Lighthouse Works. Our Fellows studios will be open from 11 to 1pm with a reading from Katherine Taylor at 12pm.



ANNEX STUDIOS

Justine Kibbe's
Horseshoe Crab
Sundial



ENGAGEMENT

Isabel Burnham & E. Sebastian Kandell,
August 18, 2017
in Newport, RI

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MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS
FI Legion Post 1045's new night for meetings is the 1st Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm
September 7
October 5

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
5:30 September 11
4:30 October 7
@ the Community Center.
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

September 14
Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee



1ST DAY OF FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL
September 5, 2017
ELECTION PRIMARY DAY
September 12, 2017



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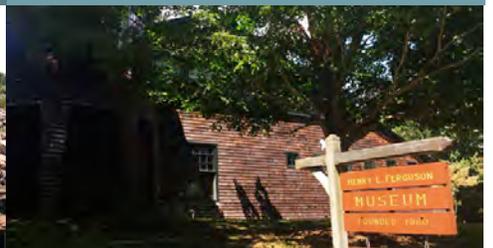
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A Whirlwind Tour of Fishers Island



"Housing Our History" at the Ferguson