Layers of history and personal experience inform the built environment of Fishers Island. Its structures each telling their own unique story, their histories upheld by a communal oral tradition. Ruins of former barracks and bunkers, empty foundations and vacated structures, are situated amongst the contemporary dwellings that dot the island’s lush vistas. Though the massive kilns that fired brick after brick for future foundations are gone, it’s clay pits are still wet. Fishers Island is simultaneously of the past and present: a place that in honoring the juxtaposition of the built and the decaying is itself a portal providing passage between.

If Portals Could Raise a Ruin, situates itself within this passage. Its highly reflective surface shifts from day-to-day, charting and mirroring its surroundings. Each snapshot recorded on the surface for just a moment. Each perspective offering a different viewpoint, a different experience of the work. The viewer might find themselves on one side or the other – looking through to the island, looking through to the sea and shore beyond – all the while confronted with a shifting faceted view of the sky, the structure and at times themselves. All of it, disappearing for a moment if caught in the right light.

Both ruin and folly, If Portals Could Raise a Ruin, is a nod to the island’s industrial history of brickmaking. A collage of brick and mortar patterning make up the façade culminating in a large open arch. Only, in this case, the rough weight of clay brick or stone typically meant to wall off or obstruct views is removed. Leaving a series of negative spaces intended to further frame and articulate the view shed both entering and leaving the island. The archway or portal, situated on a site for gathering – where arrivals are welcomed, where departures are bid farewell and movement is timed and charted – has the potential for generating new mythologies. Architecturally an archway serves as a transitional marker into otherwise defined spaces, passage through suggesting another kind of experience is to be had on the other side. It alludes to something special placed therein. It acts as a frame, amplifying the value of its contents.
**ELECTIONinspectors needed**

Fishers Island needs Election Inspectors. If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, learn more here: [http://www.suffolkvotes.com/inspector.asp](http://www.suffolkvotes.com/inspector.asp) Suffolk County’s Polling Place #1 is at the Community Center. The 2nd floor is accessible by elevator. The polls in Suffolk County are open from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.  
**State and Local Primary Election** – September 13, 2018  
**General Election** – November 6, 2018  
Find voter registration, absentee ballot and other information here: [http://www.suffolkvotes.com/index.asp](http://www.suffolkvotes.com/index.asp)

**Community Center membership**

Annual Supporting Membership provides access to everything in the building except the Fitness Center. Reserve spaces for private use, such as telework, and are entitled to discounts on many programs.  
**Fitness Center Membership** includes the above, with full use of the Fitness Center and a key card for building access during non-business hours. Your FICC cards will be activated by the start date of your choice! Sign up or renew online today. [www.ficommunitycenter.org/membership](http://www.ficommunitycenter.org/membership)  
Volunteer Fire and EMT personnel, year-round residents, club employees, should contact Sarah Porter to receive their membership discounts.

**Engagement**

Pete Britt & Paige Farmakis, April 14, 2018 in Hoboken, NJ  
Caitlin Noyes Ludemann & Niklas Jacob Holguin, Fishers Island on June 16, 2018  
David Walker & Maggie McMillen, Blue Hill at Stone Barns on June 23, 2018

**Weddings**

Caitlin Noyes Ludemann & Niklas Jacob Holguin, Fishers Island on June 16, 2018  
Hannah Grimes & Tripp Cashell, Fishers Island, NY June 23, 2018

**July and August Event Schedule**

For the most complete and up to date Island schedule including Museum Talks and Children’s Programs, FICC Classes and Workshops, Movie Showings, Library Guests, Softball League Games and Legion Events.

Please see Calendar Insert and visit [www.fishersisland.net/events](http://www.fishersisland.net/events)
Six Fishers Island residents and two commuting students have made up the Class of 2018 since high school began and all eight were celebrated for their achievements at graduation on Friday, June 22.

In his introduction of Commencement Speaker Mr. McCance, Nick Klinizcek '18 said, "Mr. Henry McCance is a lifetime member of the Fishers Island community. He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Business School and is currently the Chairman Emeritus of Greylock Partners and as well as a Partner of Fenway Sports Group. Mr. McCance is also the Director of the Cure Alzheimer’s Foundation, a nonprofit Alzheimer’s research organization, which he co-founded in 2006.

Not only has Mr. McCance made an impact on the world through his team’s incredible Alzheimer’s research, but he has also contributed to the better good of the class of 2018. In the fall of 2016, Mr. McCance conducted the Fishers Island Lake Wales exchange program. This exchange program allowed FIS students the ability to explore a larger school environment as well as travel to a new location and create friendships outside of our small community. I know from my experiences from that trip, I am forever grateful to Mr. McCance for giving me such an amazing opportunity."

Commencement speaker Henry McCance gave the Class of 2018 some sound advice in his thoughtful, amusing and sincere remarks. He paraphrased a former Harvard professor’s Ted Talk regarding the importance of making others’ lives better and wished the Class good luck on both their “career resume” (the one that lists the jobs and accomplishments) and especially on their “eulogy resume” (the one that talks to one’s character and giving to others). To learn more about this, you may hear Henry’s remarks beginning at 13:20 in the video at http://fishersisland.net/fishers-island-school-graduates-8-in-class-of-2018/.

At the conclusion of Mr. McCance’s remarks, Nick announced, “As a token of our gratitude for not only conducting our commencement speech but also for your contributions to society … the class of 2018 would like to donate the remaining funds from our class account, approximately $1,500, to the Cure Alzheimer’s Foundation.”

Additionally, John Baez ‘18 presented the Class Gift to the School, “Science has been a very important aspect of our class’s learning journey. ... As part of our unique hands-on learning experience, we get to spend time in the water during some of our science experiments and observations and our school’s current waders have a significant amount of wear and tear.” So, the Science Department is receiving a brand new set of waders. The Class of 2018 also had the theater professionally cleaned, not only in time for their graduation but so that the community can benefit from the renewed facility for the summer.

Matriculation Plans for the Class of 2018

John Baez, Western New England University (Business)
Nicholas Kliniczak, Manhattanville College (Education)
Devin Kucsera, SUNY New Paltz (Drama/Theater)
Hunter Kucsera- Buffalo State (Photography)
Craig Mrowka, SUNY Brockport (Water Resources)
Brooklyn Redo, Salve Regina University (Psychology)
Caroline Toldo, Loyola University of Chicago (Biology)
Ben Weber, Quinnipiac College, Accelerated Dual Degree 3/1 program (BS/MBA) (Business)
Fishers Island is a pretty cool place to host a wedding, and it takes a village to pull it off! So to my 'village', the Fishers community, THANK YOU! It takes energy and enthusiasm and flexibility and goodwill, and that is exactly what we experienced. Thank you Fishers Island, for helping us bring to fruition my daughter Cait’s dream of a Fishers wedding.

So it came to pass on June 16, that we indeed, had a Fishers wedding. It was exhausting and magical. Cait and I came a week ahead and my daughter’s in-laws-to-be arrived on Monday. We didn’t lose anybody for more than a few hours, and I don’t think we irritated any neighbors too terribly. I haven’t heard of any reparations to be made or restitutions to be offered. I think we made it through fairly cleanly.

I do have some thank you notes, quite a few actually. I hope I don’t leave anyone out because this was a great example of a community opening its arms to a whole bunch of unknowns:

Jane – Thanks for the wedding book with all the collected FI advice providing us with a roadmap and being our Emily Post for all things wedding and etiquette and just plain our go-to when we needed a dose of good sense and good counsel.

John, JR, Dirk, Kip, Andrew, Tom, and Scott – It was a lot of deferred maintenance and you got it done! Thanks for making my little house look terrific.

Lorna – Thanks for the warm welcome! You came rushing up in the market with a big hug, saying, “The whole island is so excited about your wedding this weekend! People are getting their flowers out and spiffing up!” Wow! Who knew?

FI Ferry and Crew – Shout out to Jon and Bob who helped facilitate the Wedding Weekend banners on the boats. I didn’t want to give them extra tasks but it turns out they liked the idea as much as I did. The banners belong to the Ferry District now so if you’re having a wedding on Island, let them know and they’ll hang them back up on the ferries! Thank you to the Crew for your assistance and patience with the 26 cars, driven by non-Fishers folks from Michigan and NYC who, I am sure, have never backed a car on a ferry before. A huge thank-you to Polly who helped with all the extra reservations for rental trucks, florist vans, band vans, etc., etc.

FIDCO – Thank you to Patty and Johnny B and Jimmy for making 26 guest passes an easy, no-hassle ask.

FIYC – Lincoln and Rebecca, thank you very much. Lincoln had to deal with 30mph winds and a worrisome tent flapping in the freshening breeze! He also very graciously moved the winter wood pile. And Bless the Yacht Club for the beautiful bathrooms – no more Porta Potties!

HHC – Who knew it takes 22 people (many of them newbies) in addition to Bob and Kenny to put on a wedding at HHC? The club looked beautiful, the food was delicious, everyone was warm and friendly and made it look easy and seamless. And then you all got up and did it again for the Bridal Brunch.

Bob and Margaret – Thank you for so many things that made the wedding weekend memorable, most notably the Big House, the Pink Party Limo, opening the Quot on an ‘off’ night, providing an After-Party space and your friendliness to the Holguin clan.

St. John’s Church – Looking fresh and beautiful with an amazing new tracker pipe organ! As the first wedding to take place after installation, we felt honored and grateful. To Michael Spencer and Molly Frank, thank you for a lovely wedding with lots of heart, and love and connectivity.

Pequot – Thank you Dec, for facilitating everything. You’re amazing. Thank you, Pete and Jon, for awesome grilled cheese sandwiches and brats with delicious pickled sauerkraut at midnight. Everybody loved them. And to Dave for making everything easy and welcoming. And best of all... Dave and Ian doubled as drivers of the Pequot Pink Party Limo that whisked the bridesmaids off to the reception. A special photo op!

Andrew – For providing the golf cart/getaway for the new bride and groom, and for transporting the whole wedding party to the 6th tee box for First Look.

Dan – For getting the guys out on the course and making it easy and relaxed. It was a treat for them.

Sue – Wedding coordinator extraordinaire, chef, and provider of the rehearsal dinner. We are all still talking about the salmon. You are amazing. Sue kept us on track and whenever I realized I might have forgotten something she just said, ‘Sure’ and it happened. No fuss no muss no bother and always good-humored and willing. Thank you to you, Marj and your team.

Shelby – Late night driver, house cleaner, bed maker! Willing to sit outside the Quot until 3 AM in case rides were needed.

Kim – Who drove the band, photographer and photobooth guy to boats and houses in a school bus and was good-natured and flexible about our ever-changing schedule.

Nick Y. – I wanted to provide my own wine choices but had ZERO idea how much to order. Thank you for giving me a clue and being so helpful!

Toby and Nick – Brothers give the best advice on which wines to taste and we, of course, had a blast with this chore.

Anne, Louise, and Jane – For offering bag lunches to any wedding-goers on Saturday and conversation and a friendly place for folks to land.

Nick and Ann – Thanks for the lovely send-off, with the Bridal brunch bringing us all together one last time.

Rob, Penn, JR – Great exit strategy and transport for the bride and groom! Thank you!

And to all of those who offered us beds – Keep me on your short list when you need the same. Now I totally get it! The warmth, energy, and enthusiasm on Island the weekend of June 16th was fabulous.

The Ludemann family has always been crazy about Fishers Island. Fishers has helped raise and shape my kids, and now you have launched one of them. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Most Sincerely, Audrey

June 26, 2018
IN MEMORIAM: HENRY L. KING

Henry L. King died peacefully June 18, 2018 at age 90. He is survived by his loving family: his wife, Margaret Gram King, four children, Matthew (Elizabeth), Katherine Baccile (Peter), Andrew (Topsy) and Eleanor Stringfellow (Matthew), Margaret’s sons, Michael Sokolov (Ellen) and Joseph Sokolov; 15 grandchildren (Eliza and Jack Cantlay; Isabelle, Harrison and William King; Nicholas, Alexander, Caroline and James Baccile; Wesley, Bennett and Melissa King; and Mason, Alice and Grace Stringfellow), three step-grand-daughters (Matilda, Rosie and Sophie Sokolov) and son-in-law Dave Cantlay. His daughters Elizabeth Robertson and Patricia Cantlay predeceased him.

After high school in Brooklyn, he graduated with honors from Columbia College in 1948, received a degree from Yale Law School in 1951 and began an over 60-year legal career at Davis Polk & Wardwell as a litigator, becoming a partner in 1961. His practice focused on antitrust and securities law but he handled a great variety of matters. He successfully challenged New York City’s calculation of its female employees’ pensions based on their longer life expectancy, resulting in lower annual payments to women than men. Over time, his practice shifted to corporate board advisory work and complex arbitration. He served as the firm’s managing partner for twelve years, when it moved from downtown to midtown, opened more foreign offices and adjusted to an ever more global economy. He championed the promotion of women. He was always ready to help individuals and groups navigate crises or achieve personal goals, enabled by his excellent listening skills, calm demeanor, non-judgmental attitude and personal warmth.

He served as Columbia University’s Board Chair for two terms, heading up searches for Presidents George Rupp and Lee Bollinger. He also chaired the University’s Health Sciences Advisory Committee. He was a member of Trinity Church Wall Street’s vestry. He later led the Trustees of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, shepherding its recovery from a devastating fire and development of a residential building on its Close, the latter funding Cathedral maintenance and charitable missions. He served as President of the New York State Bar Association. He remained involved with Yale Law School. He was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, American College of Trial Lawyers and College of Commercial Arbitration. He served on the boards of the American Skin Association, Chapin School, Episcopal Charities, New York Academy of Medicine, Population Council, Citizens Committee for New York City, and Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

On Fishers Island, he was also very active in several organizations during his 55 years of weekending and summering there. In the 1970ies, he helped to start and served on the board of the Island Health Project, obtaining its 501(c)(3) status, which required a persuasive presentation about the special needs of a small island, and has enabled IHP to successfully serve the Island for over four decades. He also served as President of the Hay Harbor Club in the 70ies, and later served on the boards of the Fishers Island Club and FIDCO. Especially with regard to the latter, he addressed various challenging and unusual legal issues, including the potential for a shareholder’s suit, and ultimately advised that the Club and FIDCO boards not overlap, which is the current status. He was also a member of the Fishers Island Yacht Club, where he kept his Mako “Ransom” for a number of years, and the Sportsmen’s Club, through which he greatly enjoyed shooting weekends with friends. He belonged to several social clubs in the City, including the Century Association and the Union Club. Apart from devotion to family, his interests and enthusiasms included opera, travel, tennis, golf, skiing and fly-fishing.

Contributions in Henry’s memory may be sent to Columbia University, Yale Law School, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and St. James Church where a memorial service was held on June 27, 2018.

IN MEMORIAM: JEFF KNOWLES

Half Mast Announcement from Fishers Island Yacht Club:
We are saddened to inform our members of a former Fishers Island Yacht Club sailing instructor, Jeff Knowles's sudden passing. Jeff worked at the club in 2006 and was an incredible, well-accomplished sailor. He touched the lives of many members with his free spirit and passion for the sport. He incurred a kite boarding accident on San Francisco Bay which kept him underwater for at least 10 minutes, and succumbed to his injuries early on June 7, 2018. He was 29 years old.

Eight Bells: Jeff Knowles
www. sailingscuttlebutt.com/2018/06/07/eight-bells-jeff-knowles/
FROM MÉLIE’S GARDEN

Last month I wrote about the merits of container gardening. After being on my hands and knees planting my vegetable garden and battling various pests that seem to have attacked all that I put in, I am especially enthusiastic now about the practice! My sweet peas were immediately eaten by birds, which I solved by planting another batch in a large flowerpot. They are now growing well and proving that plants don’t need to be in the ground to be happy. The pumpkins and other squash seeds were eaten, I suspect by the three pheasants that hang out around our property. I have started some new seedlings inside in peat pots and I will put them out this time under a “Haxnicks Easy Tunnel Cover” to protect them from our neighborhood scoundrels. All these issues probably could have been easily solved in nice elevated planters!

One of the best Fishers Island recycling stories I heard recently; is that all of the large wooden boxes, used to transport the pipes for the new St. John’s Church organ, were collected at the dump by Islanders. They are now being used for a variety of planters. It will be fun to see what creative ideas the gardeners come up with to plant in these discarded containers. Gardner’s Supply Company has a number of large elevated planters that you can order, if you missed out on this free opportunity.

No matter what type of garden you have, there are a number of July chores that should be remembered in order to keep it productive and healthy throughout the summer.

Mid Summer Chores

- Water, water, water – plants need a minimum of one inch of water per week
- Feed plants in containers once or twice a month with fish emulsion.
- Deadhead flowers, so they will bloom again and cut back any leggie foliage.
- Spray roses if they have black spot with 2-3 Tbs. Baking Soda and 2Tbs. of dishwashing soap mixed with a gallon of water.
- Continue to plant vegetable seeds for the fall.
- Cut flowers in the early morning or evening and soak them for a few hours before arranging. Adding Sprite to the water in the vase will feed the flowers and keep them fresh.

Once these summer chores are done, relax in the shade and enjoy reading English novelist, Penelope Lively’s wonderful new book “Life In the Garden”, it is delightful!

Nine organ pipe boxes have been transformed into raised gardens.
Left to right: Jane Ahrens’s empty and planted with herbs and far left is Beth Stern’s nasturtiums.

Left to right: Jen Sanger’s raised garden from June to July.
IN MEMORIAM: PETER NORTON LORD

Peter Norton Lord died November 19, 2017 at home in Vero Beach, FL after a brief battle with Mesothelioma. He was the beloved husband of Lyn Lord, adored father of Marjorie Wages and Barbara Romero, father-in-law to Brian Wages and Gregory Romero and grandfather to three wonderful grandchildren. He also leaves a dear sister, Jane Andrews.

He graduated from St. Paul's School, Princeton University and University of Chicago Business School and was a Naval Communications Officer on the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Behar during the Vietnam war.

Peter was President of Kirk Eastern, a family owned steel fabricating company in Gardner, MA. He lived in Weston, MA for many years. He was an avid curler, was part of various charitable boards when he lived in Tuxedo Park, NY and had been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Golden Ball Tavern in Weston.

He grew up coming to Fishers Island with his parents Barbara and Pete and his sisters Pauline and Jane from the 1940s and into the 1970s. Peter then departed for a hiatus of many years, returning to enjoy this place he loved with his wife Lyn, and his children and eventually his grandchildren. He commuted regularly to Fishers for long weekends during the summer and was able to spend the whole summer on Fishers for the last couple of years. They now live on Shingle Hill in what was the Talbot house - and the Oswald Lord family house before that! He enjoyed the Fishers golf courses well into last summer, playing his last round of 18 holes in late July.

A gracious and kind man, a gentleman in every way, he will be missed by his family and many friends. Funeral arrangements are private. A Memorial Service will be held for Peter on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Fishers Island, NY, with a reception following. Donations in his memory can be sent to the Fishers Island Sea Stretcher.


IN MEMORIAM: LESLIE WILES MARRA

Leslie Wiles Marra, 68, of Ridgefield, CT formerly of Chappaqua, NY, passed away on May 26, 2018. She was the loving wife of Mr. Peter R. Marra.

Mrs. Marra was born in Baltimore, MD on September 10, 1949. She attended The Masters School and Columbia University.

A resident of Ridgefield for the past year and a half since moving from Chappaqua, Mrs. Marra was a member of the Board of Directors of the Master’s School of Dobbs Ferry and also a member of the Whippoorwill Club of Armonk. She enjoyed golf, bridge and riding horses. Mrs. Marra traveled the world with her family and she was a lover of animals; specifically her Tibetan Terriers and her horse, Fred. Mrs. Marra was a retired Pediatric Occupational Therapist.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Peter and their two children; Stuart Marra and his wife, Sarah and Brooke Johnson and her husband, Jeremiah. In addition, she is also survived by three grandchildren; Brandon and Emma Johnson and Carter Ryan Marra.

A Memorial Service [was] held on June 9th at 2pm at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Ridgefield. Interment [was] private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Greater NY Chapter, 424 Madison Avenue, 6th Floor New York, NY 10017, www.cff.org/Manhattan.

June 2018

On behalf of the Fishers Island Library Board of Trustees and all of our supporters and patrons, I want to thank the Fishers Island voters who overwhelmingly approved Proposition 2 that will deliver $51,000 in needed funds to our beloved Library. With this support, we will be able to continue to provide year-round access to our collection, programs, and technology in a traditional, friendly and charming setting for islanders of all ages.

Thank you so much.

Jon Britt, President
Please visit www.fishersisland.net for more stories, photos, news, and calendar events. This publication’s size limits the amount of content we can fit in this printed format.

Library Book Group
7/12: Revolution Song by Russell Shorto
8/19: Eleanor Oliphant

Ipp Craft Fair
Saturday, July 14
9:00-12:00
Village Green

Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 12
Thursday, August 2
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045
Veterans, Legion members and the Fishers Island community members are all welcome.

Paint The Hall July 22

Island Community Board Meeting
July 9
August 13
5:30 @ the Community Center
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

American Legion Post #1045 is looking for archive photos to copy and display in the Hall. Please contact Beth Stern if you have some to share.

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