A tiny unicorn to a tall Trooper with Freda, No-Body, the Identity Thief, The Man in the Yellow Hat and Curious George, a monarch and her caterpillar, tiny witches and large goblins, and an assorted lot in between, all gathered at Fishers Island School for the annual IPP parade, prizes and pizza.

Master of Ceremonies Aaron Lusker was back in his main role as he introduced the trick or treaters to the Fishers Island community. The crowd cheered them on as they paraded through the School gym. Each received a bit of a ‘treat’ from IPP board member Meg Atkin as the costume judges, Staley and Carter Sednaoui and Jeanie Cook, took careful notes before presenting the awards.

Thank you to Mr. Arsenault and Mr. Crespo for the use of the school; the drama department for helping set up in the gym; The Village Market for the delicious pizza; and the community members who came to cheer the paraders on. You all helped make this year’s IPP Halloween Parade a big success!

More Halloween Faces and Parade Fun photos can be found at www.fishersisland.net/halloween-parade-hosted-by-ipp/
October 29, 2018 Fishers Island experienced its 1st tornado in recorded history.

Everyone is safe and doing OK. The (now confirmed) tornado came in at about 7:35 am Wilderness Point (the roundhouse sustained damage – glass and siding) and traveled east between houses toward Isabella’s parking lot, taking down numerous trees and twisting a small shed and garage door, across FI Club housing’s front yard adjacent to the driving range, through the FIDCO storage area overturning a shed, and left just to the south of the 2nd house on Clay Point Road about 7:41 am.

The Fishers Island Utility Company turned off power to the East End about 8:00 am and returned it to all but 1 house about 4:00 pm. 3 telephone poles were repaired and will be replaced in the next few days on the main road near the Water Company plant.

The west end, except for the Gate House to Hedge St. vicinity, never lost electricity.

No one was hurt and no occupied houses hit. Some boats are damaged that were in the track. The weather forecast was for a nice calm day. Many were woken with the high winds. In talking with residents after realizing what had happened it became clear that the crazy wind Aaron Rice had driven through was part of the event and the roar Jimmy Wall heard behind him from the Gate House was the tornado going east. When it was over it turned back into a mild sunny day which allowed the usual Fishers approach of “all hands on deck” to get everything back to working order.

“…The Suffolk County Police Department performed a flyover of Fishers Island Monday to assess the damage and has been in contact with the Town of Southold, said town spokeswoman MaryKate Guilfoyle.

The Suffolk Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services will take National Weather Service representatives to “perform a boots-on-the-ground assessment” at the scene Tuesday morning, Guilfoyle said.

While October tornadoes are rare on Long Island, this was the second twister to hit a Suffolk community this month. On Oct. 4, a tornado with winds of up to 85 mph hit a Ronkonkoma neighborhood, taking down dozens of trees.” ~ Newsday

Tuesday morning, October 30, 2018, the day after the tornado, NOAA’s National Weather Investigators arrived from Montauk via Coast Guard transport to Silver Eel to do an onsite investigation. NWS Meteorologist In Charge (MIC) I. Ross Dickman with his colleague General Forecaster David Stark and Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management’s Ed Schneyer and Joe Trzepizur were greeted by Trooper John Havens and FishersIsland.net Editor Jane Ahrens and shown the damaged areas in order of the tornado’s most probable path. Along the way the visitors had a chance to see the property and tree damage, visit with 1st responders and residents, and collect storm data. Based on this visit the tornado was upgraded to an EF1 (86-110 mph).

The full report from NOAA’s National Weather Investigators who traced the path on Island Tuesday morning is a preliminary release along with a map and a movie of pictures from the survey team, and can be found at www.fishersisland.net/fishers-island-29oct18-tornado-event/ with more photos of the aftermath.
The Fishers Island Community Theater had another terrific summer season. The theater opened in time to host the Fishers Island School graduation, which is usually held in the school gym. Many in our community came together to loan flowering plants and decorative trees, run the lighting, adorn the stage with bunting, and lay down a red carpet for the graduates. Having graduation at the theater was a wonderful change and was thoroughly enjoyed by students, teachers and parents alike. It was festive and grand, and felt more formal and celebratory than the usual gym setting. With the students’ talents on display and Henry McCance as the keynote speaker, we heard accolades about the Theater for weeks and weeks.

Early in the summer the theater was also the venue for a memorial service for Charlie Ferguson, the revered artist and life-long Fishers Island resident who was beloved by all. Again the theater was a perfect setting. It was large enough to hold the large crowd and our projector and technology beautifully presented the slide show of Charlie’s artwork. We were honored the Fergusons asked to use the theater for their family tribute.

Moving on to our summer programming, we showed three movies a week, which were a mix of new releases, classic films, and documentaries. We attracted a wide audience and a more varying age demographic, which achieved our overall goal of broader community outreach. In addition, our incredible volunteer group pulled together several special events that were well attended and festive. *5 Seasons*, a documentary film about the career and work of landscape designer Piet Oudolf who is best known for his work on the Highline in New York drew a large, enthusiastic crowd as did a special showing of *Iris* a documentary film about style icon Iris Apfel by Fishers Island’s own Albert Maysles who passed away in 2015 and is best known for his film *Gray Gardens*. The director of *5 Seasons* Tom Piper fielded questions about his film and working with Oudolf while Rebeckah Maysles Albert’s daughter and director of the Maysles Foundation in New York talked about the making of *Iris*, working with her father and the future of family’s film foundation. Lastly, a special showing of Fishers Islanders Kevin and Pierce Rafferty’s film *Atomic Café* about the beginnings of the era of nuclear warfare, drew another large spirited crowd.

Much of our success the summer was the result of hiring Mere Doyen as our full-time Theater manager. She brought in varied movie selections and we dropped the admission prices to either $5 for first run films (down from $10) or free. This seemed to strike a positive chord with our audience and we often collected more money in a donation jar than we would have by charging for admission. Our volunteer committee works tirelessly every year to make our theater a success and the summer of 2018 was no exception.

This past summer our theater attracted a broader audience and the community had the opportunity to see the theater being used for larger and more diverse events other than just movies and entertainment. As a result, we feel we have a tremendous wave of forward momentum in achieving our goals of restoring the theater into a versatile community venue.
Everyone was invited to celebrate fall on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at the Fishers Island American Legion Post 1045’s LobsterFest… and over 105 community members and their guests came to this special fundraising event.

Tickets were sold in advance for a delicious menu of Lobster, Littleneck Clams, Kielbasa, Corn, Potatoes, and Clam Chowder! People dropped by in the morning to see if they could help and to watch and learn how the volunteers, led by Luis Horn, set up and cooked this delicious meal right on site. Burgers and hot dogs were also grilled for the kids.

If you have LobsterFest photos you would like to share, they will be added this gallery of photos with credit! Just email them to Jane Ahrens at finyinfo@gmail.com. Find more photos at www.fishersisland.net/celebrating-fall-the-american-legions-lobsterfest/
FROM MÉLIE’S GARDEN

Last month I wrote about visiting Christabel Vartanian’s beautiful garden and the growing of dahlias. Ken Edwards wisely mentioned to me this past month that I had not made it clear that it is best to have dahlias tubers stay in the ground until after the first frost in the fall. This is true, but many Fishers Island gardeners don’t live on the Island all year round and need to put their gardens to bed somewhat earlier than desirable before leaving for the winter. It is definitely better for the dahlias to have one freeze before removing the tubers from the ground to store. Swan Island Dahlias say it is safe to dig the tubers up if you haven’t had a freeze after November 15th and in warmer climates they can be left in the ground heavily mulched. I have had to dig tubers up sometimes a bit early and the tubers have wintered over somewhat successfully. This year, it is going to be interesting to see if my tubers will be happier wrapped in saran wrap for storage as dahlia grower Jim Hennigan recommended. I suggest you go to the Swan Island Dahlia website where they have excellent directions on dahlia, growing, dividing and storage.

Wintering over almost any plant is not a perfect science, but it is always worth a try. Just remember if you are bringing any plant inside for the winter, it should be hosed off outside and sprayed with Insecticidal Soap before coming into the house. Keep the plant well watered and check it over for bugs during the winter. Often you have to spray it again in a couple of months.

November is a good time of year to think back on how your garden was this summer and make a few notes on what to do or not do next year. I jotted down that due to the hot weather, I had good results growing more succulents in planters. And the tomato plants that I bought at Race Rock produced delicious tomatoes! Jeff Edwards grows the plants from seed and nurtures them in the greenhouse to sell in the early summer. I will certainly buy them again next year. And the little twigs that arrived in the spring as a thank you from the Arbor Day Foundation donation I sent, did beautifully and grew into healthy little dogwoods and redbuds. I have wondered if their success is due to their arriving as rooted twigs and therefore acclimate better to our environment than older trees of the same varieties that we buy in nurseries. The downside is that I probably won’t live long enough to see them reach their full maturity!

We all have to remember that Island gardening is a bit different; we experience warmer fall weather and cooler springs due to the wind and surrounding water. So it is often a challenging weather environment. Here at the Fog Horn we would love to hear from you about your gardening experiences, so we can share them with other Island gardeners. We can always learn so much from each other. Feel free to email finyinfo@gmail.com with photos, ideas, and tips.

Have a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving!

PS. Many thanks to Dave Denison for the lovely end of the season dahlias he contributed to the FICC’s Community Dinner on Monday, October 29. They were just beautiful and added so much as the centerpieces for this fun chili dinner.
IN MEMORIAM: CYNTHIA RILEY

Cynthia J. Estabrooks Riley of Buckfield, Maine died at Central Maine Medical Center on Friday, September 28, 2018, following a brief, but valiant, struggle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband of nearly 25 years, Edward J. Riley, her father, James Estabrooks and step-mother Ann O’Neil Estabrooks and several cousins. She was predeceased by her mother, Joan Syphers Estabrooks.

Cynthia was born in Cheshire, Connecticut on June 7, 1958, and was graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in Political Science. In Cheshire, she formed Office Mates, a company that paired executives with corporations.

In New York, Cynthia chaired the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Waste Management District and was most proud of her work directing local theater. It was on Fishers Island that she fell in love and married Ed. They bought a log cabin in Maine and moved there permanently in 2011. Cynthia was the Youth and Family Pastor at the First Congregational Church of South Paris, Maine. She also was the Teen Librarian at the Norway Memorial Library.

A memorial service was held Saturday, October 6 at the First Congregational Church of South Paris. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

A gathering to remember beloved former Islander Cynthia Riley will take place on Sunday, December 2 at 5:15 pm at Union Chapel on Fishers Island, NY. A reception at the church will follow. All are welcome.

While Cynthia loved flowers, the immediate family requests that donations be made to the Minister’s Fund of the First Congregational Church, 17 East Main Street, South Paris, Maine 04281 in lieu of floral tributes.

September 18, 2018 Grace Marie Selwood to Carolyn & Patrick Selwood and granddaughter of Jim & Diane Baker

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
FIC GOLF COURSE OFF-SEASON ACCESS

Reminder About Walking the Golf Course in the Off Season

The Fishers Island Sportsmen’s Club leases the Fishers Island Club golf course and other Club lands from FIDCO for shooting during the off-season, November 1 to March 1. Fishers Island Club members, their guests, and anyone else MUST check with Luis Horn (860) 389-5400 before venturing onto the property for their own safety. Walking the course without permission is considered trespassing.

If there is no answer, please leave a message and Luis will call you back. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL PRESENTS THE MUSICAL INTO THE WOODS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17
HAVE YOU EVER PICTURED YOURSELF IN A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER’S PORTFOLIO?

Fishers resident and photographer Matt Kaelin is working on his current project which is focused on the current year-round residents of Fishers Island. He has been here long enough to appreciate the uniqueness of Island life and the eclectic group of people who have chosen to live here full-time. Through a series of portraits, Matt is hoping to document our island and the people who call it home year round.

The Fishers Island portfolio will be a series of photographs, some of individuals, and some family groups. The location, usually chosen by the sitter, could be meaningful, perhaps a favorite place on the Island, but ultimately reflects their everyday. Each image is captured on an 8 x 10 negative using a Lotus field camera and natural light.

Several of his previous projects include Spectrum, a collection of photos taken over a year in a classroom group of autistic children; American Astronaut, not what you might expect with that title; and a behind-the-scenes look of life in a Benedictine Monastery.

Matt moved from Brooklyn to Fishers in 2016 with his wife Tryn Collins, Assistant Director of Lighthouse Works. After graduating from Swarthmore College with a BA in Psychology, Matt met Tryn at Hunter College in Manhattan where each received a Master of Fine Arts degree, hers in painting and his in photography.

Matt will have a rotating exhibit at the Fishers Island Community Center (FICC) as he works his way through the process of taking the photos, developing the prints (on Island), and framing them. Visit the FICC’s 2nd-floor gallery space where you will see examples of the over 30 year-round residents who have participated so far.

Matt would love to talk with you, our year-round residents, about setting up a convenient time for him to take your portrait. He can be reached at mattkaelin@gmail.com and 973.592.4577. His website is www.mattkaelin.com.

FISHERS ISLAND’S EVENT SCHEDULE

For the most complete and up to date Island schedule including Museum Talks and Children’s Programs, FICC Classes and Workshops, Legion Events and more.

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LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
12/13: Last Christmas In Paris by Hazel Gaynor & Heather Webb

FI SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT & ART SHOW

Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, December 5
Thursday, January 3
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045
Veterans, Legion members and the Fishers Island community members are all welcome.

Island Community Board meeting
5:30 November 13
5:30 December 11
@ the Community Center
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

Monthly Luncheon
Thursday, November 15
Thursday, December 20
Thursday, January 17
12:00 @ Union Chapel
Fishers Island community members age 60+ ♥ are all welcome.

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Brick Oven Pizza Party
November 16 @ 6:00 pm-8:00 pm American Legion, Your personal pizza will be made on site in a wood-fired brick oven!

Fi School Musical “Into The Woods”
November 17 @ 1:00 pm Fi School Based on the book by James Lapine with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Tlw Visiting Artist Talk W/ Marie Lorenz
November 17 @ 10:00 am-11:00 am Ferry Annex Studios

Union Chapel Open Book Group: Falling Upward
November 18 @ 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Fi School Winter Concert & Art Show
December 6 @ 4:45 pm-6:45 pm
Fi School Snow Date Friday, December 7

Community Christmas Pageant
December 9 @ 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Union Chapel presents a Community Christmas Pageant

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6th Annual Piano Recital by students of Kapri Thomas

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