Welcome Aboard M/V Silver Eel

The Fishers Island Ferry District is pleased to introduce the newest addition to the ferry fleet. M/V Silver Eel is a passenger only ‘high-speed’ boat that will run at two scheduled round trips Monday-Friday between the District’s New London, CT, and Fishers Island, NY Ferry Terminals beginning May 31, 2019.

Docking at New London’s City Pier and crossing Fishers Island Sound to Silver Eel Cove’s dock this 18 passenger catamaran will cut the commute to approximately 25 minutes. She will be in service from May 31 to October’s end. The scheduled runs supplement the M/V Munnatawket and M/V Race Point car and passenger ferries regular schedules.

**Ticketing:** Ticket reservation are all made online at FIFerry.com website. No tickets will be sold at ticket counters.

**Ticket Pricing:** Tickets for regularly scheduled trips are $15 each way, per person for everyone. (Plus a transaction service fee of $1.) At the boat, last minute walkups can purchase an $18 ticket (if a seat is available). Commuter tickets are available and restricted to morning and afternoon commuter runs. Due to limited reserved seating and the ticket pricing difference between Silver Eel and Munn/Race Point tickets cannot be used on the Silver Eel.

**Schedule:** Weekday commuter runs morning and afternoon. Other runs are designed to match up with trains that existing car ferry runs do not match. Silver Eel is available for charter when not in use and available crews exist.

**Name Selection**
The boat renaming request was sent out to everyone in May. An esteemed committee of Island residents was invited to review the names suggested and return with each of their top 3. The Ferry District Commissioners and managers reviewed the committee’s recommendations and made the final selection on May 28. Silver Eel was the overwhelming 1st choice. It was the #1 suggested name of the 105 submitted with 16 entries, and also was selected on each of the committee members’ lists.

The Fishers Island Ferry District Commissioners thank all 83 people that submitted a total of 137 suggestions totaling 105 different names. They also thank the committee of Pierce Rafferty, Ken Edwards, Mary Horn, Jim Wall, and Patty Faulkner for their time and consideration, and congratulate Trudi Edwards on being the first person to suggest Silver Eel as the fast ferry’s new name.
Sea Stretcher Marathon

What a glorious day Sunday, May 26th was for the Peter Sanger Memorial Sea Stretcher Marathon! There were 223 registered runners (up from only 158 last year) – Dave Denison bets it is a definite record! Participants of all ages chose to walk or run 1, 3, 5 or 8 miles.

Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered on the runners, and sponsored the participants. A special thank you to all the Fire Department and community volunteers who set up and staff the event including organizers Dave Denison and Mary Pankiewicz, and Tiggy Ski who manages the Sea Stretcher website and donor pages.

In 2018 there were 63 Fire calls, 43 EMT calls and over 33 individuals with medical emergencies were transported to New London by the Sea Stretcher, thanks to the volunteer crew. We have been working hard to raise money not only for the yearly running costs but also for the cost of upgrading the Sea Stretcher boat. Thanks so much to all who have donated so far, it truly is a community effort to keep this service running.

Annual Memorial Day Parade & Legion Picnic

Sunday, May 26 the annual Memorial Day Parade kicked-off at noon at the Alfred R. Grebe American Legion Post #1045 with John and Jimmy Ski setting off the (little) cannon.

Reverend Whitman offered a prayer, Fishers Island Fire Commissioner John Klimczak, acting as master of ceremonies, officiated and retired Second Lieutenant Tim Patterson was the veteran speaker while Korean Vet Joe Rogan led the Rifle Corp of veterans Patty Walker and Tim Patterson with firefighter Courtney Allan.

John Klimczak said, “Thank you for joining us for the Alfred R. Grebe American Legion Post #1045 Memorial Day parade and ceremony. The Legion, along with our color guard as well as our rifle corps, welcome you to this special occasion. This is a national ritual, a tradition among Americans of every race and heritage.”

The marchers then proceed back the Legion where everyone enjoyed the annual cookout picnic with family and friends.

Thank you to everyone who worked, marched, cooked and otherwise volunteered to make this day a special one including Deb Doucette, American Legion Post #1045 acting commander Patty Walker and adjunct Tim Patterson.

Wreaths were laid to remember the losses of loved ones who have passed this year that honorably served our country and who have helped make a difference to the Fishers Island community including Don Brown, Lew Lamb, Joseph Corbin, Barry Bannister, David ‘Chick’ Dallaire, Merritt McDonough, Bertram ‘Bert’ Borden Fisher, Mario Mannetti, Peter Lord, and James Duryea.
By Allison Sargent  
May 23, 2019

Under fair skies and light wind, twelve early risers set out to do what seems impossible: count the number of birds species on Fishers Island that are living, breeding or “just passing through, thank you.” The Audubon Bird Count took place on Sunday, May 19th, a week later than usual but according to Dr. Adam Mitchell who has organized the count with the Fishers Island Conservancy for the past six years “because of the cold, wet spring, our numbers were not significantly different from years past. Many of the trees were just beginning to leaf out, and the cherry trees were still in bloom. As we move into summer, things should return to normal, but it will be interesting to see how the birds on Fishers respond to this delay later on.”

The bird count assesses species numbers and acts as an informal barometer on the health of twelve microenvironments along the spine of the island. Birders tumble out of cars every half mile for exactly five minutes to quietly listen and fervently search for as many species as possible. “It’s really a birding blitz,” observes Tom Sargent, president of the Fishers Island Conservancy, “we can get a snapshot of what areas support the most diverse species and on the flip side, which targets are overrun with invasives and are essentially dead zones.” This year’s count yielded 55 species, a tie with last year’s high count. The Parade Grounds and the Demonstration Garden harbored the greatest number of species, not surprising as the restoration project at the Parade Grounds is designed to lure native birds to food sources appropriate to their diet. “It’s worth repeating,” says Dr. Mitchell, “native birds eat native insects that eat native plants, these repaired grasslands are bearing that out.”

Despite this good news, the unusual weather patterns this year has led to a decrease in available habitat for many migrants. Colder temperatures delayed plants from sprouting leaves (“green up”), which has, in turn, delayed the plant-feeding insects, an essential food source for songbirds to keep up their energy. Birders are reporting seeing large congregations of birds at bird feeders or feeding on fallow vegetable gardens to supplement the lack of food.

Still, many native birds made showy appearances: red wing blackbirds, yellow warblers, common yellowthroats, osprey among others but there were a few relatively rare sightings that got everyone’s attention including a red tail hawk, a nesting American redstart, a female orchard oriole, a yellow-billed cuckoo and a large flock of blue jays. “It’s what we are looking for,” says Will Almeida, who is part of the University of Delaware team assisting in the count, “the unusual visitors, the ones that keep us on the hunt. Those keep us coming back to this beautiful island.”

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**American Legion Post #1045**  
invites you to a  
**Flag Day Celebration** &  
**Unserviceable Flag Disposal Ceremony**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**  
5:30 PM  
**FISHERS ISLAND**  
**All Veterans & Community Members are most welcome.**  
Please RSVP to finyinfo@gmail.com or text Jane Ahrens at 203.801.8431

**HLF Museum’s 2019 Exhibit Against the Tide**  
Against the Tide: Prohibition on Land and at Sea, 1919-1933  
**OPENING RECEPTION**  
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
5 to 7 pm
From Mélie’s Garden

There is nothing more inspiring than to walk into a nursery filled with glorious plants in early June. We are so fortunate on Fishers Island to have Race Rock Garden Co. to provide us with wonderful material. This season, Jennifer Spofford and her team, have put together a large selection of plants for containers. There are also perennials and annuals for the garden, and a good selection of healthy shrubs for the landscape. In addition, the Race Rock greenhouse is full of vegetables and tomato plants Jeff Edwards has grown from seed this spring.

Jeff starts planting the seeds the beginning of April to have plants ready to sell in late May or early June. He suggests removing the bottom leaves of tomato plants, in order to plant them deeply and to add good compost and crushed eggshells to the hole. The eggshells help prevent tomato blossom rust and the compost helps produce strong and healthy roots. Because my garden is in a windy location I always put “water wall” protection (last photo) around my newly planted tomato plants, which I remove as the days get warmer in mid to late June.

**Tomato plants Jeff grew this year**
- Super Sweet 100 – red cherry
- Atlas – compact plant with large 1lb fruit
- Super Beefsteak – large red meaty fruit
- Big Boy – large red fruit good for slicing, salads and canning
- Honeycomb – petite ½ golden orange clusters
- Independence Day – early maturing 6-8oz red fruit
- Mortgage Lifter – large 16-24 oz. pink red meaty with few seeds
- Moneymaker – red 7-8 oz. fruit, good for hot climates
- Sweet Tangerine – extra sweet, golden orange 6.5 oz. fruit
- Toma Verde – tomatillo – papery husk, good for salsa verde

**Popular container plants available at Race Rock**
- Calibrachoa
- Coleus
- Evolvulus
- Geranium
- Hibiscus
- Lampranthus
- Petunia
- Surdiva
- Sweet Alyssum

**Selection of many good annual & perennial pollinator plants**
- Asclepias tuberosa – Butterfly Weed
- Asclepias syrica – Milkweed
- Echibeckia
- Echinacea – Coneflower
- Gloriosa Daisy
- Lantana
- Monardia – Bee balm
- Nepeta
- Russian Sage
- Verbena hastalata
- Zinnia

These varieties are only mentioning a few available – there are many more plants at the nursery to inspire your creativity in the garden this year – happy planting!

Follow up from Fall: Dahlia Tuber Storage

Last fall I wrote about Christabel Vartanian’s [method of dahlia tuber storage](#). A professional dahlia grower told her to wrap the divided dug up tubers in Saran Wrap and then store them in a place that is cold, but doesn’t freeze over the winter. Mario Torres helped me dig the tubers up from my garden last fall and we placed the wrapped tubers in a Styrofoam cooler. I then placed it in an unheated room in my house. This spring, I unwrapped firm dahlia tubers that, in some cases, had already started to sprout. Only a couple of the dahlias had rotted over the winter, which had happened to me often in the past with other storage methods. Our only mistake was that we forgot to put the names of the dahlias on the Saran Wrap, so it will be a surprise once they come up in the garden and bloom!
IN MEMORIAM: LEWIS O. LAMB

Lewis O. Lamb age 92, of Town Shores, Gulfport, FL passed away May 17, 2019.

Lew was a member of the greatest generation and an educator and administrator at Sayles Elementary School for 33 years. He married Jane MacMillan, one of the seven sisters from Hampton, CT and they had four children, Bonnie, Donald, Scott (deceased) and Debbie; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Lew grew up on Fishers Island, NY and the family spent all their summers there. Many friends passed through the doors of the “Island House”.

Lew fought in two wars, was wounded twice, awarded the Purple Heart and never spoke about it. He was better than no one but as good as anyone. He always taught his children to work hard, tell the truth, and apologize when wrong. He loved life and he always said, “tomorrow will be another day”, and he knew it would be a better day. He was a true role model for 92 years and impacted the lives of every person he met.

The Lamb Family would like to thank all of the people who helped care for Lew and shared in his well-being. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Lew to Putnam Lodge of Elks, B.P.O. Elks #574, P.O. Box 448, Putnam, CT 06260; Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760; or to American Legion Post 1045, P.O. Box 412, Fishers Island, NY 06390. Burial will be held at a later date.

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IN MEMORIAM: BARRY B. BANNISTER


He was a graduate of Fort Knox High School, Fort Knox, Kentucky and the University of Nebraska, Omaha. His service included duty as a parachutist at Fort Bragg, NC, as a Battalion Commander in Vietnam, and as a General Staff Officer in the Pentagon. Overseas service included three years in Germany, two years in Thailand, and two years in Vietnam. His military decorations included the Legion of Merit, three awards of the Bronze Star Medal, three awards of the Air Medal, three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Army General Staff Badge.

His survivors include his wife, Ann S. Bannister of Hilton Head Island, sons Mark K. Brown of Alliance, OH, Barry Jr. of Baltimore, MD; daughter Anne B. Livingston of Nashville, TN; 2 stepdaughters Lindsay A. Fox of Newport Beach, CA, Robin A. Smith, Esq. of Portland, OR and brother Brian M. Bannister of West Hartford, CT. The Memorial service and Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care of the Low Country, P.O.Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910. Arrangements by The Island Funeral Home and Crematory. islandfuneralhome.com.

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FOUND: GOLD CROSS

If you or someone you know is missing this cross please email finyinfo@gmail.com or text 203-801-8431.
IN MEMORIAM: CONSTANCE A. WHITE

Constance A. White, 74, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 5, 2019, at her beloved Fishers Island home.

She was born in Kenton, Ohio, the daughter of Laurence and Ethel Gilbert Abbott. Raised in Ohio she graduated from Perry-Zane High School. As a young woman, she moved to Fishers Island, N.Y. where she met and married Edmund White and raised their two daughters Dina and April.

For the past many years, she has lived in New London with her longtime partner Arthur.

She has always loved the outdoors, from the east coast beaches to the plains of Arizona.

She is survived by her two daughters, Dina Benson of Connecticut and April White of Rhode Island; two brothers, Larry (Helen) Abbott of Ohio and Jerry (Connie) Abbott of Florida; two sisters, Charlotte Larabee of Connecticut and DJ Abbott of Florida; one grandson Jake Criscione of Connecticut; and her longtime partner Arthur Daigel of Connecticut and many nieces and nephews.

A beautiful lady will be greatly missed. A Memorial Service for Islander Constance White will be held at Fishers Island’s Union Chapel on Saturday, June 22, 2019. The time will be announced as details are finalized.

Donations in her memory would be greatly appreciated to the Fishers Island Fire Department or Fishers Island Sea Stretcher, both at 250 Athol Crescent Avenue, #123, Fishers Island, NY 06390.


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IN MEMORIAM: CAROL ANN PEFFLEY

Carol Ann Peffley, 83, of Groton passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019, at Harbor Village in New London, CT.

Born November 11, 1935, in Philadelphia, PA, she is a daughter of Dr. Ralph Hoch and Ethel Small Hoch.

She is a graduate of the University of Delaware and served for several years as a missionary in Ecuador, South America, living in a camp in the Amazon jungle, representing Wycliffe Bible Translators. Carol Ann’s father Dr. Hoch was the island doctor on Fishers Island, NY for many years. Carol Ann taught 1st and 2nd grade at Fishers Island School in the 1960s and was married to Donald Peffley at Fishers Island’s Union Chapel. For many years with her sister Barbara, she would make an annual trip down south with a carload of excess books donated by Fishers Island Library. They would spend several weeks visiting relatives and distributing books throughout the south to libraries that needed them.

She will be remembered particularly for her strong faith, her sense of humor, and her love of cats and Jimmy Stewart movies.

Carol Ann is survived by her husband Donald Peffley of Groton; her brother, David Hoch, and sister, Barbara Hoch, both of Fishers Island; and her sister Susanae Glovacki, of Greenfield, MA, formerly of Fishers Island. She is also survived by her two sons, Scott Peffley, his wife, Lyanne, and her grandson, Luke, of Mansfield, CT; and Roger Peffley of New York City, NY.

A memorial service will be held on a date and time to be announced.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames Street is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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Revised on www.FishersIsland.net May 13, 2019
Donald Francis Brown died peacefully at home on April 30, 2019, at the age of 58 in Fishers Island, New York.

Don was born on January 26, 1961, in New London, Connecticut and was a long time resident of Waterford, Connecticut, and Fishers Island, New York. After graduating from Waterford High School, in Waterford, Connecticut, he held many titles. Cook, an employee at Fishers Island Waste Management, HBH Contracting, and then retiree from Fishers Island Ferry District.

Don enjoyed volunteering his time at The American Legion Post 1045 for many years and for numerous events.

He is survived by his former wife Allison Faith Brown of Fishers Island, NY, his brother William Silva and wife Patricia of Waterford, CT, his cousin Bruce Hubert of Fishers Island, NY and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is proceeded in death by parents, Francis and Frances Brown along with several sisters.

Don enjoyed cooking for an army! For all that knew him, the kitchen was his true love. He also enjoyed vacationing, spending time with his beloved dogs, Lilah Jean and M.I.A. Rose and just being around family and friends.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Contributions in memory of Don may be made to the COPD Foundation at copdfoundation.org

IN MEMORIAM: DONALD FRANCIS BROWN

WEDDINGS

November 10, 2018
Win Rutherfurd & Aryana Gharagozloo in Miami, FL

January 19, 2019
Paige Elizabeth Farmakis & Jonathan Peter Britt in Naples, FL

March 28, 2019
Elizabeth Duval Herlihy ‘Nell’ to Daphne Patterson & Brent Herlihy

BIRTH

Contributions in memory of Don may be made to the COPD Foundation at copdfoundation.org
OUR LADY OF GRACE
Come find a treasure.
Friday 4-6:00
Saturday 10-12:00
Open for the season. Volunteers welcome Wednesday evenings

MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, June 6
July TBA
Thursday, August 1
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045
Veterans, Legion members and the Fishers Island community members are all welcome.

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
5:30 June 11
5:30 August 9
@ the Community Center
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP
July 11 The Birth of the Pill: by Johnathan Eig

FIND ALL THE NEWS, STORIES, PHOTOS & EVENTS AT WWW.FISHERSISLAND.NET

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT 7PM WEEKLY @ COMMUNITY CENTER
Thursday, June 6
Mister Roberts (1955)
Friday, June 14
Salmon Fishing in Yemen
Thursday, June 20
The Magnificent Seven
Thursday, June 27
Witness for the Prosecution

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