



ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST

The Conservation Land Trust of
Deer Isle and Stonington, Maine,
and Surrounding Islands

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MANY VOLUNTEERS WORK TO MAKE SUCCESS OF SILENT AUCTION - SET FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

More than 200 items will be up for bid at the Island Heritage Trust's third annual Silent Auction, Saturday, August 7, from 3 to 6 P.M. at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School. The theme of the Auction, the Trust's major annual fund raising event, is "The Best of Deer Isle." Offering great bargains, there will be a wide variety of valuable and unusual goods and services donated by area artists, crafts people, merchants, professionals and others. There will also be refreshments and musical entertainment during the Auction.

Last year the Auction raised more than \$14,000 to support the work of the Trust. We hope to raise at least as much this summer to cover our increased land conservation and improved management costs for the coming year.

Much of the success of the Auction depends on the dedicated work of volunteers, some of whom have been working since last November. To make the Auction a success will take more than 100 volunteers, organized in the following committees. The chairpersons are:

- Donations: Jean and Dud Hendrick
- Catalog: Harriet Steinharter and Don Reiman
- Pre-Auction Preparation: Nancy Seltz and Barbara Heppe
- Media Relations: Rowan Wakefield
- Posters, Banners, Catalog Distribution: Jane Quesada
- Bidding and Finance: Susan Mills
- Auction Set-up and Display: Ginger Reiman and Liz Westin
- Entertainment and Refreshments: Emily Mitchell & Joanne Griewe
- Post Auction Follow-up: Leslie Jones

More Volunteers Needed

During July and the first week of August we need volunteers for specific short term assignments. These include:

Poster distribution (call Jane at 348-6409); **Food preparation and service** (call Emily at 348-6077); **Auction set-up and decorations** (call Ginger at 348-6221); **Printing and pasting** (call Nancy at 348-2425); **Follow-up phone calls and letters** (call Leslie at 367-5950).

Catalog Mailed Out in June

The twelve-page Silent Auction catalog will be mailed to all members and friends by mid-June, and will be available at Inns, B & B's, stores, and other convenient locations. Copies of the catalog supplement, which will be ready in July, may be ordered using the enclosed return envelope. For additional copies of the catalog, further information on the Auction, or for volunteering call IHT at 367-5950.

NEXT PHASE OF IHT GROWTH AND MANAGEMENT TO BE RECOMMENDED AT ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 21.

A blueprint to continue the successful growth and development of the Island Heritage Trust after Rowan Wakefield's five-year presidency ends this year will be presented at the annual Board meeting, Wednesday, July 21. The Executive Committee and the Nominating Committees will recommend a slate of new directors and officers for the transition year. The Executive Committee is currently examining several organizational options and budgets designed to further strengthen management, insure steady progress of the land program, and build a more stable financial base for the Trust.

PAUL SULLIVAN RETURNS FOR JULY 18 CONCERT

The popularity and success of last summer's benefit concert by internationally acclaimed pianist and composer, Paul Sullivan of Brooklin, Maine, has prompted the Board to schedule a repeat performance, Sunday, July 18 at 3 P.M.. The concert will again be held on the lawn of the Pilgrim's Inn, Deer Isle, with proceeds going to support the land conservation work of IHT. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Deer Isle Congregational Church.

Refreshments - strawberries and champagne so popular last year - will again be provided by the Pilgrim's Inn. Concert goers wishing to make a day of it may make dinner reservations at the Pilgrim's Inn.

Sullivan, who is strongly supportive of the work of Island Heritage Trust, will play many of his popular pieces inspired by Maine's natural beauties, blending jazz and classical styles. Recordings of Sullivan's music, on his River Music tapes and compact discs, will be available at the concert.

Reservations for the concert may be made by using the enclosed return envelope to send in a check or money order for \$12.50 per person.

WISH LIST

- Small end tables
- Slide trays and a projector
- Bookcases or shelving units
- Sailboat, dinghy, or canoe for our 1993 Silent Auction raffle

All gifts are tax deductible.

HISTORY OF LAND USE TOPIC OF ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 21.

A discussion of the history of land use and land owners in Maine will be a special feature of the seventh annual meeting of the members of Island Heritage Trust Corporation, 7 P.M., Wednesday, July 21, at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School. The meeting is open to the public.

The presentation will be followed by a brief meeting of the Board to elect officers for the coming year. The annual meeting agenda follows:

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Fund Raising Report
- Committee Reports
- By-Law Amendment
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Directors (Trustees)

BY-LAW AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED

To avoid ambiguity in references to Board of Director members and staff (Director of Administrative Services and Executive Director) the following amendment to the Island Heritage Trust by-laws will be presented for consideration at the annual meeting of members, Wednesday, July 21, 1993: All references throughout the by-laws to Directors shall be changed to Trustees.

LAND PROGRAM REMAINS FIRST PRIORITY

The Directors have unanimously agreed that Island Heritage Trust's land conservation will continue to have top priority as the Trust moves into its next phase of development. Work on conservation easements - eleven scheduled for completion this year, (six islands, six parcels of shore property) plus one possible land donation project - continue as planned, with more coming up next year.

The Trust has a strong Land Committee backed by dedicated members and professional land consultant Stephanie Mackay Levy. Members have gained considerable knowledge and experience over the past few years, due in part to participation in numerous educational conferences and workshops. Patty Ryan and Karin Warden of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust have also lent their vast experience to the Committee's efforts.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee, co-chaired by Bryan Kearns and Stanley Myers is responsible for monitoring the Trust's four conservation easements. Monitoring - a program of regularly inspecting and documenting IHT easement property - ensures the property is protected over time. Scheduled soon is a monitoring training session with officials of Acadia National Park, which has extensive monitoring experience. The Committee would welcome additional volunteers to assist in stewardship activities.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

New relationship with MCHT

The Maine Coast Heritage Trust has a Strategic Planning Committee at work redefining MCHT's relationship with local land trusts. The Committee's aim is to utilize MCHT resources more effectively while meeting the widely varying needs of local trusts more flexibly. This is part of the committee's larger effort to insure stability and quality control in the land conservation work state-wide and to build a secure future financial base for the MCHT.

\$1,000 GIFT BOOSTS STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT

A \$1,000 gift has been received from Matt & Mimi Asbornsen of Stuyvesant, New York, as the first installment of their \$3,500 pledge to the IHT Stewardship Endowment Fund. Income from the stewardship endowment helps defray the annual costs of monitoring easements. Additional contributions to the Stewardship Endowment fund have been pledged by other easement donors. The Asbornsens recently donated a 21-acre forever-wild easement to protect a public trail easement that Mimi gave to the state adjoining the Edgar Tennis Preserve by Pickering Cove, Deer Isle, donated by her father.

TRUST RECEIVES \$2,500 FOUNDATION GRANT

The IHT has received a \$2,500 unrestricted grant from the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation of Chicago, founded by the late Ms. Cheney, a long-time summer resident of Deer Isle. In acknowledging the gift, Rowan Wakefield extended a special word of gratitude to the Foundation for recognizing the key land conservation role of the Trust and for the example it has set for the community by providing crucial financial support to the Trust every year for the past five.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

We wish to thank all those who volunteered their skills in response to the questionnaire accompanying the March newsletter. We add our further thanks to those who were unable to volunteer, but made financial contributions instead. We still need assistance, especially with the preparation and running of the August 7 Silent Auction, (See Auction article). We are pleased to welcome two student volunteers who will be helping IHT in a variety of ways during the month of July. Sarah Fuller will be a sophomore at Bennington College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fuller of Sunset and Mt. Vernon, New Hampshire. Jennifer Sheldon, a high school junior, is the daughter of Susan Sheldon of Stonington and Pepperell, Massachusetts.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATED

Island Heritage Trust joined with the Walking Trails Group, which it helped to organize, in order to celebrate National Trails Day, June 5. An enthusiastic group of island residents and visitors turned out at the Edgar Tennis Preserve and the adjoining IHT trails easement on Pickering Cove in Deer Isle to work on the trails, walk the trails, and enjoy a picnic and discussion of future plans, including monitoring of public trails. For information on the Walking Trails Group, call Harriet Steinharter at 348-2448.