The first time I visited Deer Isle, as part of an exploratory trip up the Maine Coast to Nova Scotia, in 1972, there was no Island Heritage Trust, in fact there were very few land trusts anywhere in this country. I did not stay then. But the people of Deer Isle and Stonington did not stand still – as the pressures of the late Twentieth Century grew, they pushed back and founded IHT to protect the landscape they loved.

And here we are now! Celebrating 25 years of success in protecting the things that the people of this island value – unobstructed shorelines, wildlife habitat, access to the shore, and, of course, the Lily Pond Beach. Not only conserves, but provides access for the general public through an extensive trail system.

Where are we going now? Building on feedback from our Advisory Council and from others on this island, the IHT Board of Trustees has endorsed three initiative areas:

1. Expand and intensify programs for the schools. Getting our children out into the woods is crucial. There they can learn to love the nature of this island and all it holds. Our school program currently works with all nine grades in the Elementary School. We are talking with two high school teachers about a possible major environmental investigative project for their students.

2. The second focus area is in revamping our Stewardship Volunteer Program. We have begun offering expanded training to preserve stewards and easement monitors. Our goal is to have active, indeed, proactive stewards for all of IHT’s preserves and islands, as well as monitors for all twenty-nine conservation easements. As managing open lands and easements becomes more complex, we are looking to our supporters for help – and involving more of the community.

3. Number three is the cross island trail – the “Backbone Trail” which will ultimately stretch (we hope) from the Causeway to Stonington. We have landowner permissions for the first segment, and hope to begin working on it this summer. This will be a long term project! But we are beginning in this anniversary year.

Another area is Shore Access – while IHT would like (and will strive for) access for everyone to our wonderful rocky shore; we are concentrating on access to the clam flats for commercial harvesters.

Mark Island Lighthouse is both our symbol and our challenge. A symbol in that it has stood for 150 plus years and guided mariners through treacherous waters. A challenge in that it needs some fairly expensive maintenance work. We are seeking funds to keep this icon strong for another 150 years!

These are focus areas that you have told us are important to you or this island. The Trust has listened and is working to implement these initiatives.

But of course, that is all contingent on IHT being able to carry out its core functions of managing the lands we own and overseeing the conservation easements we hold. Roger told you how things were tight at the end of last year, the Spring Appeal is looking a little better, and I know you, our fans and supporters will come through for the trust and the island.

Thank you!
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**ISLAND HERITAGE TRUST**  
As of December 31, 2011

#### Assets

**Current Assets**
- Cash and Cash Equivalents: $68,948
- Investments: 264,970
- Inventory: 13,928
- Prepaid Expenses: 3,974
- Donated art held for sale: 8,000

**Total Current Assets**: $359,820

- Restricted Certificate of Deposit: 100,000
- Assets Restricted for Endowment: 176,021
- Property & Equipment, etc: 214,145

**Total Assets**: $849,986

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

**Current Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable: $20,973
- Accrued expenses: 9,449

**Total Current Liabilities**: $30,422

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**Net Assets**
- Undesignated: 41,955
- Board Designated: 106,055
- Designated for quasi-endowment: (22,500)
- Net Investment Property & equip.: 214,145

**Total Unrestricted Assets**: $339,655

- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets: 281,388
- Permanently Restricted Net Assets: 198,521

**Total Net Assets**: $819,564

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: $849,986

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