President's Report:
Challenges ahead for the Trust

The world, the coast of Maine, and the Island Heritage Trust seem to be going through a great transition as we prepare to enter the critical last decade of the twentieth century.

We are not sure where the world is heading, but there are some optimistic signs that the forces of good may be gaining. We are less sure where the coast of Maine is headed as the forces of preservation struggle to find some satisfactory accommodation with those of development.

We would like to think the Island Heritage Trust has now shaken off its birth cocoon and is ready to move forward forcefully to achieve its dual mission of land stewardship education and land preservation, in cooperation with the other organizations with similar objectives.

We are getting good and much appreciated support from our members and friends. We have a new, effective administrative structure, and executive director and an office on the main street of Stonington, and the core of a good program. Since this newsletter covers many of our plans and recent achievements, I will mention only a few that need emphasis.

We are entering a period of closer cooperation with the many organizations, public and private, that are concerned about preserving our land heritage. The recent Goose Cove meeting (see page 7) should result in greatly improved monitoring of all the protected islands under the jurisdiction of Deer Isle and Stonington. We have just had an excellent meeting with Henry Taft, chairman of the board of the Island Institute, to consider a closer working relationship.

Our new land conservation education project at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School (see page 6) is a unique pioneering effort designed to be of value to all coastal communities and land preservation organizations. Our modest public lecture program has had important impacts, especially on potential land and easement donors.

We are at last beginning to move forward on the actual land conservation front, after some disappointments during the past year, which nevertheless proved to be valuable learning experiences for all of us. We are negotiating with George and Ellie Pavloff for a beautiful conservation easement between Goose Cove and Barred Island, (see article this page) and have several other active leads to pursue.

I am particularly pleased to report that our expanding activities, which have also meant rising costs, have so far been generously met by an ever increasing number of members and other supporters. But the greater demands that we feel are being made on us, such as helping with affordable housing, and greater costs that will accompany our land and easement acquisitions, are pushing our budget up rapidly. (see page 4). We are starting projects to raise more of our money through sales of posters and sweatshirts, but these will not be enough, so we are planning an improved fund raising program, described on pages 4-6 by Dud Hendrick, chairman of our Membership and Fund Raising Committee.

We have a big job to do, and lots of challenges. To maintain our momentum and to respond effectively we will need all the help we can get, both financial and volunteer. I hope we can continue to count on the help of our members and growing number of friends. We welcome your suggestions and critiques. Come, bring them to our annual meeting, July 12, 7 p.m. at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School.

Easement Gift Announced

George and Eleanor Pavloff, owners of Goose Cove Lodge, Sunset, have announced their intention to grant a forever-wild easement on approximately 40 acres of woods, shore front and nature trails, to the Island Heritage Trust. The Pavloffs expect to complete the transactions this year. The nature trails connect to Barred Island, a nature preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy.

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Summer Hours
IHT Headquarters Information Center
Main Street, Stonington:
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday

The center will be staffed by Gina Sensontic, our new office secretary and by volunteers. Anyone who would like to volunteer please contact our chief of volunteers Jackie Binnin at 348-2391.

FLASH: Wanted for the Office,
Donation or Loan: a file cabinet with 2 or 4 drawers.

School Art Contest Exhibit

The eleven entries in the Island Heritage Trust's Land, Our Heritage high school art contest are on exhibit at the Trust's office in Stonington for public viewing all summer. Included are oil and water color paintings, drawings and a ceramic sculpture. They were exhibited initially at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School.

President Rowan Wakefield presented prizes to the winners of the contest, June 16 at the school annual awards ceremony. Winners were Karl Hance, first prize, $100 bond; Matt Johnson, second prize, $50 bond; and Brad Rice, third prize, $50 bond.

Honorable mention went to Danny Brown, Jeff Powers and Brandi Dorr, who will receive Island Heritage Trust sweatshirts as prizes. The first six winners will also be taken on a field trip next fall to the Farnsworth Museum in Rockland. Other works submitted, which are included in the exhibit, are Khrisy Larrabee, Harry Soucy, Dwane Eaton, Barry Oliver and Monique St. Gelais.

The officers and directors of the Trust wish to express their appreciation to the following, who made this project possible: Charles Johnson, art teacher and project coordinator, and the following judges, all well-known island artists, William Mor, Sirri Beckman and Francis Merritt. Plus a special thanks to Tony Landreau, the Trust's executive director, who put all the pieces together and made the project happen.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Island Heritage Trust will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School. The following is the agenda for the meeting. The public is invited:
• Approval of Minutes of last meeting
• President's Report
• Treasurer's Report
• Election of Directors and Officers
• Land and Stewardship Committee Report
• Education and Training Committee Report
• Membership and Fund Raising Committee Report
• Part Time Resident Advisory Committee Report
• Information and Communications Committee Report
• Report on Administration
• Other Business Adjournment
Island Heritage Trust Poster For Sale

We plan to sell large posters of this beautiful color photograph of Stonington Harbor at sunrise by fine arts photographer, Terry Lester of Deer Isle, throughout downeast Maine this summer to raise money for the support of the Island Heritage Trust. The 21 x 28 inch poster will sell for $15 unsigned and $25 signed by the artist, who has won more than 60 awards at exhibits and competitions throughout the Eastern United States over the past five years.

This particular photograph was selected because we believe it appropriately reflects the rugged beauty of Maine’s coast and the unique heritage in particular of Deer Isle. Terry has generously donated the use of the photo to the Island Heritage Trust. He and his wife, Ginger, moved from Florida to become permanent residents two years ago, and selected Deer Isle over all other U.S. locations for its unspoiled, rugged beauty. Additional examples of his excellent work, primarily of Deer Isle and Mount Desert Island, are on exhibit at his Mountainville gallery and home on Deer Isle.

Publication of the print is being made possible largely through gifts from the Elizabeth Cheney Foundation, under the stewardship of Larry Belles, and gifts in memory of Donald Libby.

The photograph may be viewed at Terry’s gallery in Mountainville, the Pilgrim’s Inn, Goose Cove Lodge and the Island Heritage Trust office in Stonington. We project sales of 500 this summer and 500 next summer—for about $5,000 each summer.

To reserve your copy of the poster please use the form on the inside of the back cover.
Fund Raising:
Needs and expectations

This section of the newsletter on fund raising is divided into two parts. Part I, written by President Rowan Wakefield, reflects what we believe we should be doing this year, translated into our proposed budget for the year. Part II, written by Dud Hendrick, Vice-President and Chair of the Membership and Fund Raising Committee, reports on what we have raised so far this year, and how, with the continuing generous support from the members, friends, and foundations, we hope we can raise the balance needed to end the year in the black. Although our major fund raising drive will be in August, we would welcome all the help we can get beginning now, especially to help with the publication of our fine art photography poster (see page 3).

Projected expenses for 1989

Thanks to the continuing concern and generosity of our members and friends, and the excellent work of Dud Hendrick's Fund Raising Committee almost $9,500 has been raised so far this year. The main fund raising appeal is still to come. The minimum 1989 expense budget below projects costs of $25,200. To this must be added $4,000 set aside for a revolving fund for the current year and $5,000 in the bank at the year’s end to cover costs for the beginning of 1990. Current funds on hand and pledged will cover our normal operating expenses through July, when the main fund raising appeal for this year will begin.

However, we welcome all the support we can get now.

Island Heritage Trust Budget
Projected Expenses for 1989

I. Administration..................................................$9,500

Part-time Executive Director (10 hours a week, 9 months), part-time summer secretarial help, June-August, Stonington office rent, telephone, postage including permit and mail box, office supplies, service of copier, copying, membership in MCHT and Island Institute, travel, annual meeting expenses, safe deposit box.

When we apportion administrative costs to the operating committees on the basis of past and projected service to them, this leaves pure administrative costs of approximately $1,500 or 4.2 to 6 percent of operating costs. Here are the administrative costs that can be apportioned to committees: Land and Stewardship, $2,400; Membership and Fund Raising, $2,250; Information and Communications, $2,050; Training and Education Committee, $1,200; Part-time Resident Advisory Committee, $500.

II. Land and Stewardship Committee..............$5,400

Legal, accounting, appraisal, surveying, title search and other professional fees for easement and land donations, base-line surveys, research, monitoring and stewardship, insurance, associate membership on Land Trust Exchange.

III. Fund Raising and Membership....................$1,700

Direct mail fund raising appeals, stationery, return envelopes postage, data base maintenance for mailing lists, special Heritage Committee support.

IV. Information and Communications..............$5,900

Newsletter publishing, printing and distributing 1,000 color posters, sweatshirts, photo and art contests prizes, literature for Bicentennial Committee, publication of Limerick booklet, advertisement in school yearbook and bicentennial program, Fourth of July bicentennial celebration, summer open house refreshments, postage and copying.

V. Education and Training...........................$2,700

High School land conservation education project, purchase of books, fees for training sessions, and workshops, travel to regional training meetings.

TOTAL..................................................$25,200

Fund Raising Committee Report

As reported by our President, our 1989 budget projects expenditures of over $35,000. While this would allow the Trust to accomplish many goals and admittedly is ambitious, it is not pie-in-the-sky stuff. We believe we can generate the funds through projects, contributions and grants. If we're successful we will become a visible, highly dynamic organization on our way to having some real impact on the future of Deer Isle.

How can we generate these funds, specifically? Here is a brief summary of what we have raised so far this year and what we need to raise by the year's end: The proposed fund-raising campaign would break down as follows:

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Projected Sources of Income for 1989

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We must raise an additional $22,000 because (1) we must have $5,000 or more in the bank to carry on our work securely into 1990 till our next fund raising begins, (2) we should set aside a $4,000 revolving fund for future posters, including one using a color photo by Elliot Porter next year; and (3) to carry out several important projects omitted from our basic 1989 budget.

* Not shown is a possible foundation grant of about $7,000, which we have applied for the education project. It also has some overhead money.

Also not shown: the $6,000 Conservation Department trail project, since the funds do not go through IHT.

Annual membership appeal .......... $11,000

This will be a year-long effort comprised of several stages.

1. Introductory appeal to new residents/summer residents whom we have not yet contacted as well as a number of Stonington residents we have not yet reached. The latter may number as many as 35 families.

2. Appeal to a number of contributors who supported the Trust in 1987 yet did not in 1988. We believe we lost these people due to our organizational difficulties early on, that our image is much improved now, and that earlier supporters will recognize the strength of the Trust today.

3. Annual Appeal to those contributors who have given in the past. To go out in August.

Heritage Committee .................. $10,000

Conservation Corps Grant allows Island youth to improve local trails

To date a few individuals have expressed a willingness to be involved in the Heritage Committee, but we need zealous leadership. This proposed committee is the key to whether or not we will be able to accomplish ambitious goals. If you believe you can help by becoming an active member of the Heritage Committee please contact Rowan Wakefield, Dud Hendrick or Mary Nyberg.

Foundation Grants .................. $2,500

Our executive director, Tony Landreau, has been hard at work in this area and has reported some exciting successes elsewhere in this newsletter. There is money out there as Tony is teaching us, but it is a full-time job tracking down potential sources. If you know of foundations who are supporting work in the Trust's areas of interest don't hesitate to tip us off.

Poster Sales ....................... $5,000

(see write up with photo on page 3)

Income from Sale of Sweatshirts ........ $500

As part of our support of Deer Isle's bicentennial celebration being observed over the course of the summer, we have on sale the IHT and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Deer Isle Birdge sweatshirt which portrays artist Peris Weir's rendition of the Deer Isle bridge at sunset. It will make a great gift for your visiting relatives and friends. They're available now and can be purchased at $19.95 at our office in Stonington... or send checks payable to IHT. See order form on inside back cover of this newsletter.

Sale of Conservation Easement Handbook ........ $200

This "bible" of land trust work published by the Land Trust Exchange and the Trust for Public Land tells it all. It is a comprehensive resource which covers about everything regarding conservation easements. If you believe a conservation easement might be the right tool to protect your land but are concerned about tax impact, restrictive covenants, associated legal responsibilities, impact on real estate value, etc. this book provides the answers. It also is on sale through the office at $20 a copy and can be ordered by calling or writing.
uses of the case study booklet on students and their parents.

Grant Application

The IHT has applied for a $6,800 education grant from the Murray Howell Foundation in Boston. This new foundation specializes in environmental education. The IHT wishes to use these funds to extend the Land Our Heritage program to adults and to publish the Curriculum guides being developed under the Maine Conservation Foundation Grant. The Board of the Howell Foundation is scheduled to meet in July. If we receive this grant, it will be used to expand the adult education portion of our Conservation Education project and to publish and disseminate the curriculum guide (see left column)...

Code Of Ethics

During our first year and a half of existence the Trust was subject to some criticism from the community. Much of this seemed to be rooted in our failure to present a clear picture of our goals and objectives. Additionally, most of the Board was comprised of relative newcomers to the island and there was a natural reaction on the part of many long-time residents to resent this new organization which seemed to be saying, "it knew what was best for the future of the island."  The motives of some board members were also viewed with suspicion.  Indeed, our board did have, and still does have members (i.e. realtors) for whom conflicting interest could arise occasionally in working on matters that involve land.

The board recognized and struggled with these problems of image and potential conflict of interest.  Rowan Wakefield, since assuming the Presidency of the board, has launched an education campaign which has won over many of our critics.  The Trust remains dedicated to making the public more appreciative of our role as a resource to help all landowners while holding the preservation of the valued elements of the island's heritage as our greatest objective.  Educating and informing the community of our work was one way of reacting to criticism, but, dealing with the problem of conflicting interests is quite a different matter.  The board was anxious that directors be not place in compromising dilemmas and, at the same time, that action taken by the Trust not reflect or be subject to any director's "hidden agenda" however much that might be a matter of the subconscious.  Through the spring and summer of 1988 directors developed a code of ethics which was approved at the 1988 annual meeting and which all directors have since been asked to abide by.  Though fairly concise, it is the product of considerable thought.  Through their allegiance to it directors hope to protect themselves, the Trust, the community-at-large, and landowners who seek our assistance.
Limericks and the Bicentennial

We are having such a favorable response to our limerick contest—over 50 so far—that we have decided to publish all of the limericks, with the winners, in our own Deer Isle Bicentennial Booklet. The Bicentennial, after all, is a time not only to look back over the past 200 years, but also to look ahead to see what lessons the past teaches us about the future.

The purpose of the limerick contest was to heighten public awareness about coastal development and to encourage people to think about the impact of today’s and yesterday’s development on Deer Isle of the future.

The Limerick booklet will sell for $2, a dollar to go to the Deer Isle Bicentennial Commission and a dollar to cover our costs.

The final deadline for submission of additional limericks is June 30. They may be submitted to us at P.O. Box 353, Stonington, Maine 04681.

Land Use Study
Aided By Satellite Imagery

The Island Institute of Rockland held a Land Use Management Seminar and Satellite Imagery Demonstration on March 10 at The Samoset Resort, Rockport, which was attended by Rowan Wakefield and Tony Landreau of IHT.

The Institute demonstrated new computer technology which allows display and manipulation of satellite photos taken 530 miles above the earth. The technology allows analysis of the earth’s surface down to one-tenth of an acre. Digitalized images enable researchers to distinguish such natural features as spruce forest, mud flats, and developed areas. The technology will be extremely useful in the future for making detailed land-use studies, as well as saving considerable time and money over conventional land-based studies. It will be demonstrated, August 16 at 7 p.m. at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School at a joint meeting of the Island Heritage Trust and the Island Reach Computer Users Group.

Donald S. Libby
Memorial Fund Benefits

Members of the IHT regret the passing of Donald S. Libby of Stonington who had been a supporter of the Trust.

Donald Libby had been born and raised on Deer Isle and was a graduate of Stonington High School (class of 1948). He then joined the U. S. Army and had subsequently made a career as a C.P.A. in Providence, R.I. As a boy he began a lifelong affair with the Penobscot Bay as a fisherman and lobsterman. During his adult life he brought his own family back to enjoy the summers on Deer Isle and was an avid sailor.

He is survived by his brother, Thomas, of Stonington, his wife Janice, and their daughters, Elizabeth, a student at the Harvard School of Design, and Ann, who is married and living in Providence.

The IHT wishes to thank Donald Libby’s friends and relatives for their gifts given in his name.

Deer Isle Regional Stewardship Workshop

A regional stewardship workshop was held at Goose Cove Lodge, Deer Isle on Friday May 12, 1989 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The workshop, which discussed monitoring on islands, under the jurisdiction of Deer Isle and Stonington, was sponsored jointly by the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy (NC) and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) and was hosted by the Island Heritage Trust (IHT) and George and Ella Pavloff of Goose Cove Lodge. Julie Henderson (NC) and Sue Van Hook (MCHT) led the workshop which provided valuable information for volunteer stewards and a proposed directory of protected islands. There was lively discussion of inter-organizational cooperation and idea-sharing. Several IHT Board members and staff attended, as well as members of Land Trusts and conservation groups throughout the region.
Membership Committee Report

Increased interest in the Land Trust movement is evident across the country, but nowhere has the phenomena caught on as much as in Maine where, at last count, there were 53 trusts. Our own trust membership reflects this as, in the short span of 21/2 years we have built to a membership of 222. The statistical breakdown of the organization in interesting. 64 percent of our members are summer residents while 36% are year-round. Perhaps the high percentage of summer members testifies to the familiarity our part-time residents have with problems elsewhere in more populated areas and the consequent heightened anxiety they may have for the future of Deer Isle. Not so easily understood is the breakdown of Deer Isle (57%) versus Stonington (27%) members, though this may reflect nothing more than the fact that our initial mailing plea was sent to far more Deer Isle residents. In any event we are anxious to strengthen the Stonington support and will soon be sending out a mailing to a number of residents who have not yet been contacted.

Sally Rice Resigns

We are sorry to announce that we have received the resignation of Sally Rice as a director and chair of Land and Stewardship Committee. Under Sally's leadership we have established criteria for considering offers of land and easements, and she had started the process of establishing priorities for acting on land and easements offered us or that we might seek.

As our work load increases so have Sally's family and business responsibilities, so that she does not believe she can carry out her responsibilities with us at the high standard she expects of herself and that she believes we have every right to expect of her.

It is with regret we accept her resignation, and we hope we can again take advantage of her experience and insights at a future date when the current demands on her time are behind her.

Mary Nyburg Joins Board

The Board of Directors, at its May 10 meeting, voted to appoint Mary Nyburg to the Board. Mary has enjoyed the island for many years, having come here from her home in Albion, Maine on summer visits in the 1930's. She has had a long-time affiliation with Haystack, first as a student and, more recently, having served on their Board of Directors. She was the president of that board from 1983 through 1987 and is now an honorary retired trustee. Having become a year-round resident of Deer Isle two years ago she is now even more deeply involved in the community. We are excited to have this vibrant lady bringing her obvious talents to the Trust.

John Marsh leaves MCHT

John Marsh, field representative for the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, is leaving the Trust to return to law school at the University of Maine, Portland. John has been extremely helpful to the Island Heritage Trust, sharing his time and considerable expertise with us. We wish him well for the future.

Thanks to ....

We are very grateful to Caroline Mor for completing the IHT's annual financial report. Caroline spent many selfless hours and produced a meticulously well prepared report.

The Trust wishes to thank Julie Howard for setting the type for this publication. The donation of her time was an important contribution to the creation of the first newsletter.
We need additional volunteer help and more program suggestions from members and friends. Please use the top part of this form for that, and the bottom part for contributions and orders.

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

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I would like to serve on the Land and Stewardship Committee ______
Fund Raising and Membership Committee ______
Training and Education Committee ______
Information and Communications Committee ______
Part-time Resident Advisory Committee ______

I would like to do volunteer work for the Island Heritage Trust, such as helping staff the Stonington Office ______
Helping with the mailings ______
helping with the newsletter ______
helping with entertainment ______
other (specify) ______

I would like to see the following land protected on Deer Isle and the off-shore islands: ________________

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I believe the first priority of the Island Heritage Trust should be to ____________________________

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I would like to contribute $ ______ in 1989 for the support of the work of the Island Heritage Trust. Use form below.

Form for Contributions and Orders

Poster
Please reserve for me ___ copies Terry Lester Stonington Sunrise posters at $15____ $25___ signed (see page 3 for description).

Deer Isle Bridge Sweatshirts
Please send me ___ Island Heritage Trust sweatshirts with Persus Weir's Deer Isle bridge painting (all are white) Size: Extra Large___ Large___ Medium___ Small___
Price $20 each (see page 6 for description).

Bicentennial Limerick Booklet
Please send me/reserve for me ___ copy/copies of your Deer Isle Limerick booklet on conservation and development. ($2.00 if picked up at our Stonington office or $3.00 if mailed.)
___Please send me a copy of the code of ethics referred to on page 6.

Enclosed is my check for $ ______

My Contribution $ ______

Stonington Sunrise Poster(s) $ ______

Deer Isle Bridge Sweatshirt(s) $ ______

Bicentennial Limerick Booklet(s) $ ______

Total $ ______

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

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