Future of Land Trusts Debated

At point X in the future, it is predicted that all land will be either developed or protected. At that point, land trusts will become solely educational and stewardship organizations. If a land trust today has a clearly defined land preservation objective, isn’t it possible it will attain that objective long before point X, and become just a stewardship organization?

Land trusts today are experiencing an ever growing demand for their services from landowners of all income levels concerned not only about land protection and preservation of family lands, but also about reducing the effect of skyrocketing property values on their local property taxes, federal capital gains and estate taxes.

Where will land trusts continue to get the funds and other resources to be able to offer increasing services to land owners and local governments, to provide community education and other service programs, to negotiate growing numbers of conservation easements and land donation transactions, and to monitor effectively the increasing acreage they contract to protect permanently?

Finally, how can land trusts respond constructively to the growing differences with local governments as the positive aspects of land conservation become overshadowed by the short term reality of taxes lost on land protected by the trusts?

These scenarios and questions were debated at the May meeting of the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance with no clear cut answers, but with valuable advice to take home for each of the eight member trusts, including the Island Heritage Trust.

Policy & Program Implications for IHT

What are the policy and program lessons for the Island Heritage Trust? We welcome comments from members. The following are some lessons that we have identified. Much of the remainder of this newsletter explains how we are already responding or planning to respond:

- We must work even more closely with local governments as they develop state-mandated comprehensive plans.

We can expect this liaison to require an increasing amount of time, as towns begin to implement their comprehensive plans. Land protected by towns can ease the demand for our services.

- As an active member of the land trust community, we must continue to seek effective alternatives to the property tax to pay for town services (See page 8). We must explore ways of pooling our resources and fund raising potentials with our neighboring land trust.

- We must strengthen and increase the size of our Board of Directors to provide a greater pool of talent and resources to help with our growing program, management and financial concerns.

- We must enlist and make greater use of volunteers, some trained, to help shoulder our greater workload. (See page 10)

- Soon we must recognize the need to increase our paid staff from our single half-time field representative.

- It is imperative that we strengthen our financial base. We must continual to raise from $25,000 to $30,000 annually from donations, sales and fund raising events, and we must begin now to create a bequest and endowment program that will reach at last $300,000 by the end of the decade, its income to equal annual support. (see page 5)

Wish List

An MS-DOS IBM or Mac compatible computer for use this summer, at least.

Volunteers - who love to meet people and work on projects!

Call: Rowan Wakefield, 348-9917 or Jean Welch, 367-2204
First Retreat

Met With Enthusiasm

Members of the Board, their husbands or wives and several friends and members turned out enthusiastically for a day-long retreat February 23 at the Blue Hill Farm. The get-together was rated a huge success.

The purpose of the retreat was to give the directors an in-depth report on the trust's current activities and programs, and to get the participants' views on recommended future directions of the Trust. (See accompanying report.)

The retreat was opened with an inspirational talk by Caroline Pryor, vice president of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, who explained vividly the need for land conservation and the reasons behind the burgeoning land trust movement in Maine. She praised the work of the Island Heritage Trust, revealing that it was a runner-up for the annual MCHT outstanding achievement award. She cited in particular the publication of Land Our Heritage, the IHT high school curriculum guide, and of Preserving Family Lands in Deer Isle (see page 6).

Darcy Campbell held the group spell-bound when she described the imagination and excitement of the junior high school students and teachers in using for the first time the Land Our Heritage text booklet, with its six case studies based on local situations of conservation easements. "The seventh and eighth grade students probably now know more about conservation easements than 95 percent of the island residents," Darcy reported.

Other reports during the morning session included an overview by Rowan Wakefield, president; land committee and community relations committee report by Stephanie Mackay Levy, and a report on the Publications and Communication Committee by Brenda Gilchrist. This newsletter contains an up-date on all of these reports.

Afternoon panels of directors, members and friends discussed the future direction of the IHT in land preservation priorities, community relations, membership and fund raising, and taxation of conserved property.
Future Of The Island Heritage Trust
Highlights of Recommendations from February Retreat

Finances and Fund Raising
• Start an endowment fund by announcing bequest and deferred giving plans; allocating some funds from sale of opals.
• Budget adequate funds for future legal and monitoring expenses and for a Legal Assistance Fund.
• Publicize the costs of development and the economic benefits of land conservation to the community.

Community Relations
(Time permitted only a discussion of IHT membership in community organizations.)
• The IHT should participate in community activities, especially when invited.
• As an alternative we should try to involve people from local organizations in the work of IHT.

Membership
• Get a cross section of the community represented on the board.
• Involve long-time residents in various Trust activities, e.g., committee work and projects like Preserving Family Lands in Deer Isle.
• Make board membership fun. Have entertaining events, like an annual clam bake.

Taxation of Conserved Land
• The IHT is involved in the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust tax committee. (See page 9).
• Find out real costs to local taxpayers of specific conservation easements and of donated protected land.
• Follow our charter priorities on obtaining public access to the shore by easement or donated land. Such access makes it easier for the public to accept any accompanying tax reductions on the land.
• Look at all ramifications before supporting or opposing tax reforms.
• When supporting the efforts of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust or the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance for statewide standardization of the valuation of conservation easements land and of open space classified land, be sure to leave room to meet peculiarities of the local situation.

Land and Stewardship
• In reviewing landowner requests for conservation easements and land donations, develop a systematic review process that establishes clearly recognized priorities, and meets future accountability demands.
• In setting time priorities, consider that some landowners have immediate needs.
• Work closely with the Stonington and Deer Isle Comprehensive Planning Committees.

Executive Committee, an Auditing Committee, and a Nominating Committee and in Section 4, authorizes “the Board to appoint, from time to time for terms as they see fit, such other committees as deemed necessary to implement the purposes of the Corporation. The Board may authorize committees to exercise any powers of the Board.”

In 1988 the By-Laws were amended to add new section 5, 6, 7, and 8 creating and defining the terms of four additional committees: a Special Committee, a Land Committee, an Information and Communications Committee, and a Membership and Fund Raising Committee.

The Board recommends that these Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Article VI be deleted since Section 4 enables the Board to appoint committees as needed and By-Laws need not be cluttered with special purpose committees subject to continual change.

The proposed amendments will be considered at a meeting of the corporation, Wednesday, September 25, 1991, at 7 p.m. at the Deer Isle-Stonington Jr./Sr. High School.

Proposed By-Law Amendments

The Board of Directors has proposed for membership approval the following amendments to the Island Heritage Trust By-Laws:

ARTICLE II - Membership
Section 4. Termination of Membership provides that “membership of any member shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year for which said member has made a contribution, but shall be reinstated upon making a contribution for the current fiscal year effective upon receipt of such payment.”

Since many members make their annual contributions in November and December, since the IHT fiscal year is the calendar year, and since all our membership records are fully computerized, the Board proposes that Section 4 be amended to make membership terminate a year from the date of member’s contribution.

ARTICLE VI - Committees
The original By-Laws provides in Section 1, 2 and 3 for an
Board Approves Increased Budget
Balanced With Opal Sale Funds

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors has approved a 1991 budget with projected income of $31,910 and expenses of $30,820, balanced by carry-over funds from 1990 and by drawing up to $8,000 from the projected sale of opals (see page 5).

The income (see graph below) projects an increase in individual donations, and an increase in sales of posters, sweatshirts, etc. thanks to the help of marketing intern, Julie Heanssler Soucy, whose services are made possible by a grant from the Cheney Foundation. The biggest increase is projected from a silent auction to be held this summer. (See details elsewhere in this newsletter).

IHT expenses, like those of other land trusts, are rising steadily, as there are more and more demands for their services in response to skyrocketing land values, increasing environmental concerns, and continuing changes in the demography of the Maine coast. As land valuations increase for landowners at all income levels, and as the loss of family lands threatens, more and more landowners are beating paths to land trusts for advice and help on land preservation. In addition, land trusts, including the IHT, are playing more active roles at the local government levels, in education and in help to the selectmen, planning boards and comprehensive commissions.

The largest budget increase, about $5,000, is in our primary program areas, land preservation and community services, with much of this increase paid from the Island Foundation grant for publication of Preserving Family Lands in Maine. Anticipated legal fees are up from $258 to $3,000, reflecting several anticipated conservation easement negotiations, while administrative costs are about the same and fund-raising costs are down due to lower costs of publishing the newsletter. Our principal paid professional help includes Stephanie Mackay Levy, our field representative, who works half-time as a consultant, and three part-time paid interns.

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**Island Heritage Trust Income**

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Trust Receives Generous Gift of Opals

At the end of 1990, the Island Heritage Trust received a very generous, surprise anonymous gift of gems and a building lot inland from the west coast of Florida.

Just when our 1990 income had fallen below that of 1989, a record year, this gift gave us an important psychological and financial boost, and we are deeply grateful to the donor.

The gems consist of:
- 264 natural opals, cut and polished, weighing 881 carats
- 1 pair earrings, 14 carat gold, opals set with small diamonds
- 3 pendants, 14 carat gold, opals set with small diamonds
- 6 cut topaz, 119.98 carats
- 51 cut citrines, 677.30 carats

The gems have been appraised at their wholesale value of approximately $35,000. However, selling is not proving to be easy, at least while the economy is down. Eight small opals have been sold by a dealer for $551 at an average price of $38.50 a carat. If the whole collection were to be sold to a dealer, it would go for between $15,000 and $17,000, we have been told. Trying to sell them individually, or in small lots, will be difficult and time consuming and still leave many unsold. We would welcome suggestions from members.

The three pendants and pair of earrings, all opal and diamonds set in 14 carat gold, are on sale on consignment at the Pyramid Shop in Ellsworth.

Our Finance Committee has recommended that when the gems are sold, part of the money go toward this year's operating costs, and the remainder go toward boosting our fledgling endowment.

Endowment/Bequest Program Recommended By Board

By the year 2000 we anticipate that the Island Heritage Trust may be holding at least 20 conservation easements and several hundred acres of protected land on Deer Isle and the offshore islands, as our front page report indicates. Public access to the shore will be available on several of these properties.

The cost of Island Heritage Trust operations will increase each year as our easement and land acceptance work grows, and our monitoring and enforcement expenses will be high once we reach the year 2000. We project that our expenses will more than double by the decade’s end. The only way these increased operational costs can be met is with endowment income to supplement annual contributions and sales income.

For these reasons the Board has approved a planned giving program, including bequests, to create a $300,000 endowment by the decade’s end. The endowment fund will be managed by the Maine Community Foundation, which successfully manages more than 70 endowments and trusts.

For more information on the Island Heritage Trust planned giving program call or write Rowan Wakefield, IHT President and treasurer, or use the form on the inside back cover of this newsletter to request our descriptive material.

Island Heritage Trust Poster For Sale

We will again be selling our color poster (illustrated) of Terry Lester's beautiful photograph of Stonington Harbor at sunrise. The 21x28 inch poster sells for $15 unsigned and $25 signed. It's publication was made possible by a grant from the Cheney Foundation and gifts in memory of David Libby. Funds raised help support the work of the Trust.

Helping this summer with the sales of our poster and our sweatshirts, T-shirts and postcards is Julie Heansssler Soucy of Deer Isle, our new marketing intern, whose internship is funded by a grant from the Cheney Foundation. Posters, sweatshirts, T-shirts and postcards may be purchased at the IHT office, Main Street, Stonington, from many galleries, shops, and inns in the area, from Terry Lester's Mountainville gallery, or may be ordered by mail (See order form on inside back cover).
Conservation Easements
Being Considered

More and more landowners concerned about the future of our beautiful island as well as about the changing financial implications of land ownership have been coming to the Island Heritage Trust this year for counseling about property protection.

We, in turn, have been busy educating ourselves in the many legal and practical changes taking place, so that we are better prepared to provide timely advice. Public access, liability, local and federal tax changes are a few of the issues which both landowners and the Trust are addressing in their discussions of conservation easements.

The IHT Land Committee drew up fresh policy procedures and acceptance criteria this winter. As it becomes possible, we are aligning our priorities with those of the two towns, aiming to serve the best interests of the island as a whole.

Members of the Committee are evaluating properties recommended to the Trust for conservation easements. Field representative Stephanie Mackay Levy met with more than a dozen landowners in the past year, and supplied easement information requested by many more.

Conservation easements may not always be the optimal procedure for all lands, and four landowners were advised that easements were not in their best interests, although the land they so generously offered to protect was indeed beautiful and valuable. Similarly, outright donation of land to the IHT may not always be in the best interest of all parties.

When an easement is deemed by all parties to be the appropriate route, the procedure takes from six to 12 months or more to complete. Currently, we have one easement and two more are in the writing stages. Five other landowners are working through the process of deciding with their families what they wish to preserve and how they want to go about it. Other properties await review by members of the IHT Land Committee.

IHT intern Leslie Jones and field representative Stephanie Mackay Levy work on Preserving Family Lands on Deer Isle for local landowners.

Preserving Family Lands
on Deer Isle

"Preserving Family Lands on Deer Isle," an IHT publication funded by the Island Foundation, Marion, MA, grew out of the need for a version of Stephen J. Small's tax booklet, "Preserving Family Lands," relating to the particular needs of Deer Isle and Maine residents who don't fit Small's wealthy landowner examples.

In-depth state and local tax research and interviewing of island families last fall by intern Leslie Jones produced the practical and comprehensive compendium of tax and land conservation information, aimed particularly at the low- and moderate-income landowner facing high property and estate taxes.

The book is currently being used by four island families looking at ways to protect their land from sale and development, and has been requested by other landowners. Copies of the final edition of "Preserving Family Lands on Deer Isle" will be available to Island landowners this summer as well as to other Maine land trusts.

In the fall, 1991, Maine Coast Heritage Trust and IHT will use feedback from this summer's users to revise the booklet into "Preserving Family Lands in Maine." MCHT will then print the book and offer it for sale to landowners and land trusts.
IHT Conservation curriculum featured in “Island Unit” at D.I.S.

With “change” as its year-long theme and “Islands” as focus for the first quarter of school, the seventh and eighth grade students and teachers of Deer Isle Stonington Jr./Sr. High School learned about land use and managed growth using the Island Heritage Trust “Land, our Heritage” curriculum designed by IHT Director Darcy Campbell, a Language Arts teacher.

Science teacher Larry Cassis introduced the terminology and concepts of geology, helping students to see how islands were originally formed. Language Arts/Art/Resource teacher Debbie Koch led a trip to Haystack School of Arts and Crafts to explore tidal pools and then to create parts of them in clay. Math teacher Kendall McGuffie taught mapping skills and students created My Secret Place camps with appropriate legends, landmarks and scales.

Darcy Campbell offered an opportunity to choose those historic and scenic sites on Big and Little Deer Isle that students believed should be left undeveloped or preserved. The list of sites came from a public opinion survey that IHT intern Meridith Levy completed last summer. Students discovered that they were familiar with only those sites that were in or near their own neighborhood.

IHT President Rowan Wakefield arranged for on-site guides, and the island schools' volunteer coordinator Elaine Webb arranged for cars and drivers. Six different areas on the island were visited, one advisory group to each area. After listening to informative guides and keeping logs, students returned to school and wrote a piece on “What I would preserve on Deer Isle...,” having seen their choices first-hand.

Next they learned about land conservation easements by using the sourcebook written for the curriculum by IHT field representative Stephanie Mackay Levy. Each of the six advisory groups was made responsible for teaching one chapter. After learning the key terms and the main points of a chapter, each group could choose how to present the information to the entire seventh and eighth grade. One group used props and posters to teach their terms, one did a ‘rap’ with dancers, another acted out the scene that had been written in the sourcebook, one did a puppet theater with paper bag characters, another did a skit with singing and one had the boys play girls’ parts and the girls play boys’ parts, their teacher included.

Each technique provided a memorable and entertaining way to learn some very valuable information.

Chapter One Resource/Gifted and Talented teacher Kim Larsen ended this unit on “Islands” by having students make posters on Island people and the heritage that is so evident through language, dress and traditions.

The Integrated Studies Projects were created around the theme... “My Representation of Deer Isle.” One group videotaped the highlights of the island with music and commentary. Another was taken by boat to Crotch Island where they interviewed the quarrymen and took photos of the machinery and stone.

On Saturday, April 27th, at College of the Atlantic Darcy Campbell led a workshop at the Maine Environmental Education Association’s Conference.: Teaching Environmental Education in the ‘90’s. She discussed how the curriculum sourcebook provided by the IHT had planted seeds so tomorrow’s citizens would have good land use ethics.

Special IHT Island Policy

The Land Committee is formulating for board approval a special policy for dealing with landowner interest in protection of the area’s islands. There are more than seventy islands in the political jurisdiction of Deer Isle and Stonington.

Accepting island conservation easements or outright gifts of islands poses special land trust monitoring problems because of the islands’ isolation and their fragile environments. The island policy will address these issues, including questions of liability and island public access.

Stan Myers, special advisor to the IHT on islands, points out that while Maine has many lovely coastal views, none match the Stonington Archipelago panorama because none contain as many undeveloped islands. This is true for views either from Stonington or from the water. “The silhouettes of these spruce covered islands against the blue of the sky and water stretching to the horizon takes your breath away,” Stan writes. Stan and Peg Myers live in Philadelphia and are summer residents of Stonington.

With Stan’s help, we are cooperating with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, which is preparing a list of all unprotected islands along the coast of Maine, starting with the Penobscot Bay area. About 60 per cent of the islands under the jurisdiction of Stonington are not protected, according to Stan. The MCHT intends to approach all the owners of all unprotected islands to determine their views on protection.
Scenic and Historic Site Survey

The public opinion survey of scenic and historic sites on Deer Isle, conducted and compiled last August by our summer intern, Meridith Levy, was submitted in the fall to the selectmen of both towns for use in their comprehensive plans. The survey is designed as a guide, also, for the IHT in establishing land and easement acceptance priorities.

This spring, in completing the inventory and analysis section for Stonington’s Comprehensive Plan, Alan Stearns of the Hancock County Regional Planning Commission incorporated the survey’s information in the Plan.

Additionally, the Deer Isle - Stonington Junior High School classes used both the scenic and the historical parts of the survey in their study of Deer Isle and its environment in the Land, Our Heritage curriculum designed by IHT board member and DI-S Junior High School Language Arts teacher Darcy Campbell.

Meanwhile, member and volunteer Joy Campbell spent many fall days photographing sites to compile a photographic inventory to accompany the survey. Board member Andy Fuller is marking the sites on large maps prepared by fall intern Leslie Jones, and maps and photographs will be keyed according to the survey lists, and posted at the IHT office.

The Stonington Comprehensive Plan Committee has expressed interest in including some of the photographs in their report.

The Deer Isle Comprehensive Plan Committee is in the process of being established and has not yet begun gathering data for its Plan.

IHT Working On Property Tax Reform

What can be done to take some of the burden off property tax for payment of town services, especially school costs? This question is being seriously explored by many public and private groups in Maine, including a special tax committee of the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance, on which Rowan Wakefield, IHT-president, serves. The committee is cooperating in this effort with local governments and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) committee on taxation, which is also working to achieve standard state-wide valuation of land protected by conservation easements and land classified as open space.

Both the PBLTA and MCHT tax committees are motivated by (1) a genuine desire to contribute constructively to the efforts of the state in comprehensive property tax reform, which is seen as inevitable, (2) a keen interest in helping local governments which are overwhelmed by the rising costs of municipal services, and (3) the need to keep land conservation from being seen as a villain when towns are hard pressed to raise enough revenues to cover their operations.

The PBLTA committee’s role is to (1) collect baseline property tax data from towns within the jurisdiction of all member trusts in the region, (2) monitor what other groups are doing or recommending for property tax reform, (3) establish a Regional Study Group to examine the impact at the local level of various tax reform proposals and feed information back to the MCHT tax committee, and (4) to work with other groups with similar objectives. Members of the Study Group would include local government officials, assessors, a representative of the Maine Municipal Association, some property owners and the land trust representatives.

Maine Coast Heritage Trust Initiatives

The action agenda of the MCHT committee, which includes representatives from the PBLTA Committee, the Nature Conservancy, the Audubon Society and the Maine Natural Resources Council, includes:

• Working with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to offer a course for Maine assessors on “Valuing Land Affected by Conservation Easements.”
• Recommending new guidelines for each county for implementing Maine’s Open Space legislation, requested from the MCHT by the State Bureau of Taxation.
• Prompting the Bureau of Property Taxation to prepare a property tax bulletin that would outline methods to use in determining the just value of conservation easement land.
• Preparing and distributing a technical bulletin for use by conservation easement owners as to their property tax options.
• Preparing and distributing a memo to land trusts discussing their property tax options for fee-owned land. The Memo will address tax exemption, open space, tree growth, and donations in lieu of taxes.
• Distributing soon a MCHT technical bulletin on the cost of development and the economic benefits of land conservation.
Pen-Bay Alliance Sponsors Exchange

Eight environmentalists from England, Scotland, Wales, Canada and the United States, visited the Penobscot Bay region to study public access issues, and participated in a forum with interested Stonington and Deer Isle residents and landowners at 7:30 pm., July 14, at the Island Country Club.

The forum opened the five-day Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance 1991 Countryside Stewardship Exchange study of public access and the rural working landscape sponsored by island businesses and the Island Heritage Trust.

The international team also visited Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Rockland, Camden - Rockport, Belfast, Castine and Blue Hill to explore issues of public access. The team members considered conflicting use demands on the working waterfront, the use of islands for boating trails, plans for walking trails on public, corporate and other private lands, and public overuse and abuse of natural resources.

The team presented its findings and recommendations to invited study participants and state, regional and local officials at a dinner and dessert meeting in Blue Hill on Thursday evening, July 18. The Penobscot Bay study conclusions will be recorded, published and distributed to coastal Maine communities, thanks to a grant from the Maine Community Foundation.

On Friday, the team traveled to Sugarbush, VT, to join six other teams working on other “working landscape” issues in regions in the northeastern United States and Canada. Pooling their experiences, the teams will draw up conclusions which will be published later in a glossy, colored booklet and distributed in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The Penobscot Bay site of the 1991 Countryside Stewardship Exchange, hosted by the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance, was sponsored in addition by the University of Maine Hancock County Extension, which provided money and administrative services, the Maine Coast Heritage Trust, businesses and organizations in the local communities, Acadia National Park and others.

New Brochure Packet

An attractive new brochure is being designed for publication this summer, with up-to-date information about the Island Heritage Trust’s goals and activities. A lot has happened since we published our old brochure in 1987 when the trust was founded: our aims have become more focused, we have accepted an easement, we are engaged in a variety of community services, and have produced new publications — all of which will be reflected in the new brochure. The brochure, which will also describe what IHT is doing in education, community relations, and land trust endeavors, will be an invaluable tool for everyone associated with the IHT and a source of information for everyone who wishes to learn more about the IHT.

Another new publication, which can be tailored to the particular needs of members, board members, committee members, or prospects for conservation easements, is planned as well. Depending on the degree of interest, the handsome manila packet with pockets will include the new brochure, a fact sheet (described below), policy statements, materials explaining easements and how to obtain them, information on bequests and our new endowment, and a list of resources.

Fact Sheet

In response to the many queries about who we are and what we do, we are putting together a fact sheet with the most commonly asked questions and our answers. In this way, we hope not only to provide accurate information but also to dispel any misconceptions about IHT. An example from the fact sheet:

Q: Is there any truth to the belief that the Trust takes people’s land?

A: No, the Trust cannot take people’s land. We accept qualified conservation easements and land only when offered to us by landowners who seek to preserve their land for scenic, historic, wildlife-protection, limited recreation, and other conservation purposes, and for the tax benefits.
Volunteers and Interns Help IHT This Summer

Much needed help for Island Heritage Trust projects has arrived this summer, in the form of volunteers and interns.

Research scientist Rachel Ross Chapman of Blue Hill and Concord, MA, has volunteered her skills, training and energy to establish the nature trail at the Jacobson educational easement on Inner Harbor this summer. Coordinating her effort with landowner Cheryl Jacobson and IHT director and naturalist Susan Woodward, Chapman will design and construct the trail and identify ecological areas. As she may need volunteer workers, those interested may call Stephanie Mackay Levy, 367-2688.

Three interns are joining the IHT staff for the summer:

Julie Heansssler Soucy, Sunshine, a Bowdoin College student, will serve as “marketing intern,” in charge of distribution and sales of posters, postcards, sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Robin Stratton, Deer Isle, dental assistant to Wendy Alpaugh as well as history scholar, will oversee the transition of the IHT publication, “Preserving Family Lands on Deer Isle” to Preserving Family Lands in Maine, the latter to be published formally by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. Research for the book was completed in January by IHT fall intern Leslie Jones.

Alice Voght, Bryn Mahr graduate from Greenwich, CT, will assist IHT president Rowan Wakefield in her role as management intern.

News and Notes

National Rally, Sept. 21-24

Several members of the Island Heritage Trust are expected to attend the Fifth National Land Trust Conference, to be held September 21-24, 1991 at the Waterville Valley Resort and Conference Center, 1 1/2 hours north of Manchester, NH.

The conference brings together land conservation volunteers and professionals from across the country — land trust staff, board members, and volunteers, allied conservation and historic preservation groups; government conservation personnel; attorneys, appraisers, and land planners.

The Program includes national speakers, workshops from expert practitioners, idea-sharing seminars, and plenty of opportunities for networking.

Members interested in attending call Jean Welch at 367-2204.

Silent Auction Being Considered

A Silent Auction fund raiser will be held Saturday, August 31, by the Island Heritage Trust at a location to be announced. Items to be auctioned include valuable articles and services from the Island’s artists and craftspeople, from merchants and professionals, and from members and other supporters of the island’s conservation land trust. For information and to donate items call 348-9917.

Directors’ Clam Bake

Andy Fuller will entertain the directors, their spouses, and staff at an old-fashioned clam bake at the Fuller summer home on Bear Island August 17. Rain date August 24. There will also be a brief board meeting at that time.

IHT To Be Represented At Common Ground Fair

The Island Heritage Trust will be represented at the Penobscot Bay Land Trust Alliance booth at the Common Ground Fair, at Windsor, September 20-22, 1991.
There are many ways you can help the Island Heritage Trust achieve its land conservation goals. Here are some...

I would like to do volunteer work for the Island Heritage Trust, in particular:

- Help staff the Stonington office in the summer
- Help with mailings
- Help distribute posters, post cards, sweatshirts & T-shirts
- Help write for the newsletter and other publications
- Help monitor conservation easements
- Help maintain nature trails
- Help host social functions
- Serve on a committee (Land, Community Relations, Membership & Fund-Raising, Finance, Publications and Communications)
- Provide housing for a summer or fall intern
- Other (please specify):

- Enclosed is my 1991 contribution of $__________ to support the work of the Island Heritage Trust.
- I intend to contribute $__________ during 1991 to the support of the Island Heritage Trust.
- I have already contributed in 1991.

Your gift is tax deductible in accordance with the latest tax legislation.

Please send me information on your bequest and other deferred giving programs

Name

Address

Town    State    Zip    Phone

ORDER FORM

Please send me the following:

- Signed copies of "Land Our Heritage" poster at $25 each (see page 5)
- Unsung copies of "Land Our Heritage" poster at $15 each
- Island Heritage Trust/Deer Isle bridge sweatshirts at $20 each
- Island Heritage Trust T-shirts at $15 each

Add $4 for shipping each poster and $3 for each shirt

(Items also may be picked up at the IHT office in Stonington)

Enclosed is my check totaling $__________ for:

Contribution $__________

Posters $__________

Sweatshirts $__________ (S_M_L_XL__)

T-shirts $__________ (S_M_L_XL__)

shipping $__________

Name

Address

Town    State    Zip    Phone

Please send information on the Island Heritage Trust to:

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ANNUAL IHT MEETING, JULY 24

The fifth annual meeting of members of the Island Heritage Trust Corporation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 24 at the Deer Isle/Stonington High School. The meeting is open to the public. It will be followed by a brief board meeting to elect officers. The agenda follows:

- President’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- Fund Raising Report
- Program Progress Reports
- Land Committee
- Community Relations Committee
- Proposed Changes in the By-laws (see page 3)
- Report of the Nominating Committee
- Election of Directors

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