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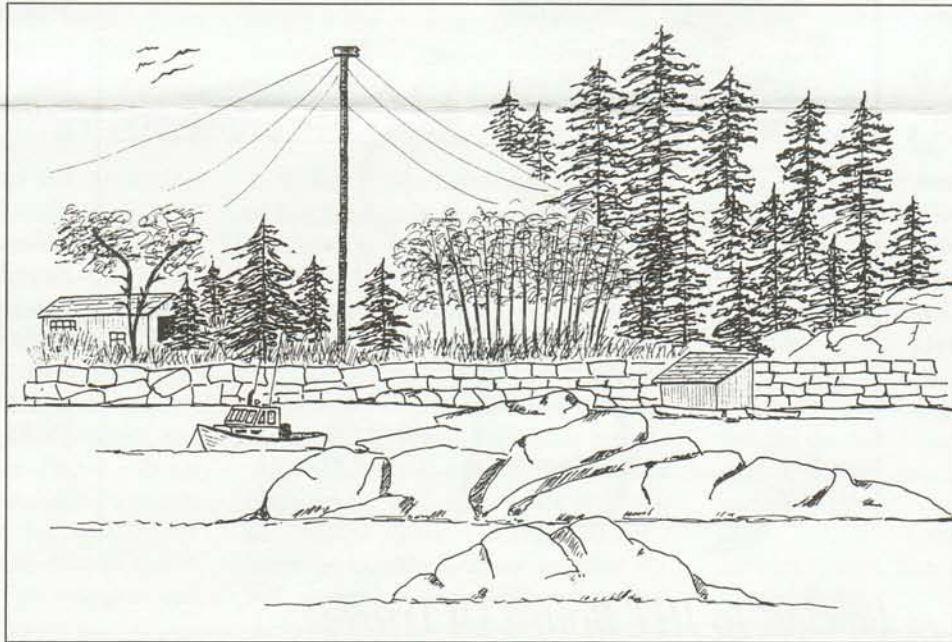
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Deer Isle and Stonington, Maine, and Surrounding Islands



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Settlement Quarry Nearing Reality



Island Heritage Trust's purchase of acreage at the Settlement Quarry on Oceanville Road in Stonington will shortly become a reality. And we can tell you all that we (IHT's Board of Trustees) are getting excited about it! We think this will become a wonderful retreat and hiking area for Island people and visitors. The views from our high vantage point of Deer Isle Thorofare and farther on to Merchant Row are spectacular.

The final subdivision of the land results in our purchasing 51.5 acres of the Settlement Quarry's total of 70.7 acres, which is consistent with our anticipation that we would be acquiring between 50 and 55 acres. As we outlined in our Spring 1995 Newsletter, our neighbors will be Sunshine Seafood, New England Stone, and a single potential homeowner. While the Town of Stonington had

expressed interest in 2 acres to be used as a public boat launching facility, the Town's voters felt otherwise.

Sunshine Seafood and New England Stone will be located on some 1,800 feet of shoreline and will share the existing stone wharf. The private house site of 8-plus acres at the very end of the access road would come with over 950 feet of shoreline. There is actually a total of approximately 3,080 feet of shoreline (including the wharf), which is some 900 feet more than we reported to you in our Spring 1995 Newsletter. These new figures represent the final subdivision.

We hope some of you had an opportunity to visit the land, which is on Webb Cove off Oceanville Road. With the gorgeous, albeit arid, weather we've enjoyed this summer, the views from our highest vantage point (some 130 feet above the high water mark) have been

particularly beautiful. Any one of our trustees would welcome the opportunity next summer to guide you around the property.

The closing date for our taking title to our 51.5 acres is set for October 27. It was postponed a couple of times, but this date is firm. Now, all we have to do is raise the money!

Our trustees as a group have contributed or pledged \$13,500 toward the \$75,000 purchase price. Along with a generous gift from David and Joan Maxwell, we have a good start on raising the money to pay for this beautiful land. If any of you would like additional information on the Settlement Quarry, please let us know. This is an exciting step for Island Heritage Trust, our first land purchase! We'd welcome your comments and observations.

Roger Steinharter

IHT Informational Video Ready For Screening

A 12-minute informational video telling what the Island Heritage Trust is all about has been completed. It was screened for an enthusiastic audience at the IHT annual meeting in July. The trustees were delighted with the way it captures the essence of the IHT message and addresses common questions about conservation easements and the Trust's work. They have approved its use as a vehicle for explaining IHT's activities to the community.

The video consists of a number of interviews with native Islanders and more recent residents, namely: Matt Asbornsen, Lloyd Capen, Derek Sawyer, Su Oliver, Marshall Rice, Sr., Sally Rice, Twyla Weed, and Morgan Witham. Some are residents who have already donated to IHT conser-

vation easements on their properties. Others are people who have watched IHT's work and endorse it. Morgan Witham, a high school student who was one of the three winners of IHT's essay contest, talks about what she loves about the Island and what she wants to see preserved. The video, narrated by Cherie Mason with background music

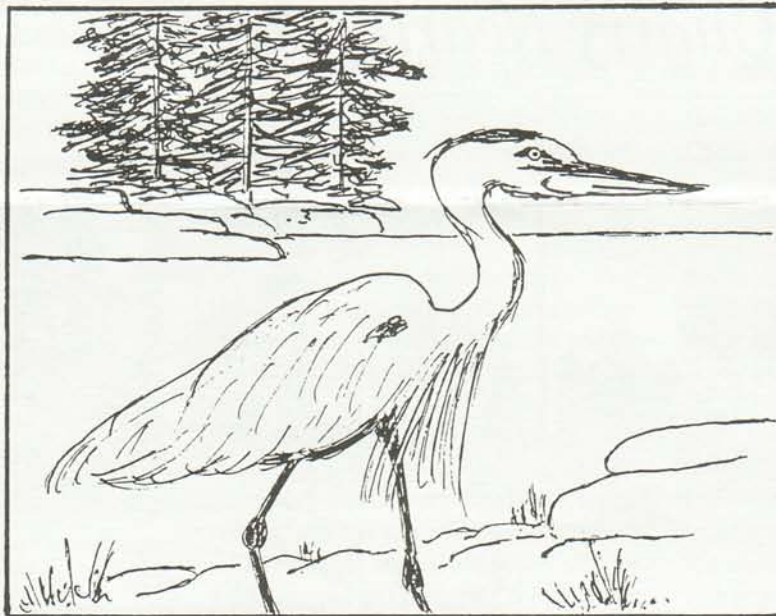
by Paul Sullivan, presents dramatic views of the beauty of the Island and illustrates the qualities we all love about Deer Isle.

The video is available for showing to interested groups and individuals on the Island. Presentations will be made by several trustees prepared to talk about the Trust and answer questions.

Additional copies will be available for use in the schools, the public libraries, other conservation groups, and the Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society, whose Genice Welcome helped provide the historic pictures for the video.

The Davis Conservation Foundation generously provided the initial grant to make the video, which was produced by Jim Campbell of Modular Media in Bucksport.

Gordon Rittmeyer



New Members Elected To IHT Board Of Trustees

Carl Woodward of Island Acres Farm is a newly elected member of the IHT Board. Carl works the farm that his family has owned for over two hundred years, but the products of that farm are designed for the '90's. The farm specializes in the production of free-range chickens, shiitake mushrooms, and topsoil created from compost. His chicken and mushrooms are available for sale at local restaurants and food stores, such as Penobscot Bay Provisions and Shop 'N Save in Ellsworth. The topsoil made from the Haystack School's kitchen waste and from seafood waste is available to gardeners and farmers to enrich their soil. Carl is strongly committed to supporting the local economy and to providing quality products to those who care about the healthful quality of the

foods they consume.

Peg Myers, a long-time summer resident of Stonington, was elected to the Board in November 1994. Peg is by training and experience a clinical social worker, as well as a teacher of parenting skills. For many years she has been a regular volunteer in the IHT information office on Main Street in Stonington and has been active in working with others in the fund-raising activities of IHT. She and her husband, Stan Myers, lived until recently in Philadelphia, but now are full-time residents of Maine. They are currently building a winter home in Blue Hill. Peg and Stan share interests in sailing and in birding, as well as a commitment to land conservation.

Marnie Reed Crowell, the most recently elected member of the Board, is a

writer, teacher, and trained biologist. A long-time seasonal resident of Deer Isle, she and her husband, Ken Crowell, own Scraggy Island in Penobscot Bay. They put a "forever wild" conservation easement on the island, which IHT holds, as a means of protecting the heron rookery there.

One of Marnie's books in print is entitled *Great Blue, Odyssey of a Heron*, the story of a heron's migration from Maine to the Caribbean. She has combined her interest in the natural world with a facility in computer use. She is the creator and owner of the computer list serve, MISTNET (Migration Information School Tracking Network), which links birders and students throughout the Americas.

Peg Myers

Message From The President

It's my pleasure to welcome all of our new members, and to say hello to existing members, former members, and those of you who have yet to become members of this wonderful land trust. We're not only the proud holder and steward of eight land conservation easements, but we'll soon hold three more and are on our way to ownership of the Settlement Quarry land.

We lost through resignation two valued Board members this year – Dud Hendrick and Charlie Hance, both of whom had served loyally for six years each as trustees. We miss them, but

we've added three new trustees who will provide specific expertise and dedication, namely, Marnie Reed Crowell, Peg Myers, and Carl Woodward.

The backgrounds of each of our new trustees have been outlined in the preceding newsletter segment. I can, however, add the assurance that our present board members are committed and provide a wide diversity of experience and talent. Our trustees spend a great deal of time individually ensuring the realization of our mission, which broadly stated is the encouragement of land conservation in conjunction with reasonable

and meaningful development.

It should also be of interest to you that twelve of our trustees are year-round residents, two now divide their time between Blue Hill and Stonington and two are native Islanders (although Carl Woodward sneaked off Island to get a degree at the University of Oklahoma).

Thanks in advance for your thoughtful consideration with respect to the enclosed solicitation letter. As usual, we need your support, this year more than ever.

Roger Steinharter

Change In Status For Abbie McMillen/New Appointment For Pat Gross

Abbie McMillen joined the Island Heritage Trust as Executive Director in the summer of 1993, working out of the Sunset IHT office on a part-time basis. She has been an invaluable contributor to the success of IHT since the late summer of 1993, bringing her considerable experience in conservation and the environment as well as her organizational skills to IHT. She has played a large part in tracking the complicated and serpentine progress of the Settlement Quarry land acquisition deal as it has wound its way through negotiations with the multiple parties.

In July of this year Abbie let us know of her intention to leave her post of Executive Director of IHT to devote her energies to the work of the Castine Conservation Trust on Cape Rosier where she and her husband, Mike McMillen, live. She has been elected President of that organization's governing group, and will take with her the skills of easement preparation honed at IHT and our best wishes. We will miss her regular presence at IHT, but we're happy to be able to announce that she will continue to serve IHT as a consultant, particularly with respect to plan-

ning and drafting easements.

Meanwhile we have a new consultant at the IHT office two mornings a week, sharing her considerable skills and expertise with us. Pat Gross of Stonington is known to many on the Island because of her close relationship with Ron Gross and with Abby of Abby's Adventure. We call her our Administrator, on a consulting basis, but that hardly conveys her skills. Pat is a whiz of an accountant and brings with her outstanding office management skills. She will go a long way toward keeping IHT's financial accounting procedures in apple-pie order.

Peg Myers

IHT Live Auction A Rip-Rapping Success!

The Island Heritage Trust held its first live auction on August 5th at the Deer Isle-Stonington High School. It was a rousing success, resulting in a net income for the Trust of over \$13,000.

Earl Hare of Hare Auctioneers in Searsport, ME, a seasoned veteran with a gavel, provided lively and professional auctioneering and a staff to support his work. The items for sale were high quality objects and services including 227 items donated by generous members, Island businesses, and artists and craftspeople. In addition to the donated items, there were some fine antiques supplied by

local dealers on commission, for which IHT received a percentage on each sale. Other income came from the sale of raffle tickets, maps, posters, cards, and other merchandise.

Putting on the auction was a very large effort of the volunteers involved. Liz Westin did a superb job of managing the auction and coordinating the countless details that went into making the live auction work. She and the other volunteers and trustees, who worked for months in preparation for the event, can feel proud of the very successful outcome.

Joanne Parisi



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IHT Cards And Maps Sold In Record Numbers

In a smashing summer of sales of Island-view notecards and topographic maps of Deer Isle and nearby islands the Trust has netted \$7,500, thanks to lots of hard work.

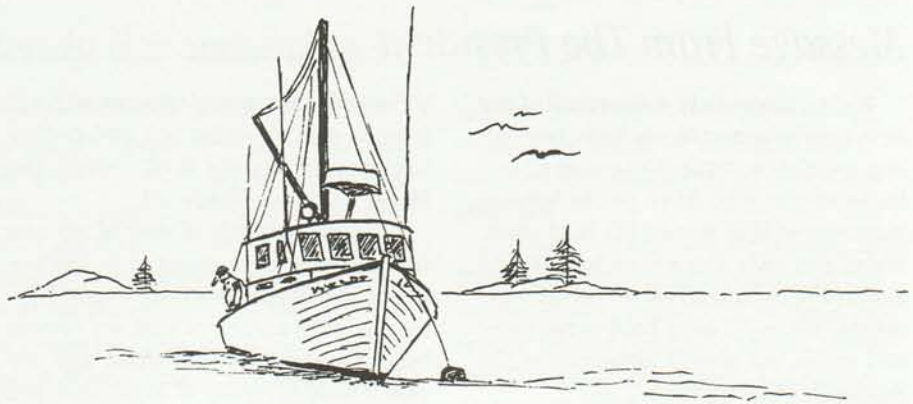
These popular items were marketed through shops and galleries on and off the Island, including Eastern Bay Gallery, Prints and Reprints, V & S Variety, and New Wave Hair Salon in Stonington; The Periwinkle, Blue Heron Gallery, and Rosa Rugosa (at the Pilgrim's Inn) in Deer Isle; Goose Cove Lodge and Island Approaches in Sunset; and Harbor Farms on Little Deer Isle. Across the bridge, cards and maps were sold at Buck's Harbor Marine, Sedgwick Village Keepsakes, and the Eggemoggin Country Store.

This summer, as usual, IHT maintained an information office loyally staffed by a group of volunteers coordinated by JoAnne Greiwe. This year the office was at the back of the Opera House with a fantastic view overlooking Stonington Harbor. Many people dropped in because of their interest in the historic building, but they also came to buy. Sales at this office and at the IHT booths at five community events throughout the summer generated 20 per cent of the \$7,500 in income.

The Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation underwrote the production costs of the maps with a grant to IHT in 1994. Printing of the notecards, which are reproductions of watercolor views of the Island, were supported in part by the artist, Faith W. Munson, a summer resident of Deer Isle.

Maps and notecards can be ordered during the winter months from Harbor Farms, Box 64, Little Deer Isle, ME 04650, or from the IHT office, Box 55, Sunset, ME 04683. (Notecards sell for \$10/pack; the maps for \$15 each. Please add \$2.50 for postage.)

Nancy Seltz



Steel Band Has Stonington Dancing In The Street

For the second year the Island Heritage Trust co-sponsored with the Island Fishermen's Wives Association a gala street dance in Stonington on August 14. The dance to the rollicking, rhythmic music of the Flash-in-the-Pan Steel Band was held at Stinson's Park behind Bartlett's Market on the waterfront. The dance was dedicated to raising money for the Community Swimming Pool project. The proceeds of more than \$2,000 for the swimming pool came from admission fees, a raffle, booth rentals, and the sale of crab rolls.

The hungry crowd, estimated at over 1,500 started gathering at 5 PM. They kept the gillnetters busy frying up more than 300 pounds of fish. "Abby's Adventure" ice cream booth and a taco stand did a brisk business throughout

the evening. The Swimming Pool Committee collected a large number of questionnaires from participants about the uses of the pool. The Island Heritage Trust, working closely with the IFWA, made the arrangements for the steel band, handled promotion and publicity, donated one of the raffle prizes, and solicited others.

"We are delighted with this great show of community support for this vital project and for the help of the Island Heritage Trust. Success was due to lots and lots of hard work by many people, for which we are deeply grateful," Su Oliver of the IFWA said after the event. "This duplicates last year's success," she added.

Rowan Wakefield

Stephanie Mackay Levy 1935 - 1995 In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our friend and colleague, Stephanie Mackay Levy on September 10th. Stephanie was one of the Trust's early Board members, and thereby participated in the development of our then new organization. Later she resigned from the Board to become a consultant to IHT. As such, she drafted all of the conservation easement plans that the Trust now holds, working skillfully with families to describe the limitations that they wished to place on their lands for conservation purposes. She was also an accomplished writer and the editor of *Preserving Family Lands on Deer Isle*. Stephanie contributed greatly to conserving the beauty of Deer Isle, a place she loved. We offer our deep sympathy to her family.