

QUISSETT HARBOR PRESERVATION TRUST NEWSLETTER

Preserving, maintaining, protecting and enhancing Quissett Harbor

Message from the Chairman and the President

Dear Friends,

Spring is arriving, and we're sure you are looking forward as much as we are to enjoying the natural beauty of Quissett Harbor during the warmer months. We'd like to bring you up to date on the work of Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust (QHPT).

As you know, a water-quality sub-committee has been looking into the issue of macroalgal blooms, which are fed by nitrogen, in the harbor. The committee interviewed civil engineers and experts in coastal-water bodies. At this time, we have determined not to expend the resources it would require to put a team in place to address the issue. We may readdress it sometime in the future. However, the Town of Falmouth will be conducting a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study of Quissett Harbor as part of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The study, funded by the town and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, will determine how much nitrogen can be assimilated without its having an adverse effect on the Harbor. The town either has or will complete TMDL studies on all of the area's salt-water bodies.

We are working to standardize dues payment to correspond with the calendar year. As a result, we will plan to send reminder letters early each year with the objective of receiving payments



Weatherly Dorris and Chip Morse

by June 30. This will allow us to budget more effectively and increase the efficiency of the QHPT's administration. Membership dues provide for the day-to-day operation of the Trust and are critical to our financial stability. We are now able to receive membership dues and donations

online. Go to our website, qhpt.org, to see how easy it is.

In July we will release our annual report. We continue to maintain a solid investment portfolio and to remain liquid as we prudently manage our resources.

Enjoy the early days of spring. We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting in July.

Chip Morse, Chairman of the Board
Weatherly Dorris, President

Retaining Wall Repairs Wrapping Up

Work on the 129-year old, 400-foot retaining wall that runs along the edge of Quissett Harbor is expected to be completed in April. "We're finishing the final sections that require repair and working on improving the scuppers that discharge directly into the harbor," said Dana Rodin, President of the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust and a member of the QHPT board. The project is being funded by Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, the Quissett Association, and QHPT. Once the repairs are completed, catch basins will be installed to filter out some material that runs down the road.

The same group of three organizations is now looking to receive permitting from the Falmouth Conservation Commission to restore the bank and vegetation at Eldred Landing adjacent to the Boatyard.

Have You Seen the Kiosk?

If you haven't seen the information kiosk at the trailhead to the Cornelia Carey Sanctuary, make sure you stop by. Completed last spring, the kiosk is designed to provide information on the history of the Knob as well as on land-management and other preservation issues. The kiosk is a joint venture of Salt Pond Area Bird Sanctuaries, Quissett Harbor House Land Trust, and QHPT. C.H. Newton Builders, a Cape Cod company known for building high quality, residential homes, donated materials and labor.

Replanting Beach Grass

We will once again be replanting beach grass on the Knob this spring. While this basic maintenance may not seem exciting, it is critical to preserving the Knob, the reason that led us to found QHPT. By remaining vigilant, we assure that this beautiful natural resource will be available to future generations.



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At our 2010 Annual Meeting, the board voted in two new members to our Board of Directors

David Barry

David Barry, his wife, Nancy, who is a Falmouth native, and their three daughters have spent many happy summers in the Falmouth area.

President of *Bariston Partners LLC*, a private equity investment firm he started in 1986, David divides his time between the family's home in Hingham and their house on Buzzards Bay. "I was pleased to join the board of the Preservation Trust and contribute to the preservation of this beautiful, special place, which has been very important to our family for many years," David said.



Kate Davis



The Falmouth area has been an important part of **Kate Davis'** life since childhood. Not only was it her family's summer home, but it is also where she met her husband, Hilary. Today, she and Hilary are raising their three children here, and both sets of grandparents live nearby. Kate worked for five years at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where she had the opportunity to see how critical it is to care for the natural resources in this community. "It's such a special place to me," she said. "I think it's important to be involved, to continue to protect the beauty of this pristine area."

The Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust is delighted to welcome David and Kate to the Board of Trustees.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for July 1

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting, **Friday, July 1, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**, at the Harbor House on Quissett Harbor. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.



Wheeler Lecture Will Take Place July 12

Save the date for the **2011 Wheeler Lecture, Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.**, at the National Academy of Sciences Jonsson Conference Center in Woods Hole. The speaker will be Josef Kellndorfer, PhD., associate scientist from the Woods Hole Research Center.

His lecture, "Radiology of Patient Earth with Radar Eyes in the Sky," will provide an overview of mapping and monitoring Earth from aircraft and satellites with radar-imaging technology.

Joan Wheeler Remembered

As most of you know, **Joan Wheeler**, wife of our founder, Henry Wheeler, died in August at the age of 85. We at Quissett Harbor Preservation Trust knew Joan for her great commitment to preserving the natural beauty of this area. What some may not know is that Joan was also committed to other social causes. Trained as a nurse, Joan worked at Boston City Hospital in pediatrics. She helped create a number of organizations designed to prevent child abuse. She loved music, sports and the outdoors. Shortly before she died, she made another generous gift to QHPT.



We will always be grateful for the commitment of Henry and Joan Wheeler to protect and preserve Quissett Harbor. The Wheeler Lecture, which takes place every summer, will serve as an active memorial to them as we continue to follow the example they set for us.

Information taken from the Obituary of Joan Wheeler, The Boston Globe, August 22, 2010.

Join Us for the Harbor Beach Clean-up June 25

Some of the work we do through QHPT is technical and requires resources. But keeping Quissett Harbor pristine is sometimes as simple as picking up a few pieces of wayward trash that have made their way to our beach. That's what we'll be doing on the morning of Saturday, June 25, 9:00–11:00, and we hope you'll join us. The tide blows trash across the bay onto both the public and private beaches. We'll be covering the areas of the beach that are accessible to the public on the harbor and on the far side of the Knob. We hope homeowners with private beach fronts will also take part that day.

We'll be gathering at the Quissett Harbor House Land Trust parking lot, at the end of Quissett Harbor Rd., for this morning event. Community groups that would like to take part may contact Weatherly Dorris at weatherly@qhpt.org. Coffee and donuts will be served.



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