



Tidings

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**Newsletter of the
VOLUNTEERS and
FRIENDS of the
BOSTON HARBOR
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Seafarers Island Holiday on Spectacle Island

Sunday, January 2, 2011

11 am to 3 pm



Depart UMass Boston Fox Point Pavilion. Parking is available for \$6.00, or frequent shuttle bus from JFK/UMass on the Red Line

Seafarers, welcome in the New Year with a winter Island trip to Spectacle Island! Pack a picnic and explore on your own or take a tour with a FBHI volunteer. The indoor Visitor Center will be open, and there will be a book and merchandise sales table as well.

**ADVANCE PAID
RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY
RECOMMENDED**

To Get Your Tickets —

- **By postal mail:**
Send check payable to FBHI and stamped, self-addressed envelope to: FBHI, 349 Lincoln Street—BLDG. 45, Hingham, MA 02043
- **Via our website: www.fbhi.org**
Purchase tickets from our website using PayPal. If using this option there is a \$2 surcharge.
- **On the day of the trip:**
Any tickets still available on the day of the trip will be sold at Fox Point Pavilion starting at 10 am — first come, first served! CASH ONLY!

For more information call (781) 740-4290, or check our website: www.fbhi.org, or email: info@fbhi.org. ***** **In case of inclement weather —** check the FBHI web site and phone line for updates. Refunds will be given only if the trip is cancelled due to bad weather.

Ticket prices:

Adults (non-members)	\$25.00
Adult (FBHI members)	\$22.00
Seniors (65+)	\$22.00
Students with ID	\$20.00
Children (3-12) (non-members)	\$20.00
Children (3-12) (FBHI member children)	\$17.00
Babies (under 3)	FREE but still need a ticket



2011 Island Explorations with the Friends

By Suzanne Gall Marsh, Boat trip coordinator

Calf, Great Brewster and Rainsford Islands will be the destinations of Friends "Island Expeditions" in 2011. These islands are accessible only by private boats or a beach landing vessel. The Friends have been working with Rowes Wharf Water Transport to offer these trips for several years. The M/V Beachcat transported visitors during the 2010 season for both the "Expeditions" and "Sunset Adventures".

We are also planning to continue the popular "Sunset Adventures."

In 2010, the evening trips went to Little Brewster, Long, Lovells and Peddocks Islands. The island visitors enjoyed their evening picnics, beach

walks and explorations during the twilight hours leading to sunset. The Northern and Southern Lighthouse tours co-sponsored with Boston Harbor Cruises will continue to enthrall lighthouse enthusiasts and photographers.

Thanks to the dedicated boat trip volunteers in 2010: David Dingledy, Rab Sherman, Marguerite Krupp, Charlotte Knox, Ken Stein, Suzanne Gall Marsh, and Jeanne Leary who brought her two friends, Josie and Susan to help on the final Northern Lighthouse tour.



Capt. Kate and visitors leaving Calf Island.

A special Stellwagen Bank Whale Watch with Massachusetts Bay Lines is in the works for the summer. And of course, the FBHI "Seafarers Island Holiday" tradition will launch the new year on January 2nd going to Spectacle Island. This has been a Friends tradition since 1984, originally going to Thompson Island.

Friends members who volunteer to help with the boat trips add great informational value to these fun events! If you are a Friends member and would like to volunteer, please let us hear from you!

Volunteers help with planning, ticket and merchandise sales, as well as being roving ambassadors on land, sea, and the islands. FBHI members Stephanie Schorow and Elizabeth Carella, along with Marguerite gave tours on Great Brewster and Rainsford Islands. Skip Empey has been a narrator on the Lighthouse Tours with Boston Harbor Cruises for many years.

Please contact us!

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fithiancj@verizon.net or,

Suzanne Gall Marsh:

Suzanne.islands@juno.com.

You may also leave a telephone message for them at the Friends office by calling: (781) 740-7240.

The New Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion

"The first building on the Rose Kennedy Greenway will open in 2011 – the new Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion. Architects Utile, Inc. and landscape architects Reed Hilderbrand have designed a cutting edge Pavilion that will include green technology, outdoor exhibits, and a granite map of the 34 islands. The facility will be constructed by Turner Special Projects.



Plans by Architects
Reed Hilderbrand

Two curved roof canopies will house two kiosks made of slate indigenous to the islands. The two kiosks will have large sliding glass panel made to close at night and during the off season. The panels will be backlit with LED lights, and programmed with different lighting effects, to help activate the structure when it is closed at night and in the off season."

From the program held on May 3, 2010 to celebrate the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the

Mass. Memories Road Show Comes to the Boston Harbor Islands

By Marguerite Krupp

The Boston Harbor Islands are a special place for countless individuals and families who have lived, worked, volunteered, and enjoyed them over the years. And now we have a chance to share our memories and experiences as part of the Mass. Memories Road Show project, a statewide digital humanities project that documents Massachusetts history through photographs and stories.

The Mass. Memories Road Show is an initiative of the Massachusetts Studies Project at the University Of Massachusetts Boston and is co-sponsored by UMass Boston's Joseph P. Healey Library and Mass. Humanities. The Road Show is an event that provides an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds who make up the Boston Harbor Islands community to create a digital portrait of their memories in words and pictures that will be invaluable both now and in the future. The Boston Harbor Islands Mass. Memories Road Show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011. We've got the date but there are many more details, so stay tuned!

How Can I Participate?

Anyone who has photos about the Boston Harbor Islands and their experiences there is welcome and encouraged to participate. It's not just historical photos or famous people that we're interested in. Everything from casual beach photos from island visitors to photos of the daily island life of people who lived, worked, or were stationed there are welcome. All photos become part of a statewide educational website called a "Mass. Memories Road Show: Your Place in Massachusetts History." To see the photos of other Road Show events, check-out their website at: www.massmemories.net.

A Community Photo Album in Cyberspace

Bring two or three photos to be digitized. (The photos should be unframed originals, if possible.) Experienced volunteers will scan photos and participants can talk about their photos on video. All original material is returned



to the person who brings it. Members of the New England Archivists will also be on hand to provide preservation advice. The goal of the Mass. Memories Road Show is to help build community, encourage the protection of original photographs, and facilitate the sharing of the cultural heritage of Massachusetts. After the Road Show, all photos and videos will be available online at www.MassMemories.net. Check out past Road Shows there, too!

Our Partners

The Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands are partnering with several organizations to help make this Road Show a reality. As of this writing, we are delighted to have the following partners in this effort:

- Urban Harbors Institute at UMass Boston
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UMass Boston
- Marine Operations at UMass Boston

We are looking for additional partners. These organizations provide volunteers to staff the Road Show and help with logistics. For information about becoming a partner, contact Suzanne Gall Marsh at Suzanne.islands@juno.com.

What's the Next Step?

This winter, start going through your pictures and start thinking about what stories you would like to tell.

- What memories would you like to share?
- Do you have any old diaries or journals that might jog your memory?
- Do you have family ties to the island communities?
- Did you or someone in your family work or volunteer on the islands?
- Did you enjoy exploring there?



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A Great Volunteer Season for FBHI

By Carol J. Fithian, Coordinator of Volunteers

The 2010 volunteer season has been full of activity. Volunteers were busy right from the start of the year working on projects, attending meetings and making plans for spring and summer events. We had "all hands on deck" providing staffing for our booth at the New England boat show for a week in February and set up library exhibits and presented talks on the islands in March. Many people helped to prepare for our annual meeting on Long Island in April. In May we participated in a presentation contest at a school and ran a trip to Deer Island. In addition we began our island work boat trips, and volunteer training.

Both the Little Brewster lighthouse tour programs and the Campground Host programs started up in June.

The summer was filled up with our visitor service work and children's craft program. We added more story telling sessions for our "Snow in Summer" program and created a new brochure on Edward Rowe Snow. It will be put out on Georges Island with our other brochures next season.

One of our goals for the season was to run an event focusing on farming on the Boston Harbor Islands. Several volunteers spent many hours working on various aspects of this project. We created posters highlighting a history of farming on



the islands and worked with the Department of Conservation and Recreation on a Fall Harvest Festival at Webb State Park. Special thanks to Elaine Mitchell, Jackie Ladd, Charlotte Knox, Ken Stein, Kevin Rogers, Tom Schindler, Irene Dygas and Steve Marcus for bringing the project to life. This is a great venture to build on next season.

Many have helped this year and we send thanks to the FBHI Board for all of your support, to members for supporting the volunteer program and to our wonderful volunteers who make it all happen. We send a special thanks to Nesrella Farm in Halifax for donating pumpkins for the Fall Harvest Festival; and to

Doreen Hearsey and her coral group, the *Essential Blend* for performing at the Festival.



Carol Fithian on the job

Congratulations to the volunteers listed below who received special awards from the National Park Service at the Volunteer Appreciation event at the end of the season.

Charles Boyer	Stephanie Schorow
Charlotte Knox	Steve Marcus *
Chris Ahern	Sue Meglio
Jackie Ladd	Suzanne Gall Marsh *
Jim Palmer	Suzu Karlson
Joan Hall	Tom Loring
Ken Stein	Tom Schindler
Kevin Rogers *	Wynelle Scenna
(* Over 900 Hours!)	
Marguerite Krupp	Joe Toohey
Marianne Taccini	Pearl Lang
Rob (Rab) Sherman	

* Suzanne Gall Marsh and Steve Marcus both received their Volunteer Master Ranger Corps patch

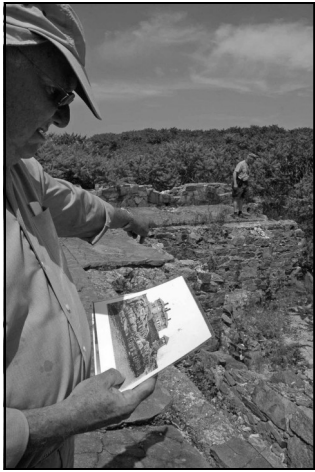
Help the Friends Go Green!

To save money and trees, we have converted to an online *e-Tidings*. PLEASE make sure we have your email.



If you're not sure, email us your contact information at info@fbhi.org. If you do not have email, we'll continue to mail *eTidings* updates in paper form.

2010 In Photos!



TRIPS: (Left, right) A visit to Calf Island on July 24 and the former home of Julia Arthur and Benjamin Cheney led by the Friends. (Middle) Liz Carella led one of her excellent trips to Rainsford Island. This photo is from a September trip.



SNOW IN SUMMER: Edward Rowe Snow Day 2010. Participants did not let the rainy weather detract from a great event. (Right) Dorothy Snow Bicknell, the daughter of Mr. Snow, was on hand to help host the event. (Lower right) Historian and writer Jay Schmidt, the author of *Fort Warren: New England's Most Historic Civil War Site*, gave a talk on spooky events on Georges Island that did NOT involve a certain lady in black. (Left) And, of course, there was the traditional birthday cake that was enjoyed by young and old.



More Trips: (Left) Visitors exploring the shore at Little Brewster Island. (Middle) Throwing stones into the water at Little Brewster. (Right) Low tide and visitors on the Great Brewster Spit.

(Mass. Memories Road Show cont. from page 3)

- Did your family host servicemen in training there during WWII?
- Have you helped with the planning, conservation, or preservation of the islands?
- Have you just plain gone there and had fun? If so, you're important to this project!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 and watch your email and your copies of *e-Tidings* for more information about the Boston Harbor Islands Mass. Memories Road Show! And call or email us if you want to volunteer to help with this event! In the meantime, have fun reminiscing and choosing your best photos and stories!

SAVE THE DATE !
**Boston Harbor Islands
Mass. Memories Road Show**
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

For more information and to volunteer to help with this fun event, contact us!

Telephone: (781) 740-4290

Email: info@fbhi.org

And watch our website and issues of *e-Tidings* for more information!


Gerry McVey
**(2010 in Photos— continued from page 5)**

Volunteer Appreciation Evening (above) AGENCY STAFF WHO WORK WITH VOLUNTEERS: Carol Trocki, University of Rhode Island leads volunteers in the Bird Monitoring Program; Carol Fithian (FBHI), Marc Albert (NPS), Val Wilcox (NPS), Sarah Swanson Thompson Island Outward; Bound Education Center, Liz Eddy, Al Hebb, and Mary Raczko all with NPS.

**ON DISPLAY:**

The Friends continues its Library Legacy project with the excellent direction of Kevin Rogers who, for example, set up the exhibit on the harbor islands at the Duxbury library (left).

Additionally, the Friends continue to set up an exhibit on Georges Island. This year, we added a special exhibit on



Edward Rowe Snow that gives visitors more information on the master storyteller. We will be doing more library outreach work in the community in 2011.

**COME ONE, COME FALL: (left)**

In connection with the DCR, the Friends held a Harvest Festival on Oct. 2 at Webb Memorial State Park. The goal of the daylong event was to celebrate the agricultural history of the islands and there were pumpkins, music, face painting and more. Many thanks go to Steve Marcus, Carol Fithian and so many others who helped make this event a success.

Holiday Letter

Dear Friend of the Boston Harbor Islands,
When you are thinking of your holiday charitable giving, please consider the Friends. We have spent three decades working to preserve and enhance the Boston Harbor Islands so that these precious resources can continue to be a source of joy and education for people of all ages.

The Friends are leading the efforts for the 2011 Mass. Memories Harbor Islands Road Show that will take place on September 17th. Although we have received in-kind support for this project from Mass. Humanities and other participating partners we will need to raise funds for post production and other program costs associated with this project.

This year FBHI members have helped visitors to the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area to learn about the islands from FBHI volunteers who work in the island visitor centers, the Long Wharf kiosk, on FBHI boat trips, and doing public presentations.

This issue of Tidings highlights the various activities on land, sea, and the islands that were created and hosted by the Friends, working collaboratively with the various agency owners and managers of the islands.

You did not receive an annual appeal from the Friends this year. Instead we are taking this opportunity to ask for a 2010 holiday charitable contribution. Please use the form below to do so.

You may also renew your membership – or give a gift membership by using the form at the bottom of this page. Thank you for your support of Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. We hope to see you during the 2011 season.

Our annual meeting will be:

Sunday, April 10, 2011 — SAVE THE DATE!



Steven S. Marcus
Chairman



Suzanne Gall Marsh

Friends Membership Application and Donation Form

Friends members receive:

- Ticket discounts with a variety of Boston Harbor Boat Companies
- *Tidings* Newsletter and *eTidings* updates
- Volunteer opportunities on land, sea, and the islands
- Invitations to Friends events, lectures, and social gatherings
- Discounts on all Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands merchandise and FBHI boat trips

Membership Levels

<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renew	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$75
<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Dual \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$500	

Memberships at Sustaining or higher levels are entitled to a gift. Call 781-740-4290 for details.

Please make checks payable to FBHI

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I'd like to contribute \$_____ to the FBHI Holiday Appeal Total payment \$_____

**Join the Friends either online through our website membership section or by mailing this form with a check or money order payable to: Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands,
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Save the date: Seafarers Island Holiday on Spectacle Island Trip, January 2, 2011

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