

Cataumet Schoolhouse

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2017



President's Message

It has long been a goal of the Cataumet Schoolhouse Preservation Group to have our wonderful Schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Paul Moscaritolo has spearheaded these efforts and we are pleased to report some exciting developments. We have completed the first stage in the process and the Massachusetts Historical Commission has approved the preparation of a National Register nomination.

In an eligibility evaluation, the Massachusetts Historical Commission noted that, "remarkably well-preserved, the Cataumet Schoolhouse retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association" and that "it is obviously important to the community, and it represents a living reminder of Cataumet's history."

We are so grateful to Don and Ann Mears and the Mears Family Fund at the Cape Cod Foundation for their generous grant this past year, which has allowed us to engage a professional preservation consultant to handle the National Register nomination process, which is expected to take about two years.

On a fun historical note, the Bourne Historical Commission recently discovered a pair of women's white shoes dated to the 1930's or 1940's that had originally come from the Cataumet Schoolhouse. With Gioia Dimock of the Bourne Archives as witness, Deborah Burgess returned the well-preserved shoes in a brief ceremony at the Jonathan Bourne Historical Center.

Of course, we are also thankful for all the support we receive from friends and neighbors throughout the year. Much appreciated! We always welcome new members and volunteers.

We hope that you will be able to join us for our special events, including our August Tuesday Talks. This year, we will have five presentations on fascinating topics: stories from the BCT trails, sailing to Haiti, artful children's books, Hawaiian voyages, and pirates and treasures.

Enjoy your summer!

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2016 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper

On September 22 at 6pm, friends and neighbors of the Schoolhouse as we gathered together to hear reports from various officers and committees. All reports are included in their updated versions in this newsletter.

The slate of officers, nominated and voted unanimously, were: Carole Courey, President; Clare Heffernan, Vice President; Pam Arpe, Treasurer; and Joan Holden, Secretary.

Following the annual meeting, we all enjoyed a delicious potluck buffet organized by Jean Davock, Kris Fisher and Gloria Gammons.



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We would like to thank our members and donors, as well as the businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed in so many ways.

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Annual Family Movie Night Debuts at the Cataumet Schoolhouse

The first Family Movie night (July 16) at the Schoolhouse was a great success. Over 30 children and their parents came to see *WALL-E* (2008) projected on a large screen in the Schoolhouse. With pillows, blankets and lots of snacks, the audience packed the Schoolhouse. It was a warm night, and many chose to move in and out of the building, to mingle outside.



Several families contributed food and snacks to the event. Lemonade, water and ice were available on an outside table. As the credits rolled, Cataumet residents Amy and Seth Cummings scooped the ice cream they generously donated to the event, sending everyone home with a cool sweet treat to end the night. The movie night brought children and their families from across the community to the Schoolhouse - many for the first time.

Save the Date: Get ready for movie night 2017! This year's Family Movie Night will feature *Sing* (2016) on July 22 at 8pm. Hope to see you and your favorite young movie fans there.

2016 Third Grade Visits to the Cataumet Schoolhouse

Third graders from the Town of Bourne once again visited the Cataumet Schoolhouse as part of their social studies curriculum. This year, four classes from Bournedale Elementary visited on September 28 followed by four classes from Peebles Elementary who visited on October 19. As always, Nancy Eldridge visited the classrooms, providing background information and discussion prior to their field trips. We were then honored to have both Nancy and John York in the role of docents for the visits. Board members joined in to lend a hand.

For the second year, thanks to the generosity of Don and Allen Mears and the Cape Cod Foundation, we were able to provide bus transportation for the students to attend.



This field trip provides the students with a hands-on learning experience that connects to what they are learning in the classroom in a fun way. Today's technology has helped us to follow-up with the visits as we view picture stories and photos on Classroom Facebook pages of their day at the Schoolhouse, with special thanks to Mrs. Gilbert's and her students!

Hearts of Gold Concert at the Schoolhouse

On Saturday night, May 6, 2017, musician/songwriter Jim Decatur and his fellow musicians, Catie Flynn, Rich Hill, and Katy Boc, played Neil Young favorites to a packed and excited audience at the Schoolhouse. Jim had always wanted to have a concert at the Schoolhouse, and on that night his dream came true.

The musicians received a standing ovation at the end. The acoustics in the Schoolhouse were great, which the musicians appreciated. Proceeds of the concert benefitted both the Schoolhouse and The Bridge School, a non-profit supported by Neil Young in California.



The 8th Annual Antique Auto Show and Picnic

On a hot, sunny day in September, 2016, we had a lively turnout and great participation for our annual antique auto show and picnic. The artistic allure of the autos from the '20's and '30's made them the subject of many cameras clicking, while original recordings of '20s jazz era music provided a fitting ambiance.

Thanks to Cataumet Fish, The Daily Brew, and our cheerful volunteers, visitors enjoyed a delicious picnic of chowder, lobster rolls, chicken wraps, and homemade desserts. Inside the Schoolhouse, docent Nancy Eldridge, dressed in period costume, talked about the history of our Schoolhouse.

What better way to spend your Saturday afternoon, enjoying traditional quahog chowder and lobster rolls, chatting with your neighbors, and looking at five different Packards, a '32 Buick convertible, and a '47 Buick Roadmaster, while Bix Biederbeck and Leo Reisman's orchestra are tooting in the background! This collection of "Americana" from the late '20s evoked the past when the Schoolhouse was still functioning as a one-room schoolhouse.



Following the event, the *Bourne Enterprise* published front page pictures of our special afternoon and a fine art photographer took some amazing photos which he shared on his website: www.bobbybaker.com, Cataumet Cars/Cape Cod.

Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 2017 from noon to 4pm. (Rain date: Sunday, September 10)

Annual Schoolhouse Holiday Fair

"Deck the Halls" was the theme of the December 3rd Holiday Fair. The welcoming scent of hot cider, donated by Patti Dibella, greeted patrons entering our historic Schoolhouse. To add to the ambiance of the season, the Schoolhouse was decorated in old fashioned red and green paper chains. This year, our visitors were able to meet many of our talented vendors, who worked at the fair.



Thanks to Nancy Eldridge for her support: her delicious chowder sold out, once again! Ben Joyce's tasty quahog chowder was enjoyed as well. To the delight of many, Brian Handy kindly made his annual donation of cranberries. Of course, we are again grateful to Clare and Roy Heffernan who made it possible for us to hold a Patriots tickets raffle.



Clare Heffernan and Gloria Gammons were co-chairs of this event with the assistance of committee members and volunteers. We want to commend our committee chairs: Jean Davock (Bake Sale), Pam Arpe (Raffle), Paul Moscaritolo, Ben Joyce and Gary Tabor (Buildings and Grounds) and Judy Martin and Susan Crider (Event Accountants). We also want to recognize our raffle donors from the community. From lobsters to baked goods to gift certificates -we had something for everyone!

Let's not forget our exceptional group of vendors who also helped us raise funds required to maintain the 1894 schoolhouse. This money is also used to fund our community activities and educational programs enjoyed by so many people. We are grateful to everyone who supported this wonderful holiday tradition.



Save the date: This year's Holiday Fair will be on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:30am to 3pm.



Come to our 2017 Summer Lecture Series Talks in August at 7pm at the Schoolhouse!

August 1: A Walk in the Woods: The Story of the Bourne Conservation Trust

Grace Rowe will talk about the preservation of open spaces...nearly 40 years and 250 acres later. There are many tales to tell of land acquisition, community support, and stories from the trails.

August 8: Sailing, Boats, and Culture

Vineyard boat builder Nat Benjamin will talk about his sailing trips to Haiti, Haitian boat-building, fishing under sail, as well as island life.

August 15: Meet Our Local Picture Book Creators

Jim & Deb Bowen, authors of *My Mosaic Alphabet Book* and Salley Mavor, author of *A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes* will show us their extraordinary books and talk about the creative process.

August 22: Voyage on a Polynesian Sailing Canoe

Nancy Greene Barry will share her experience of crew training, Hawaiian voyages, and her 15 days in the summer of 2016 as a crewmember on Hokule'a.

August 29: Pirates and Treasures: Whydah Pirate Museum

Chris Macort, underwater field archaeologist and artifact conservator, will tell us about the Whydah Project and his Discovery Channel expeditions around the world.



End of Year Financial Summary 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$33,168.96**

INCOME

Programs and Events	\$ 1,252.50
Valley Farm Thrift Shop	\$ 3,000.00
Newsletter & Donations	\$ 3,639.00
Holiday Sale & Patriots Raffle	\$ 3,952.00
Mears Grant	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

GROSS INCOME **\$16,843.50**

OPERATING EXPENSES

Utilities & Annual Expenses	\$ 1,576.18
Driveway Project	\$ 2,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 524.39
Newsletter & Fundraising Expenses	\$ 2,255.65
Events	\$ 1,633.77
Education Programs & Lectures	<u>\$ 527.04</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 9,017.03**

NET INCOME **\$ 7,826.47**

ENDING BALANCE **\$40,995.43**

Note from Pam Arpe, Treasurer:

It is my pleasure to announce that we are in solid financial shape!

Many, many thanks to our loyal members for their generous membership dues and donations, and a special thanks to our new members who have so thoughtfully contributed to our financial stability. All donations, large or small, are vital to maintain the mission of our wonderful one room schoolhouse.

Thank you for your continued financial support, allowing the CSPG to thrive as it provides programs and events to our community.

Building and Grounds Committee Update

After weathering another winter with no maintenance issues, the Schoolhouse has begun a new round of improvements. Thanks to the Mears Family grant, the new grading of the front lot will provide much needed and upgraded off-street parking. The grant will also be used to fund the reproduction of a diamond pane front window as shown on archival photos. Also in the works is new remote solar lighting for the front of the building, allowing the removal of the existing spotlights. B&G continues to provide the logistical support for all the events at the Schoolhouse.

Valley Farm Pumpkinfest 2016

Rising from the patch, the Second Annual Pumpkinfest was hosted by Valley Farm Community Garden on Saturday, October 8, 2016 as a free and fun family event celebrating all things pumpkin and a chance to wear your best orange outfit. Pumpkin patch master and event organizer John York reported a bumper crop this past year. In spite of the drought, including French (giant) pumpkins, Jack-o-lanterns, pie pumpkins and extra sweet watermelons.

Standouts in the field, the Giant Pumpkin weight guessing drew crowds close up with their awe-inspiring size. The top three contenders weighed in at 131-178 lbs., outdoing the top two 2015 giant pumpkins weighing 81 and 100 lbs. New to the event was our pumpkin pie-baking contest, a favorite with few crumbs left. Pie makers were encouraged to use home-grown Valley Farm pie pumpkins featuring the varieties Winter Luxury and Sugar. Tough choices had to be made by our five pie judges: George Slade, Bourne Selectman/VFCG gardener; Ben Joyce, Gourmet Culinaire /VFCG gardener & CSPG member; Chef Joyce Michaud, Cakes Cakes Cakes Catering and Bourne Community Center COA programs; Mary Bostrom, Upper Cape Tech School Culinary Department; and Clare Heffernan, CSPG. Attendees could also exercise their vote for the People's Choice.



Some 22 pies were submitted from 20 extraordinary bakers in three categories: traditional, cheesecake/chiffon and other. Grand prizewinner overall was Julie Saunders for her maple whipped pumpkin dream. People's Choice sported a tie: Julie Saunders and Maureen York. Tasty pumpkin treats were donated and made with Valley Farm pumpkins offering snacks with two kinds of soup, paleo pie fudge, paleo pecan pumpkin pie bars, paleo pumpkin bread, pumpkin cupcakes and muffins, and even cookies for the dog. Homemade hand cranked pumpkin ice cream using the Cataumet Schoolhouse's Susan Cobb ice cream maker was a big hit. Children and adults alike tried their hand at cider pressing apples to sample a taste.

Fest goers tried their skills at pumpkin tic-tac-toe, pumpkin ring toss, pin the face on the pumpkin, and guessing games. Many tried to go the distance at the watermelon seed-spitting contest using VFCG watermelon while others navigated the obstacle course for the pumpkin spoon race. Jack-o-lantern pumpkins were given to children under 14 as game winners, featuring our homegrown varieties of Connecticut Field and Howden. Nothing from the day was wasted – apple mash from the cider press was given to local area horse owners and watermelon rinds went to our favorite three goats at Spring Hill Farm.

And what of the Giant Pumpkins? AmeriCorps volunteers assisted John York in butchering them to give to Bourne Food Pantry with approx. 400 lbs. for Thanksgiving baskets. Some was also contributed to use as squash for the Cataumet Methodist Church communal Thanksgiving dinner, and about 100 lbs. to Chef Joyce Michaud who manages Bourne Community Center COA meal programs for seniors. Pumpkin seeds were saved to start this year's new crop. The watermelon crop was served at various local community gatherings: Cataumet Club clean up day, Mashpee Habitat for Humanity Community Build, VFCG Annual Fall potluck, CSPG annual meeting potluck, Troop 44 Boy Scouts Pocasset Award Dinner, and AmeriCorps Bourne House.

Thank you to the following contributors: Our neighbors AmeriCorps Bourne House for staffing our games and assisting with set up/clean up; ice from Peter Fisher, Cataumet Fish; 100 lbs. apples donated from John Alden; cider press loaned by the Bourne Society for Historic Preservation; ice cream

makers loaned by the CSPG and Carolee Packard; tents/signage loaned by Cataumet Art Center; and a legion of volunteers with many Cataumet first-timers.

Help get the 2017 pumpkin patch started by pitching in on pumpkin seed planting day on Saturday, June 24 at 10am, a fun learning experience for children.

Save the Date: Join us for the Third Annual Pumpkinfest, On Saturday, October 7, 10am - 2pm, rain date October 21. Valley Farm Community Garden is located at 892 County Rd, Pocasset. For further info, call 508-563-9068 or 508-563-2939.



2017 Calendar of Events

At the Cataumet Schoolhouse, 1200 County Road, Cataumet, MA

- Saturday, May 6** Hearts of Gold Concert with Jim Decatur – The Music of Neil Young
- Saturday, June 17** Car Tour of Cataumet Village with stop at Schoolhouse 10am to 1pm
- Saturday, July 22** Family Movie Night at the Schoolhouse at 8:00pm
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- Tuesdays At 7pm** Summer Lecture Series
- August 1 Grace Rowe: A Walk in the Woods: Bourne Conservation Trust
 - August 8 Nat Benjamin: Sailing to Haiti and Island Life
 - August 15 Jim & Deb Bowen, Salley Mavor: Meet Local Picture Book Creators
 - August 22 Nancy Barry: Hawaiian Sailing Voyage
 - August 29 Chris Macort: Whydah Pirate Museum
- Saturday, September 9** Antique Auto Show and Picnic from 12 to 4pm (Rain Date: Sunday, September 10)
- September 21** Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper at 6pm Everyone is welcome!
- TBA** Third Grade Schoolhouse Visits
- Saturday, December 2** Annual Holiday Fair 9:30am to 3pm

At Valley Farm Thrift, 892 County Road, Pocasset, MA

- Saturday, June 24** Valley Farm Thrift's Tent Sales, 9am-2pm
- Saturday, Sept 2** Valley Farm Thrift's Tent Sales, 9am-2pm
- Saturday, June 24** Valley Farm Pumpkin Seed Planting Day at 10am
- Saturday, October 7** Valley Farm Community Garden Pumpkinfest 10am-2pm

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