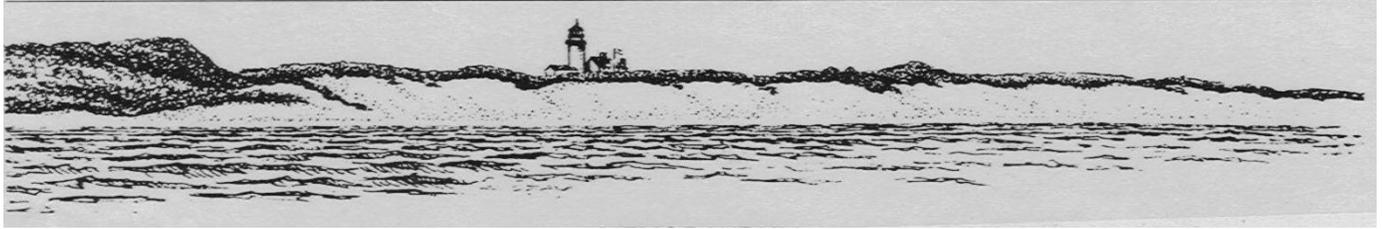


TRURO CONSERVATION TRUST



NEWSLETTER

THIS YEAR'S CONSERVATION SUCCESSES

Thanks to four families who believe in protecting Truro land from further development, your Trust has had another successful year by acquiring one large parcel of land outright and protecting three others through deeded Conservation Restrictions. Two of those families, the Chapmans and the Schiffenhaus have been doubly generous by also contributing generously to our stewardship fund to defray monitoring costs for their CR'S. Following are the stories of these successes and the people behind them.

KENISTON PURCHASE

Purchased: June, 2010 for \$69,150

Location: 222 Route 6 (adjacent to the Mobil-Morea properties acquired by the Town and the Trust in 2002)

Size: 4.61 acre hillside wooded area with flat land at the top

Financial Assistance: \$35,000 State Grant; \$7,000 grant from the Fields Pond Foundation, \$2,500 grant from the Cape Cod Five Foundation, and \$1,025 from the owners of properties in the neighborhood

The Keniston family wanted this property protected from development and, to that goal, offered the land to the Trust at a below-market price. The Trust is grateful to the family for this consideration and to the entities and neighbors who have contributed financially to this project. The balance of the \$23,625 purchase price will come from the Trust's Charles S. Davidson Endowment Fund. The Trust is studying the potential for a public-access trail at some appropriate location on this property. If the trail is constructed, there will be a bench at the top of the hill where there is a viewpoint looking into the National Seashore. If the trail project is to proceed, the Trust will discuss the route of the trail with abutting property owners prior to any construction taking place. The photo for this property is taken from Route 6 looking up the hill at the 4.61 acres.



Keniston Purchase

SCHIFFENHAUS CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Restricted: December 31, 2009

Location: 30 & 31 Stephen's Way (aka "the Hopper House")

Size: 7.57 acres of bay front heathland and dune

Contributor: The Schiffenhaus Family on the behalf of the Schiffenhaus Revocable Trust

The Schiffenhaus family has long recognized the historic and conservation value of the property since it was owned by Edward and Jo Hopper who were close friends of the Schiffenhaus family. The house is known worldwide as the summer residence of Edward Hopper and is where he produced

numerous Cape Cod paintings. Also, the land on which the house sits is known for a large stand of the rare species, broom crowberry. The synergy between these two valuable assets resulted in the Schiffenhauses, most particularly brothers Anton and Larry, contacting the Trust to develop a Conservation Restriction agreement. This CR is one of the most significant Truro conservation projects in recent years. The Trust and the people of Truro thank the Schiffenhaus family for protecting this property for all future generations. The photo shows the bay-side portion of the land protected under the CR and the "Hopper House."



Schiffenhaus CR

CHAPMAN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Restricted: July 21, 2010

Location: 186 Old County Road (the last parcel of land in Truro prior to entering Wellfleet, on the east side of the road)

Size: 2.32 acres, of a 3-acre, heavily treed parcel

Contributor: Lisbeth Chapman on the behalf of the Chapman Family Realty Trust



Chapman CR

Lisbeth "Beth" Chapman offered the Trust a Conservation Restriction on this parcel of land that had been in her family for generations. She decided to sell the entire 3-acre parcel, but only after deeding a CR on the 2.32-acre hill contained within the parcel. The property was held by the Chapman Family Realty Trust which sold the property, subject to the CR, to a private owner this past July. Beth lives year-round on the adjacent property just across the town line in Wellfleet. The CR has been approved by the State and the Truro Board of Selectmen and recorded at the Registry. The Trust thanks Beth for offering this CR to the Trust. The photo looks up the hillside of the property from Old County Road.

ROTHCHILD CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Restricted: April 28, 2010

Location: 49 Fisherman's Road

Size: 0.75 acre parcel of bay front property

Contributor: The Rothchild family on the behalf of the Sylvia Rothchild 2005 Revocable Trust

The Rothchild family wanted to honor their mother, Sylvia, by applying for a Conservation Restriction to the family's vacant bay front property on Fisherman's Road. The property is across the road from their family summer home at 42 Fisherman's Road. This family plan culminated in an approved and deeded CR on the bay front property, protecting it from development forever. It is an impressive property that could easily have been sold for the development of another large bay front house. The Trust thanks the Rothchild family for their conservation plan. The photo is taken from the property looking south, along Cape Cod Bay, to Wellfleet.



Rothchild CR

If, as a supporter of the Truro Conservation Trust, you know any of the members of these generous families, we hope that you will thank them for helping protect Truro's beauty!

A LETTER FROM THE TRUSTEES

Dear Fellow Conservationists,

Your Trust has had, thanks to your continuing support, another successful year with the addition of new protected, properties (see the accompanying article). The purchase of the Keniston property is unique in today's economic environment in that it has been difficult to purchase land due to its high price in Truro. Most of our recently protected properties come in the form of Conservation Restrictions. Either way, all land owned or restricted by the Trust is deeded to be protected in perpetuity. We continue to search for new opportunities for either land purchase or restriction. We ask your to consider helping by offering land that you own, or by identifying any Truro friends or neighbors who might be interested in conserving land that they own. Please consider any such potential opportunities and contact us to discuss the mutual advantages and methods of land conservation.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, we're heavily focused on land stewardship – the protection and maintenance of the properties that we oversee. This past year the Trustees, in teams of two, have visited every owned or restricted property, reported each property's condition, and are now developing corrective actions for any identified detrimental conditions; e.g., encroachment, debris, and protection of endangered or indigenous species. We maintain and update a portfolio on each property. Stewardship also includes the legal protection of our properties--sometimes a very costly responsibility.

We have welcomed two new Trustees to our Board this year – Amanda Reed and Irma Ruckstuhl. Both are ardent conservationists who bring expertise and experience important to our success. Amanda is a talented computer expert, animal activist, and Audubon supporter. She is currently redesigning our website. Irma has decades of Outer Cape business and volunteer experience and, a few years ago, donated a valuable piece of land to the Trust. If you get a chance, please thank them for their service. Also this year, it is with regret that we received the resignation of Joel Searcy as a Trustee. We thank him for his service to the Trust and know that he will continue to support our work.

Acquisition, restriction, and stewardship are our main objectives and they can all be costly. So, once again, in a difficult economy, we solicit your financial support so that the year 2011 can be as successful as this past year was in the conservation of Truro. Our successes accrue to you and all Truro residents by protecting the town's environment and beauty. Please be generous, once again.

Best wishes for the holiday season from your Board of Trustees,

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TCT Announces Logo Competition

We need a new logo and we need your help. TCT wants a new logo that can become our identifying imprint to use on our website and for the signs that identify the precious properties for which we provide stewardship, thanks to your support. Therefore, we are calling on you and your friends to participate in a logo competition. We will be accepting electronic submissions (amanda@amandasreed.com) throughout the winter with a goal of selecting a winner by summer's beginning. So use your imagination and artistic skills, and help TCT establish an image that will stand out and be recognized in the community. Check out our website for more information www.truroconservationtrust.org

TCT Website Updates

Over the past couple of months, we have been working to update our website. The new website provides more in-depth information on the more than 300 acres of land protected by the trust. Some properties have hiking trails, and now the website will include information about those property locations, parking, and trail maps. Moreover, as new properties are added to our portfolio, we will update the website. Now you don't have to wait for the newsletter to find out what we are up to! So please visit www.truroconservationtrust.org

Property Stories

The Lewis Farm (aka the Oriental Carpet)

The southwest corner of Ryder Beach Road and Old County Road did not become known as the oriental carpet until relatively recently, probably when wash-a-shores started settling in South Truro.

But way before this land became the best October palette in Truro, most of it was the Lewis Farm. Fran Sanders, her husband Dan (Truro's inveterate and well known raconteur), and their daughter Amy established a conservation restriction with the Trust two years ago. Fran's maternal side of the family has owned the land forever, " ...since her ancestors got off one of the first boats." Their present property was part of a much larger parcel, a land grant to the Rich family (Fran's ancestors) from the King of England back in the seventeenth or eighteenth century. Fran recalls family stories about the difficulty of reestablishing their property ownership and boundaries after records were destroyed in the 1827 fire at the Barnstable County Courthouse.

This was a real farm from the early 1800's into the early twentieth century. The Lewis family made its living selling the farm's eggs and blueberries in Wellfleet, to which some family members walked along the railroad track in their bare feet "... so as not to wear out their shoes." There was a meadow too, next to the old railroad line, and sparks from a passing train during the 1880's set the meadow afire, taking with it the Lewis farmhouse. The current house, which you can see in the accompanying photo, was built at that time. There is an overgrown pond you can no longer see from the road, but it still serves as a watering hole for wildlife, including deer and coyotes you can hear yipping from thereabouts.

Part of the wonderful fall color at this corner comes from surviving high bush blueberries raised on the Lewis Farm. Mark next year's calendar for early October to enjoy the property's color and the Trust's benches here.



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