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Goldenrod and Green Fields



I try to ignore it at first.

I notice the first yellow blossoms in August. I quickly look away. I look to the huckleberries, still green,

and bearing their delightful black fruit. The sassafras leaves reassure me; they are still green, and so are the glossy green leaves of the black oak.

Yet there I spy another, beside a thicket of bayberry and a bunch of switchgrass. Again I avert my gaze, yet the bright flowers of this plant – the goldenrod – cannot be ignored.

Goldenrod blossoms at the glorious end of summer. It begins to blossom just before summer's very zenith - the Agricultural Fair, the Oak Bluffs Fireworks, the Grand Illumination. Then September comes, and goldenrod bursts into bouquets of beauty, all while tropical storms sweep over the Island, and yellow school buses again rumble down South Road, and beetlebungs start turning scarlet.

Yet goldenrod also signals the fall and winter to come. And what's more, as September is such a time of change, whether of seasons or of school years, goldenrod marks the passage of seasons and of years. Admiring goldenrod in September is akin to reading A. Bartlett Giamatti's famous essay the "Green Fields of the Mind," about the end of the baseball season. "It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart," wrote Giamatti.

So goldenrod breaks my heart. It so cheerfully signals the unstoppable passage of time. Some years ago I wrote about goldenrod for the Sheriff's Meadow newsletter. I wrote of taking photographs on the first day of school, knowing that on that particular September day, all of our children stood there, lined up with their backpacks, but knowing that one day, the oldest one will be gone, and another day, the next, and then one day, all.

Last year that first day of days came. Our oldest child left for college. We bade her farewell to the drone of bagpipes on a beautiful September afternoon in Hyde Park. We left Chicago at dinnertime, drove through the night, and reached the ferry in Woods Hole in time for the 2:30 boat the next afternoon. Her life flashed through my mind as we drove. The tears came when we boarded the boat.

This year it is a bit easier. I find myself offering fatherly advice to my friends as I watch their children depart for Villanova or Lafayette or St. Andrew's or wherever they may be headed.

Today I again took our "back-to-school" photograph with our three younger children. They've grown. They line up with their backpacks. This year they smile dutifully. Even the dog poses.

With the dunes as a backdrop, the children smile. Beside them and behind them, along the dirt road and along the edge of the meadow, the goldenrod smiles upon the scene, too. Bright and yellow as a spring forsythia, the goldenrod marks the end of summer. It marks the approach of winter. And in its singular way, the goldenrod marks the march of the years, as unstoppable, unceasing, inexorable as the almighty sea, just beyond the distant dunes.

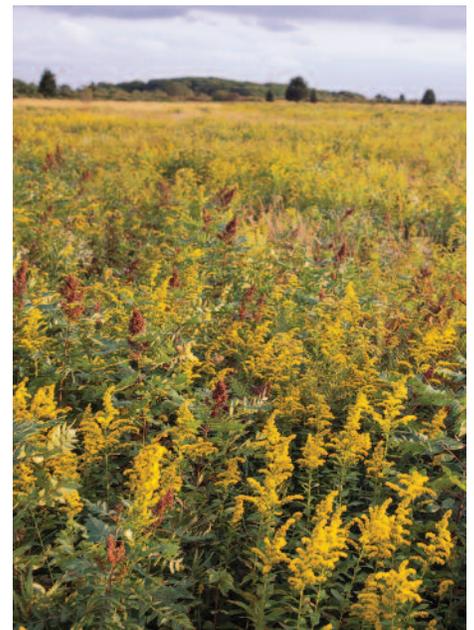


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Foundation Elects New Directors and Officers

Annual Meeting held on June 17, 2016



HILLARY NOYES-KEENE grew up in rural upstate New York and summered on Martha's Vineyard, which led to a true love of land-forms and nature. She attended Macalester College in St. Paul, MN, graduating with a degree in fine arts and elementary education. After travelling extensively and teaching young children for a number of years, Hillary continued her education at the University of Colorado, Denver graduating with dual master degrees in Landscape Architecture and Architecture. While studying in Prague and working in conjunction with the city government, Hillary assisted with design proposals of the edges between urban and rural landscapes - a theme she focused on while in graduate school. With degrees in hand, Hillary moved to Martha's Vineyard. She continued her landscape architecture while working with Stephen Stimson Associates and then Indigo Farm, until she started her own business, Noyes Design, which she headed for over ten years. In the midst of those transitions, Hillary married John Keene. Together they have four children who roam the greater Vineyard landscapes and waterways. When her fourth child was born, Hillary traded in her design tools for her camera and a sketch book. Slowly, she is making her way back to the fine arts. While a member of the Vineyard community, Hillary has been Coordinator of the Chilmark School Outing Program, an outdoor education program where 'learning has no limits' and served as President of Island Children's School Board of Directors. Hillary is presently

Director of MV United's Recreation Program, a soccer program serving over 300 Island youths, preschool to 5th grade, and a member of their Board of Directors. Ultimately though, it is hiking and glimpsing the ever-changing colors and textures of the surrounding landscapes that renew Hillary's spirit.



JOHN SCHAEFER has been a seasonal resident of Edgartown since 1978. He and his wife Pam live next to Ox Pond Meadow and Little Beach preserves. John was a member of the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation Board of Directors from 2005 to 2015 and served as its President from 2011 to 2014. He rejoined the Board in June 2016. He retired from Morgan Stanley in 2006 where he was a member of the Management Committee and was President and Chief Operating Officer of the Global Wealth Management Group. John is a member of the Board of Directors of the Martha's Vineyard Hospital, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and Annaly Capital Management. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Business School.

PATTY FAVREAU is the Executive Vice President and Chief Communications Officer for the Church Pension Group (CPG), a \$12B not-for-profit employee benefits firm that serves Episcopal Church employers and employees around the world. Patty is a member of CPG's Executive Leadership Team that works with The Church Pension Fund Board of Trustees to establish policy and set long-term strategic priorities for the organization.

A graduate of Amherst College and The University of Virginia School of Law, where she was a member of the *Virginia Law Review*, Patty has a long and deep background in strategic communications, risk management, strategic planning, staff management, and budget oversight. Prior to joining CPG, Patty served as president of Redscout, a mid-size strategic consultancy that helps household brands reach their full potential through innovative advertising and new product development. She has also served as chief marketing officer for New York Life Insurance Company's domestic life insurance and annuity business, and as a litigation associate at Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. In May, she was inducted into Jack and Jill of America, a selective membership organization of mothers with children of color ages 2-19, that is dedicated to nurturing future leaders through volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. Patty, her husband Marc, and their sons Owen and Emmett are year-round residents of West Tisbury, and are active participants in the First Congregational Church of West Tisbury community.



Annual Meeting

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation held its Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on Friday, June 17, 2016 at the Wakeman Center in Vineyard Haven. At the meeting, the Foundation elected new Directors, re-elected Officers and Directors, elected the members of the Executive and Nominating

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Spectacular Summer Benefit

Hosted by Dick and Nancy Friedman at Oyster Pond

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Annual Meeting

Committees, and thanked Directors who had completed ten years of service on the Board.

The Foundation Board re-elected Chris Alley to a one-year term as President of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and re-elected Brien O'Brien to a one-year term as Vice-President. Walt Looney and Susannah Bristol were each re-elected to one-year terms as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively, and Molly Glasgow was re-elected to a one-year term as Clerk.

The Board elected Patricia Favreau, Hillary Noyes-Keene and John Schaefer to a first, three-year term on the Board of Directors. Biographies of each new Director are included in this newsletter. Both Patty Favreau and Hillary Noyes-Keene are new to the Board, while John Schaefer returns after a one-year hiatus.

The Board re-elected Keith Dodge, Bob Egerton and Ellen Harley to second, three-year terms as Directors, re-elected Kim Burns and Bill Maloney to third, three-year terms as Directors, and re-elected Terry Guylay, Alley Moore and Sarah Thulin to fourth, one-year terms as Directors. Executive Director Adam Moore was elected a one-year term as a voting, appointed Director. The Board also elected members of its Executive and Nominating Committees at this meeting.

Finally, the Board bade farewell to three Directors who completed 10 years of dedicated service at this meeting: Emily Bramhall, Christian Halby and Lil Province. Sheriff's Meadow Foundation expresses its sincere gratitude to Emily, Christian and Lil for their devotion, generosity and service to Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and to the island community.

On the evening of July 18, 2016, some 400 supporters of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation gathered along the shores of Oyster Pond for the Foundation's Annual Summer Benefit. The event was hosted by Dick and Nancy Friedman, on a beautiful farm that is protected by Sheriff's Meadow Foundation conservation restrictions. A lovely breeze blew in from over the water, and clouds that had threatened rain parted for a scenic sunset over a cove.

Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner that was prepared by Buckley's Catering, and dined in a magnificent tent provided by Big Sky Tents. Each table bore a flower arrangement that was prepared by Lil Province, Nancy Randall, Angela Egerton and Bob Egerton.

After dinner, host Dick Friedman warmly welcomed all of the guests. Summer Benefit Committee Chair Ellen Harley gave a special thanks to the Event Committee. Executive Director Adam Moore recognized Dick Friedman, Allen and Judy Norton, and Albie and Wilda White for donating conservation restrictions on their Oyster Pond farms. Finally, President Chris Alley gave a moving speech on the importance of time. Mr. Alley's excerpted remarks are included in this newsletter.

Sheriff's Meadow Foundation expresses its profound gratitude to Dick and Nancy Friedman for hosting the 2016 Summer Benefit. We give a very special thanks to Nevenka Daniels for her many months of dedicated work that made this Benefit such an enjoyable, smoothly flowing, successful evening. Finally, we thank all of the sponsors, supporters and donors who made the event a financial success, and thank all of the volunteers, vendors and staff who made the event happen seamlessly. Thank you!



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Remarks by President Christopher Alley

At the 2016 Summer Benefit

Thank you Adam. So once again we are gathered under the tent for an evening of reconnection, celebration, and inspiration. However, our inspiringly named Summer Event is principally a night of appreciation; appreciation that I get to express to all of us on behalf of all of us. Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, rather than a collection of discrete elements is a community of staff, volunteers, interns, board members, and most importantly you, our supporters.

First I would like to thank Dick and Nancy Friedman, for hosting us tonight. Because we change location every year, the Summer Event site is one of the most difficult venues to secure annually. Tomorrow morning Adam will start sweating over next year's location. After a productive Boston meeting with Dick to discuss future conservation of the property, Adam came home with hosts and a site for tonight's event to boot. Every meeting should be so productive.

As it does every year, this evening is brought off seamlessly. It is the result of the many hours of devotion by our Event Committee; our Chairwoman Ellen Harley, Susannah Bristol, Angela Egerton, Audrey Egger, Allyson Getsinger, Terry Guylay, Carol Hillenbrand, Sharon Johnson, Kate Lauprete, Lil Province (who's centerpieces you are invited to fight over), Nancy Randall, and Anne Vose along with Adam Ryder and Nevenka Daniels in the office and all of our interns and volunteers. Please stand up and accept our appreciation. This year three board members have completed their ten year sentences and have been discharged; Christian Halby, Lil Province and Emily Bramhall.

Christian departs having served on many committees most notably the Development Committee. He has been a strong proponent of and an early participant in our Planned Giving Program. Hopefully, many of us will follow Christian's leadership in that regard (the planning part...not the execution part). Personally, I'll miss Christian's baritone at Board meetings...
Thank you Christian.

Lil's experience in the field of landscape design and her service on the Edgartown Conservation Commission has been of critical use throughout her tenure. She almost left the Board prior to last year but then selflessly asked to come back for a tenth year. Like Christian and many other past directors, Lil will continue to be involved with SMF projects... *Thank you Lil.*

Though she currently commutes from the Vineyard to Manhattan, she retains a surprising energy. She brings extensive management and law experience which will be a comfort to have at our disposal.

Hillary lives in Chilmark with her husband John and their four children; Adelaide, Thea, Ella, and Lathrop. She has spent time



Photo: Sara Piazza

Emily leaves us having completed two stints on the Board. She served as President for three years from 2008 to 2011. As the current President I can attest that the position, though interesting and rewarding, takes time and commitment. Emily steered SMF through a few patches of rough water with competence and grace. Her historical knowledge of past issues will be missed. We wish her well as she takes her skills to start her new mission at the Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard...
Thank you Emily.

Finally, I would like to welcome three new Board members; Patty Favreau, Hillary Noyes-Keene and John Schaefer.

Patty and her husband Marc live in West Tisbury with their sons Owen and Emmett. In meeting with Adam and me, Patty expressed an interest in getting meaningfully involved with a local community effort.

as an educator, as a fine artist – a pursuit she continues, and as a professional landscape architect both in America and here on the Island. She has been and is committed to the Island through several community organizations and we are grateful that she has agreed to share her time, talents, and enthusiasm.

John served ten years on the board from 2005 to 2015, three years as President, and has decided to make another run so that he and Phil Regan can continue their debate over where the higher honor lies; as a Red Sox fan or Yankees fan. John and his wife Pam live in Edgartown as neighbors to SMF's Ox Pond Meadow and Little Beach preserves. Though he never really left, we gratefully welcome John back officially.

In ten years it will be somebody else's pleasure to tell you what great contributions they will have made.



OK... its story time.

Benjamin Franklin said that in life there are only two certainties; death and taxes. He was mostly right.

Though the IRS may be intractable, only Father Time is truly undefeated – by some estimates he is about 100 billion and 0 versus the human race. Ted Williams’ head notwithstanding, nobody has learned how to beat him yet. Clearly the most precious asset we are granted in our lives is the time we have to spend on this ball.

All of us here tonight have chosen to invest some portion of that asset in our Island. By the passage of time, (that is to say “as we age”) the finite nature of our lives becomes more obvious. As such, the obligation to protect our invested time – through support of SMF and the other entities that make the Vineyard our home – becomes not only clear and proper but natural and prudent. This is an appreciation which comes more easily to a head with a few gray hairs.

We are blessed on the Vineyard with an amazing diversity of talented and generous individuals willing to serve SMF such as the Event Committee and the six directors I just mentioned. As members cycle off of the board it is generally possible to replace their area of expertise whether it be design, legal, financial, environmental, educational, etc. It is not difficult to balance seasonal vs. year-round residents and aside from Aquinnah,



Photo: Sara Piazza

it is easy to maintain Island-wide representation. (By the way, to these ends, we keep a list and many of you are on it whether you know it or not). The most difficult variable to incorporate is youth. By nature, young people tend to have more on their plates – family obligations, budding careers with limited flexibility, residential uncertainty, etc. It is understandable that somebody with the hectic life of youth may not recognize the necessity to protect the investment of their time – its finite nature being not yet apparent.

Out of a Board retreat and Strategic Plan in 2010, SMF began an education program. Under the direction of Jennifer Blum and the Education Committee and through our Education Coordinator Samantha Look, it has taken off wildly. The program now brings children from each of the Island schools to several SMF preserves to partake in property specific curricula. This program is a great way to teach our children about

the flora and fauna of the island – essentially an outdoor biology class.

However, it can have a deeper impact if it can instill an appreciation of place and a germ of a sense of responsibility for the conservation and protection of that place. We can all help to insure the generational continuity of conservation by simply exposing our children and grandchildren to properties such as any of the SMF preserves. Exposure is 90% of the effort, because the properties will sing for themselves. The last 10% is a gentle note that if they wish to enjoy such places for the rest of their lives, they need to play a part.

Finally, my daughter Madeline graduated from the High School this spring and heads off to Scotland for college next month. I know that she has developed an appreciation of the Vineyard through SMF properties such as Sheriff’s Meadow Sanctuary, Quansoo Farm, and Cedar Tree Neck. Whether she returns to the Vineyard – or finds some other corner of the world for which she can feel as we do about our island – I hope that she will continue the realization that we all need to conserve and protect that in which we have invested our most precious asset – our time.

Thank you all for your support – we look forward to another great year working together - enjoy the rest of the evening – Manga la port!

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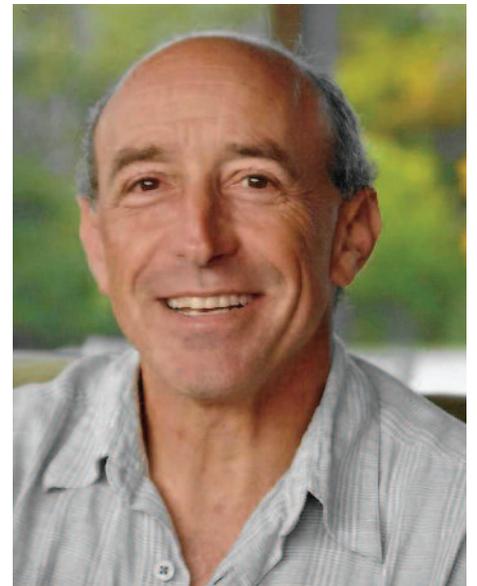
Island real estate broker Jim Feiner presented Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation with a \$1,000 check in July, and announced a new charitable program that he has created.

Mr. Feiner will donate 10% of each of his commissions to an island charity. The charity may be selected by his client, or it may be selected by Mr. Feiner, if the client has not made a selection.

“In my view,” wrote Mr. Feiner, “Martha’s Vineyard is a microcosm of life in the “real” world where the impacts that each

of us have can and often do influence the rest. To a certain extent we are self-contained and as such need to consider others more. It is my hope, therefore, that the efforts I make to give back, inspire or positively impact the Vineyard have a ripple effect that leads to something better for all who live and love it here.”

Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation expresses its sincere gratitude to Mr. Feiner and its appreciate to Feiner Real Estate for this innovative charitable giving program.





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Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary, West Tisbury
Saturday, October 22, 2016
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon

Join the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation Staff for a guided walk of our largest sanctuary. Prepare for a strenuous hike over rugged terrain. Please meet at the trailhead at the end of the Obed Daggett Road. Please carpool.

Moshup Beach and Wallen, Preston & Shands Preserve, Aquinnah
Sunday, December 4, 2016
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Join the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and Land Bank Staff for a guided walk of the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and Land Bank properties at Moshup Beach and the Gay Head Cliffs. Park at the town parking lot at the Aquinnah Circle.



Oyster-Watcha Midlands Preserve Walk
Photo: Marc Macfarlane



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