September 5, 2014

2014 Celebration of Volunteers

The Volunteer Celebration held at the Tom Clagett Boat Shed on July 30 proved to be an overwhelming success. The glorious weather that evening only served to amplify the enthusiasm of the Volunteer Corps. Bettye Noyes delivered great words of praise for the Noyes Awardees as for the first time ever it was awarded to a couple. Joan and Chris Hausmann, an extraordinary team who volunteer in multiple departments, received their award to thunderous applause. Also honored were volunteer David Olsson for his hours spent on the Diorama, clock maintenance throughout the grounds and many other projects and junior volunteer Jacob Freeman for his hours spent with the Interpretation Department, PILOTS program and many other events. This year’s Staff Recognition Award went to Steve Sisk for his four decades of stewardship of the Museum gardens and supervision of the many garden volunteers throughout the years.

Museum President Steve White praised the volunteers for their overwhelming support of the Charles W. Morgan’s 38th Voyage and Executive Vice President Susan Funk gave special recognition to Rhoda Hopkins Root for her years of service to Mystic Seaport. Combined efforts from Bettye Noyes, her daughter Susan, Membership and the Volunteer Services Offices helped to make the event a success.
Steve Sisk receiving the Staff Appreciation Award from Vice President Elisabeth Saxe

Dave Olsson receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award from Director of Membership Alexandra Alpert

Jacob Freeman receiving the Junior Volunteer Recognition Award from Alexandra Alpert

Bettye and Susan Noyes giving The William C. Noyes Volunteer of the Year Award presentation.

A full house at the Boat Shed

Rhoda Hopkins Root at the celebration

-EveAnne Stouch
Photos by Andy Price

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Photo of the Week
A Special Thanks to all of the Rowing Exhibit Volunteers

The recent closing of the rowing exhibit at the G.W. Blunt White Building is truly the end of an era. Sadly, that era was all too short.

All of us at The National Rowing Foundation have been proud to see our sport featured at Mystic Seaport. The rowing fraternity will collectively miss being able to visit the Museum and browse the cabinets for items that reflect so many memories.

The Rowing Exhibit *Let Her Run* and the National Rowing Hall of Fame rooms are now closed and the artifacts on their way to a storage facility. It is our hope that there will be a place for these treasures in the not too distant future.

Without the loyal dedication of so many volunteers the exhibit would never have come to fruition. From the early days of planning, scraping, painting, to setting up the show you have all contributed to something that has been the pride and joy of rowing historians and rowing fans alike.
No letter of thanks would be complete without extraordinary thanks to each and every one of the volunteers who have provided coverage at the front desk. Many of you are rowers yourselves but some of you learned the history of the sport from spending many hours of your time surrounded by the treasures in the collection.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Trustees of the National Rowing Foundation, I thank each of you for your invaluable service to the sport of rowing. I also add my personal thanks on behalf of my late husband Hart Perry. A home for the National Rowing Hall of Fame and an exhibit of rowing history was a dream he shared with Tom Weil, Bill Miller, and others. The dream came true in his lifetime and the Ready All Row volunteers made it come true for him.

With Warm Regards,
Gillian M. Perry
Executive Secretary

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**Sea History Alive**

This week’s video installment of the Sea History Alive marketing campaign featured Vice President Paul O’Pecko speaking about the maritime artifacts featured in the Museum’s “Treasures from the Collections” exhibition: [http://stories.mysticseaport.org/great-art-of-the-sea/](http://stories.mysticseaport.org/great-art-of-the-sea/).

Those engaged in social media are encouraged to post and share with your friends to help amplify the message.

- Dan McFadden
This December, Mystic Seaport in collaboration with *The Day*, will publish a new book about the *Charles W. Morgan*. The 144-page, coffee table book “Charles W. Morgan: A Picture History of an American Icon” showcases the ship’s journey through her 80-year whaling career, five-year restoration, launch in 2013, and 38th Voyage in 2014. The images are selected from the Museum’s collections and from the photographs Andy Price and Dennis Murphy took during this summer’s voyage. Pre-order your copy now for the reduced price of $29.95 and the book will be shipped to you in time for Christmas.


-Dan McFadden

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### 38th Voyage T-Shirts for Sale

These blue t-shirts feature the *Morgan* printed on the back and a small Mystic Seaport/Charles W. Morgan logo on the front left side. They can be purchased for $10 from Kristen Bassilakis in the HR office. There are a limited number currently available, and if there is additional interest we will place one order on September 8. Stop by HR or email kristen.bassilakis@mysticseaport.org with your name and size to reserve.

-Katharine Mead
Lantern Light Tours Auditions

Auditions will be held September 19, 25 and 26 from 5-9 p.m. Each audition will last approximately 15 minutes. Performers should prepare two contrasting monologues, one being comedic. Please bring a theatre resume and headshot. Email or call to schedule your audition.

Lantern Light Tours is a 70-minute progressive or travelling play, set in the year 1876 on Christmas Eve. The play unfolds through five 8-minute scenes that take place in different exhibits around the museum grounds. Between scenes, a tour guide provides entertainment and historic information through first-person story-telling and improvisation. We are seeking performers for scripted scenes and for semi-improvisational tour guiding. Performers must be at least 10 years old. Some paid positions are available.

Performances: 11/29, 12/5, 12/6, 12/12, 12/13, 12/19, 12/20, 12/21, 12/26, 12/27; Snow Date: 12/28

Please email or call to schedule an audition: denise.cannella@mysticseaport.org or 860.572.0711, ext. 5075. For more information, visit www.mysticseaport.org/lanternlighttours.

-Denise Kegler

Welcome, Harper Luisa Alpert!

Alex and Merrick Alpert welcomed Harper Luisa on Monday, August 25. She is joined by big sister Emilia and big brothers Jaxon and Mateo. What a little cutie!

-Jeanne Gade

Book Club

Mystic Seaport book club gatherings resume this fall, beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 4 with a potluck supper and sharing of summer reading highlights at the Latimer Point cottage. Bettye Noyes and her daughter Susan will be the gracious hosts. Everyone is welcome. Please bring something to share. A beverage, appetizer, entree or dessert will be appreciated. Directions will be posted in Brustolon.

-Phyllis Sailer

Volunteer Services Office Update
Due to a reconfiguration of the offices, Karen Bigger now has her own office and extension. She may be reached within Mystic Seaport at extension 5141 or from an outside line at 860.572.5302, ext. 5141. Please stop by and check out her new space.

-EveAnne Stouch

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**Request for Volunteers**

The Office of Volunteer Services has multiple requests for help at upcoming fall events! Listed below in order of pressing need.

**Coastweeks Regatta, Sunday, September 14**
- 3 volunteers for each shift  
  - Shifts are: 6-9 a.m. and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. – Parking cars  
  - 1 volunteer 8 a.m.-12 p.m. – Dolphin Pool Gate Tender

**Antique Vehicle Show -- Sunday, September 21**
- Shifts are: 6:30-9:30 a.m. – Shifts parking cars on the grounds, 7-9:30 a.m. Parking cars in the North Parking Lot  
  - 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. and 11:45 a.m.-5 p.m. – Watching the antique cars for the owners  
  - 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m. and 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Supervising visitor rides

**Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 27**
We need several volunteers to meet and greet our members this day.
- 10:00-11:00 am -- 1 Greeter out front of the VRC and 1 By the Navigation Booth to direct our members and Trustees to the registration table.  
- 10:00-11:00 am -- 4 Volunteers Registration Table outside the tent. Distribute name badges.  
- 10:00-12:00 am -- 4 Volunteers in the Tent. Meet members and escort them to their anniversary table or general seating.  
- 12:30-1:30 pm -- 1 Volunteer Talk and Show at the Planetarium Direct to their Tour Guides  
- 1:30-2:30pm -- 6 Vol. to lead tours to the CRC, Charles W. Morgan, Water Craft Hall, and Roann and L.A. Dunton

**Beer Tasting, Saturday, October 11**
- Beginning at 5:00 pm and lasting until closing 8:30  
- 8 to 10 Volunteers for:  
  - Set up, 3:00-5:00 pm,  
  - Welcome, 5:30-6:30 pm,  
  - Direct Guests to Sampling areas 5:30-8:30 pm,  
  - Position Lanterns along the walk from the Boat Shed to the exit, and help close down. Hopefully people can stay and do more than one position. Call us or stop in for this fun activity.

**Trick or Treat, Thursday, October 30 & Friday, October 31**
- 6 Happy Volunteers to help carve pumpkins or if you’re not a great carver just help to clean them. Pizza at 1:00 pm  
- 22 Spooks, Pirates or Princesses etc. Spook locations for Friday, October 31, 4 – 6 p.m. (soup in Membership 5:30-6 p.m.)  
- Meet in the Membership Building at 3 p.m. to receive assignments and candy!  
- SPOOKS MUST BE IN SIMPLE COSTUME (a few wigs in Membership as loaners)!

*Gerda III:* Current need for volunteer carpenters, engine mechanics, painters, scrapers, and varnishers to help with her upkeep. Thank you to those who have volunteered but we can still use a few more.
Facilities: Two volunteers needed to help out with the grounds crew on Thursday and Friday mornings (7-11:30 a.m.). Duties involve pushing a lawnmower, running a trimmer or blower and trash removal.

Sign-up sheets are in the Office of Volunteer Services or you can call to sign-up at 860.572.5378. We appreciate your efforts to help make these events a success.

-Karen Bigger

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Volunteer of the Week

Marie Engelman, our Volunteer of the Week, has been a volunteer since 2002 and accumulated 3,600 hours. Marie faithfully leads our new volunteers through orientation and a detailed tour of the grounds every Wednesday. Her organization and depth of knowledge of Mystic Seaport leave our new volunteers with no stones unturned or questions unanswered. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator of the Community Carol Sing each December. From providing hospitality to the carolers to checking in at the various food drop-off locations, and making sure the carol sing booklets get distributed to the attendees (1,000+); Marie does it all. Congratulations, Marie, job well done!!

-EveAnne Stouch

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Obituary

It is with great sorrow that I report that Karel den Tex passed away at home on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Karel had a love of the outdoors and spent many years wilderness camping with his wife Ann and children. He was a Mystic Seaport PILOT, a member of the Mystic Seaport Gung Ho Squad and a member of the Ram Island Yacht Club. He also volunteered at the Stonington Lighthouse as well as the Mystic Art Center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Anita, daughter Adrienne and son, Charles. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Community Foundation of Eastern CT or G.W. Blunt White Library at Mystic Seaport.

-EveAnne Stouch

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Employment Opportunities

- Assistant Director of Visitor Services
- Central Reservation Specialist
- Director of Major and Planned Gifts
- Lantern Light Tours Actors
**Classifieds**

**Wanted to Buy:** Authentic English tea set – nineteenth/twentieth century – looking for a complete matching set of teapot, creamer, sugar, and matching cups/saucers. Preferably in very good condition as it will be for a gift and used on certain occasions. Open to any design whether floral/nautical or other applicable schemes. Contact Dayne Rugh at dayne.rugh@mysticseaport.org

**For Sale:** Heart-shaped, ½ carat diamond ring with matching gold band. Size 6. Paid $1,200 and asking for $700. Call 401.932.7053 after 4 p.m. if interested.

**For Sale:** Floor-mounted bike pump - Bell Brand. Designed to work with schrader valves, but with a proper adaptor, it will work with a presta valve as well. Inflates up to 100 psi. I recently upgraded to a road bike with tires that require a higher pressure than this pump can provide. Yours for $10. Email erik.ingmundson@mysticseaport.org if interested.

**For Rent:** Charming two bedroom, two bathroom cottage right outside of Stonington Borough. Includes dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, and wood stove in the living room. Lovely deck overlooking large, secluded yard. Lots of privacy. Exterior recently painted and some new updates throughout. $1,200/mo., utilities not included. For more info contact Tom at 508.274.7970.

**For Rent:** Two great apartments for rent, short walk from Mystic Seaport and downtown. 1 bedroom fully furnished & equipped with utilities included; and a 2 bedroom unfurnished apartment (1st floor). For more information, please contact Maureen at ext. 5336 or cell 860.961.2753 or Quentin at ext. 5372 or cell 860.857.2198.

**For Sale:** 8GB Sansa fuze MP3 player, used very little, includes player, USB cable, earphones, owners guide & Rhapsody software disk. $75. Contact Chris White at ext. 4260 or 401.919.3953 or our.house@ccbbwhite.net

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**Bulletin Submissions**

Please send all submissions to staffbulletin@mysticseaport.org. Deadline is end of day Wednesday. Thank you.