



# Friends of Hog Island News 2017-18



January 2017 - March 2018

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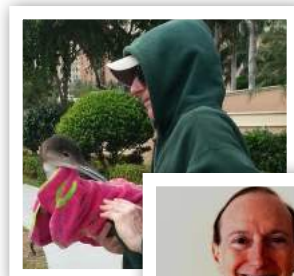
# Change is in the Air . . .

## A New Day Dawns

Yes, it is true. Change *is* in the air. Not only with this issue of the FOHI news, which will now cover pre- and post-camp FOHI news, but also FOHI has taken flight by hiring it's one and only employee, a volunteer coordinator. Similarly, the camp staff and programs have taken flight with more innovations. Everyone's camp experience will be better, whether camper, staff, or volunteer.

## FOHI News

**Volunteer Coordinator.** At FOHI's annual meeting in September 2017, the board unanimously voted to hire a volunteer coordinator. Announcements appeared on the web, social media, and in local newspapers. A number of qualified candidates applied, but one fit all of FOHI's needs: Tony Ferrara. Tony and his wife Cheryl are moving to Maine. A camper in 2016 and 2017, he will get his feet wet with the Opening Workweek on May 16. Welcome Tony!

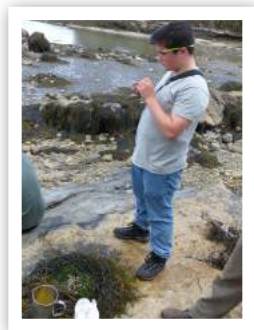


**Tony rescuing a Common Loon**



**Financials.** FOHI's loyal supporters continue to give us and the camp a secure future.

Beside its annual gift of \$50,000 to the camp, FOHI contributed \$11,000 to two much-needed new vans for camp trips; provided three camp scholarships; purchased materials for projects on the island—most noticeable was the new black decking for the pontoon and the refinished floor in the Fish House; purchased kitchen equipment, a wood chipper for trail maintenance, and more. FOHI also paid for mounting three new specimens for the Queen Mary Lab—a Northern Gannet in flight, a Great Blue Heron, and a Great Cormorant. They will fly in for the 2018 session!



**Teen scholarship recipient Chris is pondering whether to eat a periwinkle or not!**

We have almost reached our goal of \$1 million for the Hog Island Endowment: we are at \$880,000. Almost there!

**Volunteers.** Our multi-talented volunteers keep getting better, keep coming back, and keep signing up earlier and earlier. We only have a few spaces left for 2018! We cannot say enough about their dedication and passion for the camp. They give generously and tirelessly of their time—6,700 hours in 2017. Improved work systems throughout the camp allowed a more satisfying experience for all.

Another group of volunteers who make our gardens a joy to behold by their weekly maintenance and by helping Helen Walsh start them in the spring is from the Old Bristol Garden Club. Campers enjoy drawing and photographing them and the visiting butterflies and hummingbirds.



## Camp News

**Staff.** For the 2018 season, we're happy to see Eric, Eva, and Adrian returning. In the kitchen Kristi, who made many of the tasty desserts last year, will return and be co-chef with Anthony Pizzarello, an experienced island chef who is used to the vagaries of the weather and sea. It's going to be another great season with another outstanding team.



**Programs.** Innovations continue on the program side of the camp. A new online Raptor Rapture course is accepting applicants. Other courses are planned. Two new sessions include "Spring Migration and Monhegan" and "Mountains to the Sea" for teens. The teen trip to Costa Rica is also returning.

The camp's Artist-in-Residence program in 2018 will have three artists staying at the Bingham Cottages, one for a 3-week session and two for 2-week sessions, providing a richer experience for the campers and the artist.

The Hog Island staff and FOHI volunteers continue to make the camper's experience a memory that will last a lifetime and bring a smile.

Thank you to all who make it possible—staff, volunteers, donors, and instructors. You rock!



## Welcome 2017 Board Members

What a good feeling when asking someone if they'd like to be on your board and they enthusiastically respond, "I'd love to" or "Yes!" They know about the organization and are eager to help in any way they can. Friends of Hog Island is fortunate to have such board members. If they could, they'd probably stay on forever. But we all know that new faces and ideas keep an organization on its toes. That's what FOHI wants to be—on its toes—to continue its mission and keep up with the changing times.

**Leigh Altadonna** is and has been active in all things Audubon both nationally and regionally in his home state Pennsylvania. In real life, he had a varied career in the Abington School District, PA.

**Randy Blackburn** retired from Union Pacific Railroad as vice president of transportation and bought a summer home overlooking Hog Island with his wife Sharon. He was past president of Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha, NE, and is currently Vice President of Milliken University.

**Tiffany Huenefeldt** *ex officio* is the new managing director of the Seabird Restoration Project; she and her daughter Sophia moved from Germany to Ithaca, NY and spends summers in Maine.

**James Li, MD**, lives with his wife Kim off the grid on a small Maine island from where they can see Hog Island. Formerly an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, he now practices emergency medicine in the MaineHealth system and is health officer for the town of Friendship. They frequent Hog Island by kayak and lobster boat.

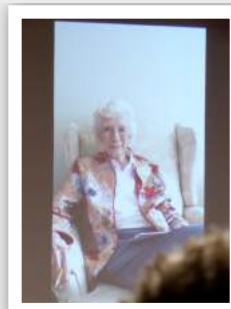
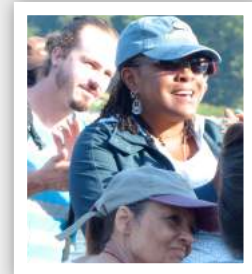
**David Sturdevant** moved to mid-coast Maine in 2013 to become Head of School at Lincoln Academy, after a lifetime in education from Chicago to Vermont to western Maine, and then to Newcastle, Maine.



Top to bottom: Leigh Altadonna, Randy Blackburn, Tiffany Huenefeldt, James Li, and David Sturdevant

## Goodbye to Good Friends

Hog Island Audubon Camp and all who have spent time there had to say goodbye in February 2017 to **Chandra Taylor-Smith**, vice president for diversity and inclusion at National Audubon. Then came the sad news of **Virginia (Ginny) Cadbury**, in her 101st year. She was the living history of the camp as spouse of Bart Cadbury, the camp's first director. She was at the camp in the beginning and founder of the first FOHI.



If that was not enough, we then lost **Peter Vickery**, author, birder extraordinaire, mentor, Hog Island instructor, and so much more.

To lose such great friends was unbearable, and all in the same month. Each of them in their way has left an indelible mark on the island and all who knew them. They will be remembered for their spirit, their love of Hog Island, and their inspiration. They will live on in our hearts.

Photos: Top to bottom. Chandra Taylor-Smith on a Hog Island boat trip to see the puffins.

"Ginny" Cadbury in a video address to Hog Island in 2016.

Peter Vickery (left) with Scott Weidensaul



## FOHI President Given National Audubon Award

National Audubon's Callison Award is its highest honor for volunteerism. Unable to attend the event in Utah, Juanita sent a thank-you letter, read by Steve Kress. At Educator's Week, he surprised her with the award. (See page 7.)



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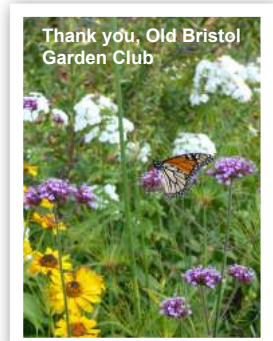
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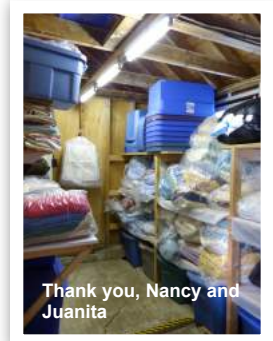
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**Pick-up Truck**

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**Bingham Cottage Restoration 2011-12**  
**Adopt-a-Muffin Stove - 2011**  
**Walk-In Fridge - 2012-13**  
**Kitchen-Dining Room - 2013**  
**Fish House - 2013**  
**Solar Fund - 2014-16**  
**and more . . .**



Thank you Brian and Marilyn



Thank you, Nancy

# Our 2017 Volunteers

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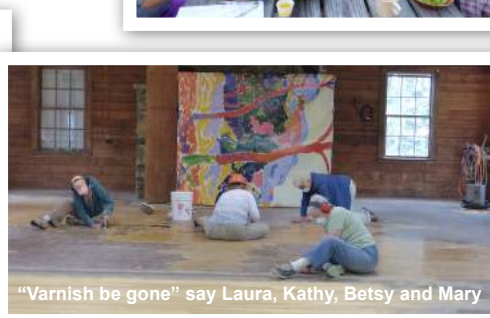
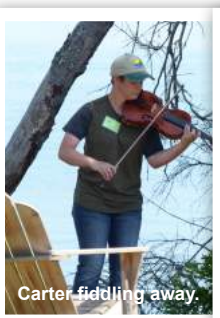
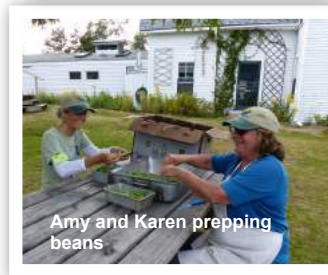
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**Volunteers: 129**  
**Hours: 6,700**

**You Rock!**



## Why do I Volunteer at Hog Island, in Muscongus Bay in Maine?

In a world besotted with self, convenience, instant gratification, and noise, Hog Island just *is*.

A quarter mile offshore, Hog Island’s old growth forest of white pine and red spruce, draped with *Usnea* lichen, harkens in its creaks, groans, and whispers to a time long ago. A time when electricity didn’t exist, no cell phones, no radio, no running water; a time when humans were alert to their natural surroundings, in tune with its rhythms and sounds. The moss-laden trails muffled footfalls on many a rock and twig.

Today, Hog Island is much the same. Its spartan accommodations bespeak of a time when it felt good to be alive, to have survived a cold night, and be rewarded with an *invigorating* cold shower in the morning. Today, cold nights in still spartan rooms are tempered by wool blankets and hot showers. The sunrise knocks on your unadorned window while the winter wren and hermit thrush herald the dawn.

For a week, a lucky few find their way to Hog Island. Arriving weary of the assault of daily modern life, their bodies visibly relax as they step ashore; smiles replace frowns and harried looks. The northern parula foraging in the apple tree, the infinite vista of the island-dotted Muscongus Bay, the unpolluted fresh air, the aroma of home cooking, the smiling faces of staff, instructors, and volunteers, the quirkiness of the 100-year-old buildings, the moss, the lichen, the gardens, together infuse the soul with a warmth and belonging, never to be forgotten.

I’ve volunteered most of my life and have come to rest at Hog Island. I believe that we can make the world a better place by giving of our most precious gift—*Time*. To this day, I cannot think of Hog Island—its mossy paths and old forest, its century-old buildings with all the whispers of the past, and of *all* who have toiled and cared for it—without tears. I cannot imagine the day when I will no longer be able to row across the Narrows and experience the loamy earth and smiles of campers renewing their spirit and awakening to the natural world, when I will no longer be able to give.

Find something you care for deeply and volunteer. You *will* make your world a better place, but take time to look back and see where you started, how far you’ve come, by doing so, the road ahead will be easier and attainable. All the while, you will learn, push yourself and others, and together you will make it happen. Friends of Hog Island did just that. FOHI volunteers donate their valuable summer time with an average of 7,200 hours a season. They passionately give of their *finite* time. They make it happen. So will you.

Thank you for this honor.

**Juanita Roushdy**  
upon receiving the  
**Callison Award,**  
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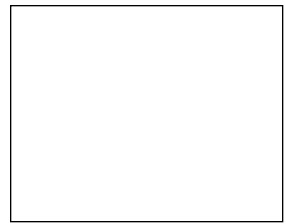
EXPENSES	2015	2015	2017
Hog Island			
Audubon Camp	\$74,225.87	\$103,458.13	\$99,813.94
Fundraising	4,683.95	4,801.12	5,365.49
Other	<u>1,079.00</u>	<u>1,241.68</u>	<u>1,623.41</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$79,988.82</b>	<b>\$109,500.93</b>	<b>\$106,802.84</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	\$119,207.18	\$138,400.16	\$137,174.32
Other; sales	1,420.00	2,573.50	1,621.44
Interest; investments	<u>227.31</u>	<u>538.19</u>	<u>1,650.25</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$120,854.49</b>	<b>\$141,511.85</b>	<b>\$140,446.01</b>
Cash Flow-Year to Date	<u>\$40,865.67</u>	<u>\$ 32,010.92</u>	<u>\$ 33,643.17</u>

Statement of Financial Condition - Cash Basis December 31	2015	2016	2017
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Restricted Cash	\$23,500.17	\$ 39,940.04	\$ 25,512.01
Unrestricted Cash	<u>\$183,037.67</u>	<u>\$198,707.22</u>	<u>\$246,778.42</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$206,537.84</b>	<b>\$238,647.26</b>	<b>\$272,290.43</b>

**Note:** TOTAL NET ASSETS includes \$165,672.17 accumulated up to 2014.



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*Promises made; promises kept.*



A FOHI chorus line...

**Cover photo:** A few of the FOHI 2017 Closing Week volunteers. The flowers go home with the volunteers at the end of the season!

*Oh, this is the year . . .*

. . . to come to Hog Island. So much is happening. Learn from the best in the field and have a great time. Make *your* memory of a lifetime.

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**You could be sitting** in this Adirondack chair made by FOHI volunteers Gary, Laura, and Tom.



Gary, Laura, and Tom show off their finished Adirondack chair.

**At Hog Island,  
the bell rings  
for you,  
the FOHIs, and  
staff too!**



Mike, a happy FOHI volunteer, ready to ring the bell!

**Be part of the FOHI  
Volunteer Team - They Rock!**

Work hard, laugh hard, and make friends for a lifetime.



Every volunteer who works a one-week session gets a FOHI t-shirt for each week they work!

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