

# The Guillemot



Friends of Hog Island  
News 2021-22  
March 2021 - March 2022

The mission of the Friends of Hog Island is to preserve the legacy and support the conservation and nature programs and activities of the Audubon Camp at Hog Island, Bremen, Maine.

## A Note from the FOHI President . . .

Dear FOHI supporters,

It's the first day of spring as I write this, and while I expect northern New England to throw a few more bouts of winter weather our way, summer is coming. We're all looking forward to the arrival of FOHI volunteers and the first campers at Hog Island, and as was the case in 2021, FOHI has been working very closely with Eva Matthews Lark, Eric Snyder and the rest of the National Audubon staff to ensure a safe camp season despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Last year, FOHI and Audubon jointly designed a cautious, conservative set of Covid protocols and safeguards, which served us well; camp had a perfect record, without a single known case. We're being similarly careful this year, and will adjust what we do and how we respond as the situation warrants. Camp capacity remains somewhat reduced from pre-pandemic years, but with vaccine requirements and masking where prudent we are resuming the use of vans and dories, while retaining outdoor dining, a change that was enthusiastically embraced by campers, FOHI and staff alike.

As you'll read in more detail elsewhere, we have a changing of guard at FOHI. Our longtime volunteer coordinator Tony

Ferrera, who has done yeoman's work for us for the past four years, has stepped down to spend more time with his wife, enjoying life out by McCurdy Pond. We're delighted to announce that FOHI has hired Adam DiNuovo as our new volunteer coordinator — a name that will be familiar to many of you, since Adam, who worked for National Audubon in Florida,

has been an instructor for many years during Hog Island's seabird conservation sessions. (Special thanks to Tony for his help in getting Adam up to speed during the hectic late-winter period when camp and FOHI registration both opened. We're pleased that Tony will remain involved with FOHI even in his retirement.)

Finally, plans continue apace for raising the Queen Mary, hopefully this autumn after camp has finished. Eric Snyder has been spearheading this enormous undertaking, working with contractors and a number of regulatory bodies whose permits and blessings we need to lift the QM above rising sea levels — a project, as we've noted before, being underwritten by very generous FOHI supporters.

Come on, summer! I can't wait to see many of you this year back on the island.

*Scott Weidensaul*



### A personal thank you, Tony

When Tony Ferrara graciously agreed to stay on through 2021 making it easier for FOHI to hire his replacement while camp was in session, I assured him that I would be by his side each opening day to help with the craziness of each new session and Covid protocols. He breathed a huge sigh of relief and said "Oh that would be so helpful." It turned out, Tony had to manage by himself, while I spent the season on crutches!

The point of telling this anecdote is that Tony ventured out into the unknown landscape of Covid and managed to keep his and the volunteers' spirits high. They dug in and adapted to the



restricted schedules, rules, and movements. They laughed and worked together. They made the camp hum and purr, cleaning, washing, scrubbing, repairing, carrying, moving, serving, masking, gardening, and enjoying all the island experience has to offer.

That generosity of spirit is what keeps Hog Island going. Thank you, Tony, for delaying your retirement to see us through 2021. (He promises to return as a volunteer after his travels.)

Thank you for your big heart and big smile. We'll see you back on the island as a FOHI volunteer proudly wearing your T-shirt. We couldn't have made it in 2021 without you.

*Juanita Roushdy, Executive Director*





## FOHI in 2021

For FOHI and for the camp, 2021 was a daring year. Not only did the camp operate at half capacity, but rooms were singles except for family, dining was outside — rain or shine, everyone masked and kept socially distanced, campers drove their own cars on field trips, and so much more. Needless to say, we all came through it with flying colors, both FOHI volunteers and Audubon staff made it happen.

Seventy-four volunteers signed up with gusto despite all the paperwork — newcomers and old timers rallied — all eager to be on the island and enjoying the camaraderie and work. In total, they gave 6,116 hours of their time.

Because of your continued generosity, FOHI increased its annual donation to the camp to \$60,000 from \$50,000. We also purchased items needed for the kitchen and laundry room, including a new washing machine. We are



also starting 2022 with a healthy reserve of \$450,618, which includes restricted funds for the Queen Mary.

We hired a local company, Northeast Media Collective, to redesign our website, which now highlights our digital archive and makes access easier. Take time to explore it and send us your feedback at [info@fohi.org](mailto:info@fohi.org). Huge thanks to Jay Collier who hosted our site for so long and was our technical guru.

Our biggest news is about the Queen Mary. FOHI and Audubon attended all the town planning meetings for permitting. At the meeting in early March 2022, we received the news that all requirements had been satisfied; the project was free to move ahead. Eric Snyder, project manager, hopes fall 2022 will see the Queen Mary slowly rise. Thanks to a number of generous donors, FOHI is funding the project including the permitting.

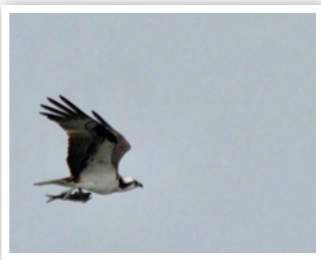
Our new volunteer coordinator, Adam DiNuovo, led a field of excellent applicants. He's now busy with the 2022 sign-ups!

At Hog Island, we never say goodbye, instead we say “see you again soon.” So to FOHI board members Charles Duncan and Sarah Matel we say thank you and see you again soon. Sarah had to step down for personal reasons. Charles cycled off. Many thanks to Anthony La Creta for stepping in until a new treasurer is appointed.

## Scholarship Recipients 2021

Each season, FOHI gives one or two scholarship for the teen birding camps. We offer them to the Maine Young Birders Club. The recipients for 2021 were Anna Seigel and Eliza Nickelson. Below is a piece that Anna wrote after her session and photo she caught of the osprey carrying a fish!

“I left Hog Island on a cold, drizzly morning with stories to tell my parents, photos to upload and sort, and a new notebook in my backpack. Whenever I want to revisit my fantastic time at the Monhegan and



Hog Island Birding for Teens week this summer, I find that notebook and peruse its pages. Inside is not only the bird lists from our early morning walks but sketches of fungi, interesting moths, and a strange beetle, none of

which I'd have stopped to observe on a typical bird walk. Below these quick studies is a series of numbers, the body



Left to right: JB Smith, FOHI volunteer, Eliza Nickelson, Anna Seigel, Josua Potter, Teen Camp instructor.

measurements of the American Goldfinches, Purple Finches, and Downy Woodpeckers we banded. I chuckle at the page covered with my distinctive, hurried scrawl, as I tried to write down all the questions I had during Don Lyons presentation on seabird restoration.

The last page of the notebook might be my favorite — small portraits of the friends I made over four days, four days of boat rides, binoculars, and bonding. My Hog Island experience taught me many things, but the most valuable lesson may have been that the young birding community is as enjoyable and welcoming as the birds themselves.”

# Our 2021 Donors

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David & Audrey Nelson  
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Tony Ferrara and FOHI volunteers present Don Lyons with a \$60,000 restricted check for Hog Island Audubon Camp at the Arts and Birding session in 2021.

## Miscellaneous FOHI purchases for camp

- 1 Rice Cooker - 90-cup capacity
- 1 Salad Spinner - 5-gallon capacity
- 6 Baking dishes - 3-qt glass
- 3 oval Corning baking dishes w/lids - 2.5 qt.
- 96 juice glasses - 8.5 oz
- 60 Melamine lobster plates
- 72 "wine" glasses - 5 oz.
- 1 washing machine - front-loading



Thank you, Loree, for making, painting, and installing all the sanitizing stations around the camp. They look great!

# 2021 Donors - cont'd

Kim Newby & James Li  
Loree Niola  
Kath Disney Nilson

**O**  
Katherine O'Brien  
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**Gifts received in honor of**  
*David Klinger for his many years of service to Hog Island*  
By Robert & Gaye Phillips

*Sue Schubel for her many years of service to Hog Island*  
By Robert & Gaye Phillips

*Juanita Roushdy*  
By Elizabeth (Betsy) Phillips  
By Barbara Trafton  
By Lena Gallitano

*Dr. Sarah Morris*  
By Elizabeth "Betsy" Phillips

*Gloria Draper and Jeff and Kamala Cotton*  
By Maine Community Foundation

## Gifts received in memory of

*George A. Borzik*  
By Rose Borzik

*Dave and Phyl Reynolds, grandparents of campers Alison and Elise Seyferth*  
By Sara Reynolds

*Peter Barber (Field Ornithology 8-10 years ago)*  
By Sara Morris

*Rachel . . .*  
By Karen Lund

*Henry and Margaret Trail*  
By Fred and Beverly Trail

**Gifts in kind**  
Betsy Cadbury  
Mike and Nancy Dickinson  
Holly Emmons  
Jan Getgood  
Juanita Roushdy  
Helen Walsh  
Scott Weidensaul

*You make us soar!  
Thank you.*



## From the Garden Coordinator . . .

Many FOHI gardeners toiled on hands and knees, from May to October, in the ongoing improvement of the camp



landscape. The areas of native plants installed in 2019 were weeded, watered, mulched and amended as some failed while others flourished.

Runaway oregano was painstakingly

dug out of flowerbeds and replaced with native plants friendly to pollinators. Several volunteers (Jan Getgood, Nancy Dickinson, Holly Emmons, Jenny Welch, Helen Walsh, and Scott Weidensaul) raised and donated appropriate perennials.

Traditional box gardens and containers were filled with colorful annuals and herbs.

Shrubs and trees were planted around the edge of the island to mitigate erosion and replace blown-down spruce. Heat, drought, and hungry deer were challenges, but our efforts paid off. Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped to keep the gardens watered and weeded!

On the mainland, welcoming perennial borders were lovingly tended, and a new bird-friendly garden designed by Steve Kress was installed by Audubon staff Eric Snyder and Adrian Bregy with FOHI help and donated plants. In the hillside meadow, volunteers tirelessly battled invasive alien weeds, particularly Asian jewelweed. Birds, bees, butterflies and birders all enjoy the benefits!

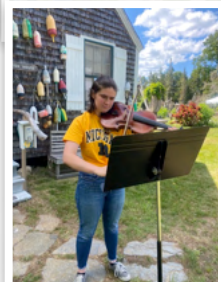
*Nancy Dickinson*



# What does it mean to be a FOHI volunteer?

- V** Visionary - they see what was and what can be.
- O** Organized - they make order out of chaos.
- L** Loyal - they are steadfast to FOHI's mission to support Hog Island.
- U** Unwavering - they never waver in their passion for Hog Island.
- N** Noble - they give generously of their finite time.
- T** Tenacious - they don't give up.
- E** Energizing - they make the impossible possible through teamwork.
- E** Ebullient - they laugh, they work, they overflow with joy.
- R** Renewing - they make the old seem new.

## Our 2021 Volunteers



### At camp

#### B

Carol Baker  
Mary Butler  
Sandra Beausoleil  
Claudia Burdett-Lerner

#### C

Betsy Cadbury  
Joel Cadbury  
Valerie Church-  
McHugh  
Joyann Cirigliano  
Debbie Conrad

#### D

Karen Day  
Nancy Dickinson  
Mike Dickinson  
Kathy Dodge  
Beth Doloff  
Richard Doyle  
Tim Dunton

#### E

Cindy Edwardson  
Chris Edwardson  
Becky Elder  
Neal Erickson

Ronna Erickson

#### F

Cheryl Ferrara

#### G

Dave Grant  
Mary Gunther

#### H

John Hayden  
Blythe Hazellief  
Kathy Henry  
Anthony Hill  
Margaret Hudson

#### K

Lisa Kaufman  
Paula Kubisek

#### L

Mary La Creta  
Anthony La Creta  
Stacey Lambert  
Margaret Lechner  
Kathy Lena

#### M

Carter McDermott-  
Hinman  
Barb McEachern  
Dorothea Malsbary

Richard Malsbary

Martha Meyers

Tom Meyers

David Morrisette  
Tony Musgrave

#### N

Loree Niola

#### O

Cynthia Ocel  
Jancie Olson

#### R

Mary Rasmussen  
Benjamin Rosenzweig

#### S

Sigrid Salmela  
Joan Sarno  
Julie Seifert  
Sharon Seitz  
John Sherman  
JB Smith  
Pete Snyder  
Cindy Stevens  
Mark Stevens  
Tina Streker

#### T

Maggie Taylor

Beverly Trail  
Fred Trail

#### V

Alison Vooris  
Chris Vooris

#### W

Bob Wallis  
Helen Walsh  
Nina Wang  
Jenny Welch  
Loren Wright

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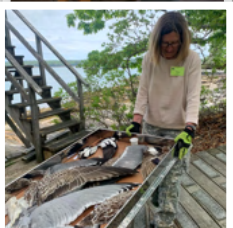
### Off island

Juanita Roushdy

**Volunteers: 74**

**Hours: 6,116**

**You Rock!**



## A Big Welcome to Adam, FOHI's New Volunteer Coordinator

Adam DiNuovo is no stranger to Hog Island. In a previous life he was an instructor on the island and has always found a reason to return to help out in his free time. He moved to Florida and warmer climates where he worked for Audubon Florida as a shorebird program manager. He managed all aspects of the shorebird program and also managed a large group of volunteers. His life has been shorebirds. Like so many of us, he has fallen under Hog Island's spell and has moved north to be near it. He has jumped in with both feet. During the season he will live on the island. Welcome, Adam. You are part of a team that makes the impossible possible!



### Hello 2022 Volunteers

As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, we are excitedly awaiting the start of another amazing season on Hog Island.

I have been busy signing up volunteers and am happy to say we are nearly full for every session. It is amazing to see the overwhelming support for the island we love so much. The time and resources provided by the Friends of Hog Island are the foundation of the Hog Island Audubon Camp, without which the camp would not exist. For that we thank you.

Every day that goes by has me more and more excited to begin my first season as volunteer coordinator. I am looking forward to seeing old friends and getting to know those of you I have yet to meet. No doubt it will be another fun-filled successful season on Hog Island.

If you have not done so already, be sure to sign up as a volunteer. Sessions are filling fast.

Hope you are all happy and healthy. I can't wait to see you on the island this summer.

Adam

FOHI volunteer coordinator  
[volunteer@fohi.org](mailto:volunteer@fohi.org)

### Statement of Cash Flow - Cash Basis, 2019-21 (January 1 - December 31)

EXPENSES	2019	2020	2021
Hog Island			
Audubon Camp	\$170,824.30	\$103,728.59	\$80,441.87
Fundraising	5,476.99	4,019.86	6,600.30
Payroll Expenses	19,593.72	19,158.44	16,589.78
Technology-web site	—	—	7,125.00
Other	<u>3,003.78</u>	<u>3,161.37</u>	<u>3,955.85</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$198,898.79</b>	<b>\$130,068.26</b>	<b>\$114,712.80</b>

INCOME	2019	2020	2021
Donations	\$147,570.32	\$100,930.34	\$303,560.55
Other; sales	474.47	—	342.58
Interest; investments	<u>3,602.25</u>	<u>3,320.63</u>	<u>41.69</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$151,647.04</b>	<b>\$104,250.97</b>	<b>\$303,944.82</b>

<b>Cash Flow-Year to Date</b>	<b>-\$47,251.75</b>	<b>-\$25,817.29</b>	<b>\$189,232.02</b>
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### Statement of Financial Condition - Cash Basis -December 31

	2019	2020	2021
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Restricted Cash	\$ 9,023.73	\$ 9,017.50	\$245,951.75
Unrestricted Cash	<u>277,700.74</u>	<u>252,368.70</u>	<u>204,666.47</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$286,724.47</b>	<b>\$261,386.20</b>	<b>\$450,618.22</b>



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*Promises made; promises kept.*



Colleen and Carter making music on Hog Island!

**Come to Hog Island . . .**

**Check out the camp program schedule at**  
<https://hogisland.audubon.org>.

**Cover photos:** Top photo: FOHI opening work week. Bottom photo: closing work week.

**Volunteers enjoy tasty, healthy, locally grown food, shade-grown, bird friendly coffee, downtime, and, yes, you get a freshly caught lobster!**



### **Do you have what it takes to be a FOHI Volunteer?**

The ability to work hard, laugh hard, be part of a team, learn new skills,  
and make friends for a lifetime.



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

Visit <https://fohi.org/volunteering/volunteer-info/> Sign up at [www.fohi.org/support/volunteer-signup/](https://fohi.org/support/volunteer-signup/).

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