SAKONNET PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

2015 ANNUAL REPORT 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

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2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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Kathy Klees Clarendon, Director of Development & Communications

Proposed for 2016-2017 Board Service

Michal Brownell John Cook

> Red Admiral on Goldenrod, Photo: Geoff Dennis Cover photo: Ed Hughes



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2015 VOLUNTEERS

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New Property Monitors for 2016

Paul Bazzoni Tara Bradley Mary Gordon Donna Pilkington

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2015 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Balance Sheet Highlights:

Cash and Equivalents	\$174,941
Investments	\$408,270
Land and Conservation Easements	\$3,425,681
Other	\$18,880
Liabilities	\$7,809
Unresticted Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	\$319,289

Income statement highlights:

Unrestricted Contributions	\$92,395
Other unrestricted cash income	\$14,538
Cash available for operations	\$106,933
Operating Expenses	\$98,605

Volunteers Hours:

196.13 hours, valued at \$22/hour	\$85,305

• YOUR DONATIONS

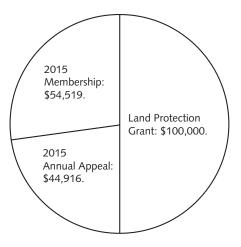




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2015 ACTIVITIES MADE POSSIBLE BY **OUR MEMBERS**

LAND PROTECTION

Acquired two properties – 645 West Main Rd. and Hagopian & Manchester parcels, led by Land Protection Committee Chair Sheila Mackintosh. SPA now owns 25 properties outright and 33 conservation easements and deeds to development rights, comprising over 440 acres.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & STEWARDSHIP

Inspected boundary marking and conservation restrictions on all 58 SPA properties and addressed all violations promptly and successfully with the help of 32 community and board volunteers, trained and supervised by Stewardship Committee Chair Heather Steers;

Digitally archived the bulk of SPA's land protection documents dating from 1974 to the present;

Continued removal of invasives on SPA-owned properties Shaw (wisteria) and The Ponderosa (phragmites) and provided guidance to private landowners about addressing invasives on their land;

Hosted representatives of the three conservation groups working locally, two local garden clubs, biologists Carol Lynn Trocki and Lisa Tewksbuury, conservation landscape architect John Gwynne, writer Jana Porter & farmer Geoff Beresford to discuss land management issues on conserved and private lands. The group initiated the December "What I love most about Little Compton..." posters that received prominent coverage in the press and nearly 400 responses from the community that are generating ideas for collaborative projects.

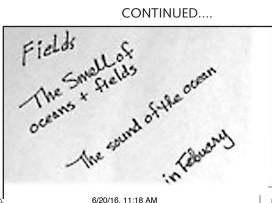
GOVERNANCE/ADMINISTRATION

Completed a comprehensive strategic planning overhaul;

Submitted SPA's application for renewal of its national accreditation;

Hired part-time Director of Development & Communications, Kathy Klees Clarendon.

> You'll find these hand written comments throughout the program taken last year from the "What I love most about Little Compton" survey posters around town.



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PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Co-sponsored three public education programs in collaboration with, among others, the two local garden clubs, RI Natural History Survey, and The Nature Conservancy of RI;

Noah Perlut on Bobolinks in April;

BioBlitz & Little Compton Nature Day in June;

Geoff Dennis & Jeanne Parente on Piping Plovers & other shoreline birds in November.

SPA sponsored a half-day Bobolink walk in May with 17 students, ages 3-5, from the local Montessori school;

Published two newsletters focused on conservation successes and challenges which were mailed to the entire town and out-of-town SPA members;



Engaged nationally-recognized & locally raised land trust leader Christopher Miller as the speaker for SPA's July Annual Meeting.

GRANTS RECEIVED

For general operations from The Haffenreffer Family Fund, The Carter Family Fund, and The Weatherlow Foundation;

For Land Protection from the Higgins Family Foundation;

For digitizing SPA's records from the RI General Assembly.

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CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

8 board members attended the RI Land & Water Conservation Summit.

INVOLVEMENT IN STATEWIDE CONSERVATION INITIATIVES

One SPA board member served on the RI Land Trust Council board and two served on its Land Trust Excellence committee, a collaborative effort jointly sponsored with the national Land Trust Alliance. OUR LONG-TIME SUPPORTERS.

10+ Years

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LONG-TIME SUPPORTERS

Bill & Sue Hutson Mr. & Mrs. Christopher C. Ingraham F. Barbara Jordan Mimi & John Karlsson George Kilborn Adeline Gwynne Kurz Agnes & George* Langdon Edward Levine & Isabella Porter Stephen & Sharon Linder Jane & Steve* Lorch Peter & Gail Lozier James "Shay" Lynch Suzanne Lyons Ian & Margaret MacDonald Stuart & Mary Mackintosh Sheila & Bill Mackintosh Mr. & Mrs. William Makepeace Leslie Malone Timothy & Patricia Maloney John & Diana Marshall Fred Marziano & Kimberly Paterson Gary Mataronas Hans Mautner Mrs. Phoebe T. Meehan Patricia & Richard Menoche Mr. & Mrs. Howard R. Merriman. Jr. Elizabeth P. Millikin Jane Moffett Brent & Favette Moore Barbara Mungall & Jan Pethick Walter & Louise Munroe The Murdocks Susan Hall Mygatt Bill & Janet Myrin Stephen & Lucy O'Connor Theodora O. O'Hara Stephen Olesky & Judith Tick Dorothy Osborn Anne T. Ott* Mr. & Mrs. Gordon L. Parker, Jr. Jeffrey Parker & Avila Moore Barbara Pauls Liz Peckham & Skip Paul Roswell B. Perkins Eric & Jane Philippi Marjorie B. Phinney Edward & Sonia Pollard Franklin & Barbara* Pond Jana & Bob* Porter David & Leslie Puth Ken Ramsay & Karen Edwards Mary & Chris Rawson Karen & Bill Richmond

Jane T. Roberts & Clinton Thompson* David & Cathy Rosenberg Richard & Ann Rudick Earl & Susan Samson Mr. & Mrs.* Christopher S. Sargent John & Elizabeth Schori Miriam Scott Herb Shander & Bente Hoegsberg Cindy Sheldon Jeff & Trina Sherer George Shevchuk Chris & Mara Shore Bennett Simon & Roberta Apfel Caldwell Smith & Alice Benedict John & Sandi Sparks **Rebecca Spencer** Jonathan & Betsy Stapleton Heather & Michael Steers Carol & Larry* Strasburger Paul & Mary Suttell Trish & Sam* Sylvester Hope & Lewis Taylor Pollie S. Thayer Bill & Sue Theriault Anne Tillinghast & Win Hall Fred & Betty Torphy Joseph & Phyllis Tracy Heidi Truscott Kathy & Ted Truscott Mr. & Mrs. James L. Truslow Sidney Tynan Paul & Martha Van Zuiden Bob & Ann von der Lippe Ashley & David Wagstaff Coll M. Walker Ralph Watson Helen Richmond Webb Louise & David Wechsler Rosalind & James* Weir Barbara Wentz Charles A. Whipple & Randi von Steinwehr Frances & Paul* Wilber Deborah E. Wiley Mr. & Mrs. Alan Willemsen Frank & Janet Winkler Frank & Mary Ellen Wojciechowski Greg & Lucille Wolf Bob & Malinda Wolter Caleb & Alesandra Woodhouse Hilary & Helen Woodhouse Roger & Noreen Wordell Sonja & Bill* Yates Nina P. Young

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Carolyn & James Lock Holly Mackintosh & Rob Sidloski Chuck Makepeace Mr. & Mrs. James Mataronas, III Sandra & Greg Mataronas Heather & Jeffrey McCarthy Nancy & Peter McDowell David & Lorraine McLaughlin Don & Alison McNaughton James & Maureen Mellowes Ambassador & Mrs. J. William Middendorf Libby & Raoul Moore Alexandra Morrison Albin & Eileen Moser David & Marion Mussafer Mr. & Mrs. Bill Nightingale Madeline Noble Tim & Janice Olson Barbara Passmore Garry Plunkett James Redding & Catherine Hemerlein Hadley & Jeanette Reynolds Jack & Sarah Robinson Gardner & Pamela Rogers Trip & Allyson Samson Elaine Straight Sanders Harriet Savage Patricia Schneider Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schofield Suzie Shaw The Snow Family Stanley & Hope* Sorrentino Rush Taggart & Dorothy Bedford Geoffrey Taylor Katherine Thurber* Margaret & Peter Tirpaeck Mr. & Mrs. Rodney D. Titcomb Frances & Peter Trafton Carol Lynn Trocki Sheila Tumilty & Laurence Coch Marie A. Viens Joni Walser & Andy Church

* deceased

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Every effort has been made to accurately recognize all of those who make our work possible. If you find an error, we would appreciate your bringing it to our attention by calling 401.635.8800 or emailing spa.lc.kclarendon@gmail.com.



Conservation easement or restriction, or deed to development rights: A legal agreement between a landowner and a conservation organization that permanently prevents residential development and limits a property's uses in order to protect its conservation values.

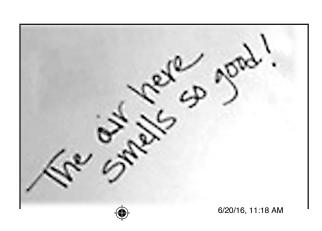
When a conservation easement is donated or sold to SPA the landowner, not SPA, continues to own and manage the land subject to the easement's restrictions. SPA's responsibility is to monitor each easement annually to ensure that management by the owner conforms to the agreement.

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48% of the properties SPA protects are under a conservation easement or restriction, or a deed to development rights.

Fee Simple Interest: Deeded outright ownership of a property to a conservation organization. SPA is fully responsible for the management and annual monitoring of each property it owns to ensure its conservation values are protected.

52% of the property that SPA protects is owned outright by this land trust.



About Dr. Alan F. Poole

Alan currently serves as an Associate of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, having been the senior editor of *The Birds of North America* from its inception in 1991 until 2015. He was responsible for initiating an online version of that publication, making it possible to reach thousands of subscribers and students in the US and Canada daily.

His publications have focused on life history studies and birds of prey, including his book *Ospreys: A Natural and Unnatural History* (Cambridge University Press, 1989). This work looks at the natural history of a bird that has become the major symbol of international bird conservation, with special focus on the successful restoration of threatened osprey populations in Scotland and New England.

Dr. Poole has lived in southeastern Massachusetts for over 35 years. His interests in this region center on the unusually concentrated osprey nesting population in the Westport Rivers, which he has monitored and helped nurture since graduate school.

Recently retired from a decade as a Senior Research Associate at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Alan is now undertaking research on resident and neotropical migrant birds in the mountains of Belize, as well as continuing studies of nesting ospreys in southern New England. Alan writes: "Although work has had me living in various parts of the Northeast over the past few decades, the marshes and beaches and islands of the South Coast retain a wildness that has continued to draw me back. Little wonder I was unable to resist that siren song in retirement." With Dr. Poole's help, these large birds have recovered from near extinction and make Little Compton and nearby Westport a seasonal home.



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Northern Bluet on Goldenrod. Photos:Claudia McNoil

