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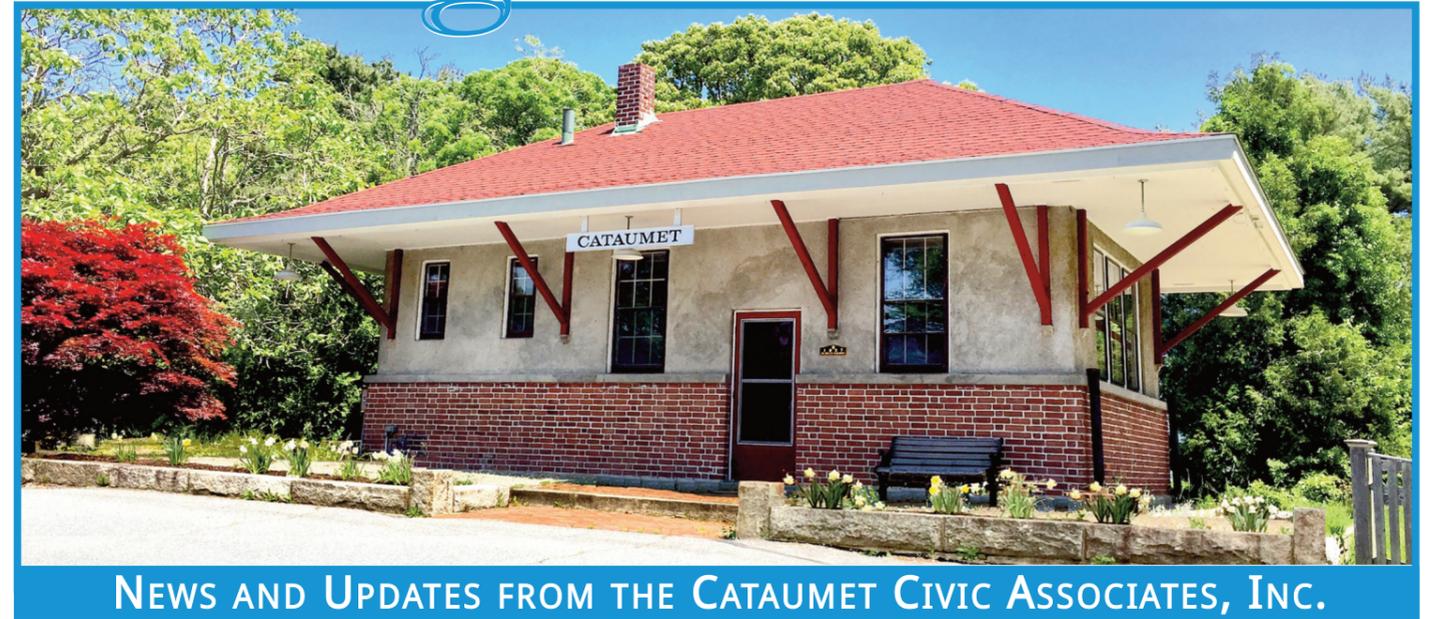
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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CATAUMET CIVIC ASSOCIATES, INC.

Our Mission: To enhance the village of Cataumet and the lives of its residents and also lessen the burdens of government; by advancing interest, instruction, skill and appreciation of the Arts, Education and Science through the sponsorship and promotion of public exhibitions, festivals, entertainment and symposia; by encouraging the conservation and preservation of lands and natural resources and the maintenance of public parks and historical structures so as to combat community deterioration; by granting scholarships to deserving students; by taking an active and useful part in the social and civic affairs of Cataumet and the Town of Bourne; by providing charity and social relief to the needy.

Important Village Events 2019 ~ Mark Your Calendars

Look for updates at: www.CataumetCA.org or follow us on Facebook!

July 13 - 20	Non-Food Drive	Depot (during the day)
July 21	Marionettes Show "Sleeping Beauty"	10:00 – 11:00 am Cataumet Club
August 6, 13, ...	Tuesday Talks	7:00 pm Schoolhouse
August 7	Annual Meeting	7:00 pm Depot
August 9 – 12	Cataumet Village Celebration	Many times and venues Watch for website updates!
September 7	Antique Car Show/Picnic	12:00 – 4:00 pm Schoolhouse
December 1	Tree Lighting and Carol Sing	5:00 pm Post Office Square
December 7	Craft Fair	9:30 am – 3:00 pm Schoolhouse

Got questions? Got suggestions? Got Concerns?

Want to get involved? Join the Board or a Committee?

It's easy. Just contact Jane Hurter at CCA@elliptic.com or any Board member.

The CCA would love to hear from you!

Message from the President, Jane Hurter

2018 was a very exciting and productive year. The CCA was successful in fulfilling its 2017 goals and in implementing many new initiatives and launching new projects.

Communications

We are very fortunate that Chris Gegg is still our Communications Chair. Her role is very important in keeping members informed and involved in issues and events. Chris maintains the CCA email list, updating as needed. Chris sends out frequent *Blast!* emails to our members, announcing events, updates, and other useful information.

The Village at Cataumet

In keeping with our mission of serving the local community, the CCA has started another Civic Participation program with The Village at Cataumet, a former motel converted into a family

shelter that also offers support services. Our new Board member and appointed Programs Chair, Lisa Bzymek, began communications with The Village in 2018 regarding ways to assist the tenants, especially the children.

The CCA has already recruited volunteers to drive tenants and their children to "A Baby Place," a weekly service center at Christ the King Church in Mashpee that provides free diapers and wipes. Volunteer transportation has also made CCA events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and Easter Egg Hunt accessible to The Village residents. CCA's "Non-Food Drive" will be a joint venture this year providing goods to both the Bourne Food Pantry, as in previous years, and to The Village.

(See their informative 4-minute video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0NjCrveZKE)

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YOUR CCA BOARD

- Jane Hurter = President
- John Holden = Secretary
- Laura J. Murphy = Treasurer
- Lisa Bzymek = Patti DiBella
- Janice Goon = Ben Joyce
- Mike Lipchak = Pam Pollock

Patti Dibella and Ben Joyce, who are retiring from the Board, deserve our gratitude for many selfless years of service. They will be missed!

If you are interested in filling a vacancy on the Board, contact CCA@elliptic.com.

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Scholarships

The new Scholarship procedures worked! We received five worthy applicants through the CCA Scholarship Application Process, and granted one Mears and four regular scholarships this year. (See page 8 to learn of our recipients.)

Sadly Don Mears, whose generosity is the source of the Mears Scholarships, passed away in March, but his legacy will live long for the CCA. (See page 9 honoring Don.)

Cataumet Depot

The Depot has undergone a much-needed renovation, including new paint, electrical system, and bathroom, plus new tables and chairs. The Depot is available for small events and parties. (See our ad on page 8.)

Watercolor paintings by Priscilla Levesque, the originals of the murals mounted on the RR bridge, were located. These paintings are actually property of the CCA, so we had them professionally framed and they now hang in the Depot. Since CCA has reproduction rights to them, we are considering using them for other items, such as note cards.



Beautiful Cataumet watercolor scenes by Priscilla Levesque



Cataumet Village Celebration

Mark August 9th through the 11th on your calendars! This weekend long event originated as a commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Cataumet United Methodist Church building being moved to our village. It then expanded into a celebration of the entire village and its history. Numerous organizations including the CCA, BCT, the Cataumet Cemetery, and the Cataumet Schoolhouse will participate, offering open houses, tours, talks, and displays. This ambitious and exciting project is still in the planning stage and CCA *Blas!* emails will be sent when finalized.

Playground and Christmas Tree Electricity

Residents may have noticed activity at the playground this spring. The pole that holds the electric meter for the Tree Lighting rotted out after decades of faithful service. John

Noonan replaced and rewired the pole at very low cost. Many thanks go to John and his company for their continued generosity to the CCA. The CCA utilizes services of local businesses as much as possible; we were pleased to again be able to use a local contractor.

Our electrical troubles are not over, unfortunately, as corrosion in the underground feed to the Depot has been discovered. CCA's beautification at the Depot is stalled until a solution emerges; digging up the garden might be required.

Volunteerism and CCA's Board of Directors

This is my second year as President and I cannot conclude this message without thanking my Board and our many volunteers. This Board has supported all of our new initiatives and has worked very hard to make the CCA a more vibrant organization. We have made many strides to further expand the CCA's positive impact on our community.

These advances would not have been successful without the efforts of our member volunteers. One of the Board's goals is to involve as many members as possible, be it providing ideas, lending a hand, or simply spreading the word to other Cataumet residents about our organization.

That said, two of our Board members are retiring this year, resulting in two vacancies. Please consider becoming a member of our Board. We meet to conduct business about seven times a year (perfect attendance not required). You will help in fulfilling all parts of CCA's mission statement.

Feel free to email CCA@elliptic.com if you have questions, comments, or ideas. To find out ways you can help, please see our volunteer opportunities at the bottom of page 7 or visit www.CataumetCA.org.

Thank you all for your support by being members of the Cataumet Civic Associates, Inc.

The Bourne Conservation Trust

... is more than half way to its Endowment Goal of \$250,000 for 2019 with \$120,000 in hand and \$40,000 pledged. Don't forget to help out with a donation whenever you can, especially since we are also raising funds for the Ocean Avenue lot in Cataumet Center. (PO Box 203 Cataumet 02534)

Enjoy the summer: Walking the trails, finding shells on Lawrence Island or the beach at Little Bay, and do stop by to see the goats and horses at Spring Hill Farm. This little stop can produce big smiles.

Summer is a great time to take photos of people enjoying BCT Properties. Consider submitting your photos online for this year's Art Contest – OPEN TO ALL AGES. (Photos4BCT@gmail.com; high-resolution preferred)

This year's Contest Winners' photos are displayed on the walls in the Depot, along with some historic photos and postcards. The Depot is being used and enjoyed by musicians, art classes, and birthday parties.

And speaking of plantings, check out the lupines at Shultz Corner!

~ Grace Rowe

HISTORIC CATAUMET HOUSE WALKING TOUR - 1999

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New Bedford whale oil manufacturer; Lt. Ephraim B. Nye, a Civil War hero who died in the siege of Petersburg; and David D. Nye, a selectman of Sandwich and Bourne for 30 years. Ebenezer Nye's diary is featured in the Nye Family Association's publication, "Nineteenth Century Seafarers."

Ebenezer F. Nye House

This tiny half-house was moved from Forestdale to its present location in the 1840s or 1850s, and has been occupied by Ebenezer F. Nye and David D. Nye. Its carefully crafted oak frame is a fine example of the early style of American home building. The well-established landscape is the work of John G. Lewis, a pharmacist and Bourne selectman who operated a chicken farm on much of the surrounding property.

Cataumet Schoolhouse

The first schoolhouse on this site was erected in 1864. The present building was constructed in 1894, and served as the District 1 schoolhouse until 1930, and as the home of the Girl Scouts, the Pocasset Grange, the Christadelphian Church, and other community groups from 1930 to 1960. Flowering catalpa trees around the perimeter of the schoolyard were planted by school children.

Francis K. Irwin House

This 1905 high style Georgian Revival house was built for Postmaster and general store owner Francis Kern Irwin, and features an elegant entrance portico and an expansive lawn on which Mrs. Irwin hosted the Ladies Aid Society's Annual Summer Lawn Party. Francis Irwin's father and maternal grandfather, uncles, and granduncles were designers and glass cutters at the Sandwich Glass Company.

The Barn at "The Crossways"

This three-story barn, built in the mid-1800s, was converted to a guesthouse by G. Harley Chamberlin, a gentleman woodworker who owned the property in the early 1900s. The interior has since been modernized with careful attention to improving the feeling of an elegant house while exposing more of the original barn.

"Bay View House" Tavern

The Dimmick tavern, at the halfway point on the stage route from Sandwich to Falmouth, has been in the Dimmick family since 1796. The present "Bay View House," with a comfortable porch and a somewhat more formal interior, replaced the old Salt Box tavern in 1876. A small barn, recently restored to its original 18th century condition, will also be open for this tour.

"Aldrich House" Hotel

The Aldrich House, a three-story summer resort hotel, was built in the 1880s on the shores of Red Brook Harbor and situated close to the Old Colony Railroad for the convenience of Boston commuters. In 1905, after a mysterious intrigue involving the Aldrich brothers, the business failed, and the hotel became the summer home of Ebenezer Alden and his family, whose members included the inventor of the FAX machine. Today the hotel remains a spacious but unheated summer home, with many of its original hotel features and ambiance intact.

Gammon House

This Queen Anne-style summer cottage was built on the Aldrich House property by Ebenezer Alden's sister Abigail and her husband, Ferdinand Gammon. "Aunt Abbie" was known for her electric car that she drove to the Post Office and other places about the town.

Rothery Windmill

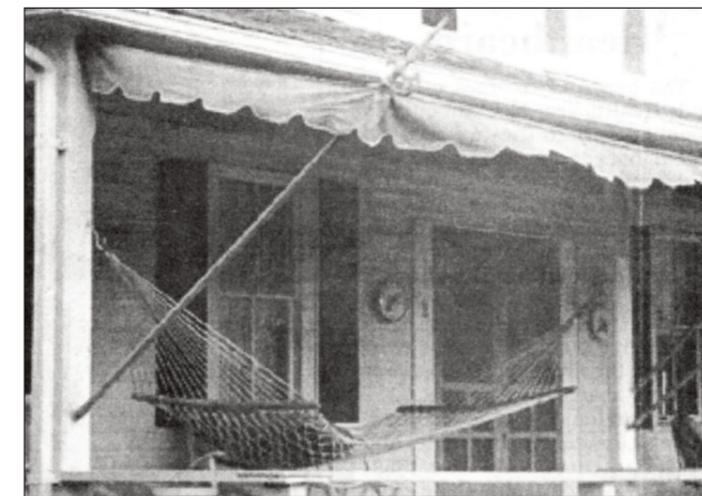
This windmill, originally from Eastham, is one of two mills moved to Cataumet by J.J.E. Rothery to increase the Cape Cod ambiance of his summer estate, where it served as a bunkhouse for Rothery's adventurous children. The intricate interior was added by Rothery's granddaughter, who converted the mill to a more proper guesthouse. The mill and the exploits of the Rothery children are chronicled in Agnes Edwards Rothery's loosely autobiographical book, *The House by the Windmill*.

The Cataumet Cemetery

The oldest gravestone in the Cataumet Cemetery dates from 1768, when the Cataumet Church was first moved to this site. In 1875, the cemetery was expanded and improved, and publicity for the sale of lots proclaimed, "This cemetery, like Mount Zion of old, is beautiful for its situation and is not excelled in the United States. Such a view of woods and waters, hills and vales, fields and orchards is rare indeed."

Cataumet United Methodist Church

The Cataumet United Methodist Church began its life as a Wampanoag Meetinghouse in Bournedale. In 1768, the church was moved to Cataumet and placed on the northeast side of County Road, across the road from its present location. The building was modified and improved in 1807 and again in 1837. In 1894, the church was moved across the road to its present location and greatly enlarged and improved. Classrooms, a modern kitchen, and Handy Hall were added in 1963.



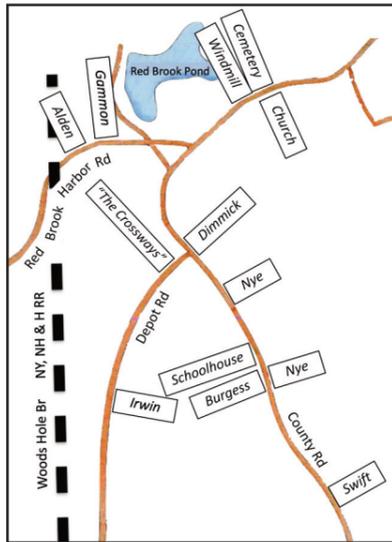
This inviting hammock sits on the porch of the "Bay View House" Tavern on County Road.

County Road was the Wampanoag Indians' "Megansett Way" from Plymouth to Succunessett (Falmouth), and has many homes more than 150 years old.

Historic Homes of Cataumet

An Historic House Tour was held on Saturday, August 7, 1999. The sites on the tour included homes on County, Depot, and Red Brook Harbor Roads, the Cataumet Schoolhouse, the Cataumet Cemetery, and Cataumet United Methodist Church, all situated as shown in the inset.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the restoration of the 1894 schoolhouse in Cataumet. This page and the facing page contain excerpts from the original article appearing Friday, July 30, 1999, in The Bourne Enterprise previewing the tour. The CCA extends its sincere gratitude to Bill Hough, Publisher of Cape News, for permission to reprint this article.



Aaron Burgess House

This 3/4 cape was the homestead of Aaron and Mary (Bourne) Burgess from 1835 to 1890. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and her husband Captain Anthony Little lived here until 1920. Aaron Burgess donated land for the Cataumet schoolyard in 1881. A dining and sun porch addition to this house features fieldstone walls with seashells and other whimsical items set in the mortar.

Ebenezer Nye House

Captain Ebenezer Nye built this modest house in 1825. Capt. Nye, one of the wealthiest and most influential men in Pocasset, remained content with his humble home for his entire life. His children included Capt. Ebenezer F. Nye, whose daring exploits saved the Yankee whaling fleet from the Confederate raider Shenandoah; William F. Nye, the

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George Swift House

This house was originally located at the corner of County and Shore roads. It was occupied by the first Methodist minister of Cataumet Church, who left in 1813 after British warships raided the village. The house was moved and updated to the Victorian style in the 1870s by George Swift, whose daughter Alice lived here until 1947.

50 Years Ago

In 1969, six Cape men died in the Vietnam War. Among them was 23-year-old Marine Cpl. Clifton Lee Broyer of Cataumet, on February 28th. The Broyer Conservation Land (between the Post Office and Depot Road) is dedicated by the Town of Bourne to this fallen soldier. A memorial stone with plaque, placed by the CCA in Post Office Square, honors all men and women who have served in the US Armed Forces.

On September 16th, a tug was towing the barge Florida, loaded with No. 2 diesel fuel, to the Canal electric plant in Sandwich. The vessels were way off course, resulting in the barge running aground near Little Island just outside of West Falmouth Harbor. The barge spilled 189,000 gallons, the largest Buzzards Bay oil spill ever, before it was finally freed. Lobsters, clams, and fish died by the thousands. Some oil still remains, sunken below area marshes. In 1974, Winsor Cove in Cataumet suffered a similar fate when oil barge Bouchard 65 ruptured on Cleveland Ledge, then was towed to anchorage off Wings Neck to prevent it from sinking.

"Late-night TV" on July 20th, was Apollo 11. A Gallup Poll taken in 1999 revealed that about 70% of the American population over 5 years of age in 1969 "watched" the first



Moon landing. (Actually we could only hear it since no cameras were yet on the Moon.) During the night (EDT), the show resumed, now with live video. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped out of their lunar lander and left footprints on the Moon...

... and returned safely to Earth, all without the aid of wireless

phones, WiFi, the internet, PCs or Macs. (Bill Gates and Steve Jobs were just turning 14 that year.)

Closer to home: The Lobster Trap was founded in 1969 as a neighborhood fish market on the Back River.



Since 1988 the CCA has supported a year-round sampling and analysis program of Squeteague Harbor, Scotch House Cove, two groundwater input points, Current River, Long Pond and recently, West Falmouth's Snug Harbor. Samples are taken each season of the year and analyzed for temperature, salinity and nitrate (nutrients), with selected stations also analyzed for oxygen, chlorophyll and pH.

Nitrate Levels Annually Stable

Surprisingly, nitrate levels have remained relatively constant, year-to-year, over the 30-year life of this measurement program, despite high nitrogen input from the groundwater. This translates into no gradual impairment of our local waters for recreational uses such as swimming, shell fishing, boating and fin fishing.

Continued efforts to discourage geese and conscientious use of waste bags by dog walkers helped keep area beaches and lawns clean; swimming was not closed due to coliform.

The Nature Conservancy continued to propagate scallops in the harbor.

Results Published

Our measurements suggest that summertime nitrate uptake by high biological activity is offset by high chemical activity during the cold winter months. This returns nitrate to the water where it is exported by the tide. These results were formally presented in a scientific paper, "Winter's Role in Annual Nitrate Regulation in Buzzards Bay Estuaries," which substantiates this tidal export hypothesis. The paper is found in *Regional Studies in Marine Science*, Volume 28, April 2019 (Seaver).

(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352485518305218>)

The CCA has paid for the six nitrate analyses by Envirotech each season, a support acknowledged in the paper for which I am grateful.

~ George Seaver, May 2019

CCA TREASURER'S REPORT: JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2018

OPENING BALANCE ~ DECEMBER 31, 2017

CHECKING - OPERATING	\$ 14,095.73		
CHECKING - PLAYGROUND	540.00		
SAVINGS - OPERATING	14,823.26		
SAVINGS - SCHOLARSHIP	5,664.53		\$ 35,123.52

INCOME

INTEREST - BANK	\$ 36.12	GENERAL DONATION	\$ 2,200.00
DUES	2,655.00	MEARS BEAUTIFICATION DONATION	5,000.00
PLAYGROUND DONATIONS	135.00	APTUXET GARDEN CLUB GRANT	100.00
SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS	840.00	DEPOT USAGE FEES	2,160.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,126.12

EXPENSES

SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 1,000.00	MURAL FRAMING	\$ 350.62
POSTAGE	211.12	CLEANING	200.00
PRINTING	1,350.00	PO WINDOW BOXES	343.92
BANK SERVICE CHARGES (CREDIT)	-5.00	WATER TESTING	549.50
FILING FEES	50.00	WEB MAINTENANCE	87.58
INSURANCE	1,414.00	MISC. MAINTENANCE / SUPPLY	56.07
MEARS SPEAKER SERIES	345.00	MEARS BEAUTIFICATION	743.00
DONATION TO BCT	1,500.00	TREE LIGHTING	248.20
NATURAL GAS	\$ 533.30	EASTER EGG HUNT	314.83
WATER	34.75	PUPPET SHOW	425.00
ELECTRICITY	554.39	ANNUAL MEETING	61.58
TOTAL UTILITIES	1,122.44	TOTAL VILLAGE EVENTS	1,049.61
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,367.86

(SEE NOTE BELOW)

NOTE: THE CCA CONTRIBUTES \$500 ANNUALLY TO THE BCT. THE 2017 DONATION WAS ACTUALLY MADE IN 2018, AND THE CCA CONTRIBUTED AN EXTRA \$500 TO AID IN THE DEPOT RENOVATION.

NET INCOME 2,758.26

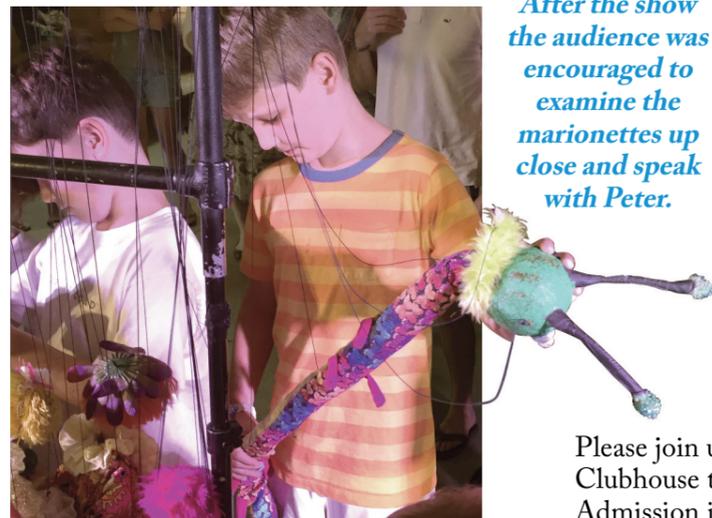
BALANCE ~ DECEMBER 31, 2018

CHECKING - OPERATING	\$ 12,785.51		
CHECKING - PLAYGROUND	770.00		
SAVINGS - OPERATING	14,962.64		
SAVINGS - SCHOLARSHIP	5,106.63		
MEARS BEAUTIFICATION CHECKING	4,257.00		\$ 37,881.78

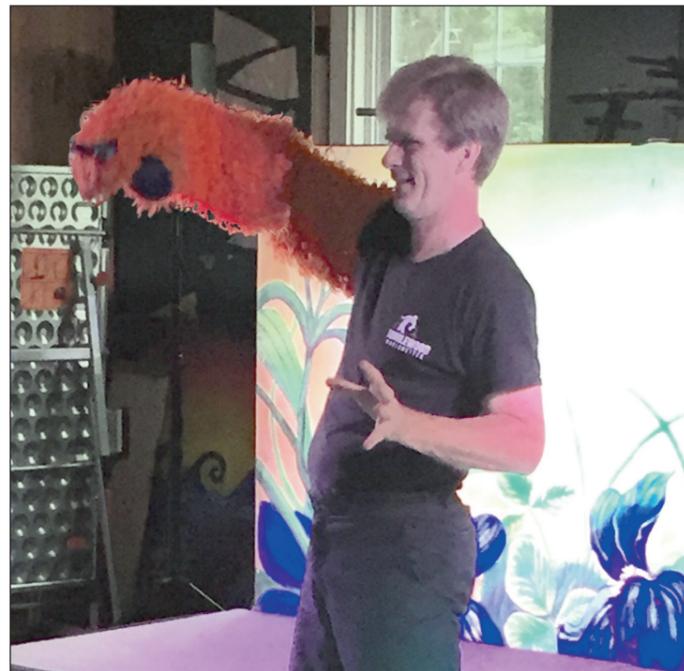
~ Jane Hurter, President; Laura J. Murphy, Treasurer

Tanglewood Marionettes Come to Town

Last July 2018, The Tanglewood Marionettes presented "The Fairy Circus" in the Cataumet Club Clubhouse, an event sponsored by the CCA. It was a showcase for turn-of-the-century trick puppetry, brought to life by Peter Schaefer and the delightful and intricate marionettes. The audience of adults and children was spellbound throughout the entire performance.



After the show the audience was encouraged to examine the marionettes up close and speak with Peter.



Please join us Sunday, July 21, 2019, at 10 am in the Cataumet Club Clubhouse to watch "Sleeping Beauty" presented by the Marionettes. Admission is free to everyone. Please join us for the fun!

~ Patti Dibella

Christmas in Cataumet

Joyous spirit filled Cataumet village December 9th with a beautifully decorated Depot and magnificent tree donated by Dave Dimmick. Though a chilly evening, the wonder of Christmas brought villagers together in Washington Park. Kellan O'Leary and Whitney Marshall started festivities, turning audience attention to its merry musical mission! Parents sang along to carols led by singer and guitarist, Brandon Manter, while children frolicked in the playground. Despite chilly fingers and toes, with warm hearts folks came together to sing the traditional Twelve Days of Christmas.

Soon bells could be heard as Santa (Scott Conlon) arrived with his sack full of treats for all good little girls and boys anxiously waiting their turn. Celebrating came to a close in a Depot full of donated baked goods, treats, cider, and hot chocolate.

A most cheerful evening was had by all and would not have been possible without the help of many hands.



Too many to name! Holiday decorators and skilled talent – for tree installation; Santa on the roof; holiday window boxes – have included John York, Ben Joyce, George Seaver, Tim Greene, John Holden, Linda Carpenter, Patti Dibella, Kathy Gillis, Debbie Derosier, Laura Murphy and many more "Elves" to make the magic happen from shortly after Thanksgiving through the beginning of the New Year!

Special thanks go to Linda Carpenter and Patti Dibella for doing such a wonderful job organizing this event over the years.

~ Lisa Bzymek

Donald F. Mears

Donald Ferguson Mears of San Diego, California, died at home on March 15 at the age of 79. He was born in Salem, the son of Eleanor W.F. and Harry F. Mears, and was raised in Salem and at Conomo Point in Essex. Mr. Mears was brought up in a family that embraced nature, and he participated in fishing, clamming, hiking, and hunting at the family duck camp in his formative years and remained an avid outdoorsman throughout adulthood.

He joined the US Air Force and was a parachute rigger, then transferred to the US Coast Guard as an ADCS/Aviation Machinist Mate Senior Chief. He flew in HH-52A and HH-3F Sikorsky helicopters, and the HU-16 Grumman Albatross Seaplane. While stationed in Bermuda, he met the woman who would become his wife, Mary Allen Craig. They shared 52 years of marriage, during which they traveled the world and explored nature together, until her death in April 2017.

With his wife he volunteered with Meals on Wheels in Bourne, delivering meals to seniors, and helped to plant bulbs throughout town as part of a community beautification project. But perhaps his most valuable service to the town was contributing his skills and passion for nature to the Bourne Conservation Trust.

~ Excerpted with permission from the Bourne Enterprise; originally published March 28, 2019.

A Generous Benefactor

The Mears Family Fund has generously supported CCA activities in recent years. A \$10,000 donation in 2017 inspired the Board to begin awarding an annual Don and Allen Mears Scholarship; \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to deserving students in both 2018 and 2019. The CCA also launched the annual Mears Speaker Series with these funds. The CCA will continue to grant Mears Scholarships and to provide Mears Speakers as long as funds allow. Please contact Pam Pollock at 508-965-6927 if you have ideas for interesting speakers or would like to join either the speaker series planning committee or scholarship award committee.

In 2018, the CCA also received \$5,000 from Don Mears for Cataumet beautification, which the CCA has already begun using strictly for beautification projects such as replanting the garden in front of the Depot. (See masthead photo on page 1.)

Don Mears Remembered



This past March I lost a very dear friend. I met Don Mears back in 1985 when he built his home next to my Mom and Dad. Don had been in the Coast Guard for 20 years, moving from one station to another, spending his last tour at Air Station Cape Cod. He and his wife Allen designed and built their own home, an amazing and beautiful

home that always welcomed family and friends. Kids loved their playhouse that included a drawbridge, and even a zip-line from the deck into the woods! (Not sure who had more fun, the kids or Don!)

Don was a person that enjoyed the outdoors, relished projects, and loved a challenge. Blazing walking trails and building benches in the Bourne Conservation Trust properties, making stained glass windows for his gazebo, helping build a neighbor's deck – it seemed there was nothing he could not accomplish. Don also had a passion for building model ships, always the craftsman. Shellfishing was an ongoing joy, especially October 1, first day of scalloping, or first Sunday of December for oysters. He even called me last December to make sure I had gotten my basket full!

These words from Don in a letter may best capture why Don had such a positive impact on this village and me personally: "With all our traveling, Cataumet has always remained our most treasured spot in the world. It in itself is wonderful, BUT the friends and neighbors make it most special. We would hope it will remain that way. With so many fine people with the desire to help one another and the ability do just that, Cataumet will always remain the best place in the world."

In 2016, the CCA honored Don and Allen by erecting a memorial bench (to the left of the Depot). They loved it! On the day it was installed, we FaceTime'd with both Allen and Don, so they could see all the volunteers. I passed my phone around and they spoke to each of their friends. They were overwhelmed.

Some time when you pick up your mail, tarry a moment – sit on their bench to remember and celebrate a wonderful couple that gave much to a village they loved.

~ Laura R. Murphy



YOUR CCA SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to recent Bourne High School graduates Abigail Ariagno and Regan McCabe, BHS alumnae Tess McCabe and Jenna O'Melia, and to Helena Weare, a graduate of Falmouth Academy. This year, scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to each upon meeting CCA's academic performance criteria while enrolled at college.

Abigail Ariagno plans to major in biology at UMass Amherst, her future sights set on becoming an orthodontist. At BHS, she was a member of the National Honor Society and History Honor Society. Abigail also captained the Varsity Lacrosse and Soccer Teams. Still she found time to volunteer at numerous charity and service events.

Both **McCabe** sisters are scholarship awardees this year. While at BHS, **Regan** was History Club President and National Honor Society Treasurer, and a member of the Drama Club. Regan also flexed her intellectual muscle as a Mathlete competitor. She aims to eventually achieve a Masters Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education at Lesley University. Her sister, **Tess**, is a previous recipient of a CCA scholarship, currently attending St. Michael's

College in Vermont, majoring in Biology. She also plays soccer there on the Women's Varsity Team. Tess's long-term goal is to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

The CCA also previously awarded a scholarship to **Jenna O'Melia** who now attends the University of New Hampshire. Studying Communication Sciences and Disorders at UNH is the first step toward her goal of becoming a Speech Pathologist. Jenna also volunteers in Best Buddies; New Hampshire's Miss Amazing show; and other volunteer opportunities as well.

Helena Weare is the recipient of the 2nd annual **Don and Allen Mears Scholarship**. Helena has already packed a lot into her academic career: Headmaster's List, National Honor Society, plus a two-year stint on a Marine Biological Institute project investigating memory enhancers that could be used to treat Alzheimer's. Somehow that still left time to be Soccer Team Captain for both Falmouth Academy and Club soccer. She also volunteered in coaching the 5th and 6th grade girls fall soccer league. Helena expects her interests both in the cognitive sciences, and in business, will guide her academic path at UC Davis.

~ John Holden, Mike Lipchak, Pam Pollock (Chair)

"Meet the Candidates" – 2019

Candidates Night was held May 15th in Handy Hall at the Cataumet United Methodist Church. This important annual event, co-sponsored by the CCA and the Pocasset Village Association, was a great way to meet candidates running for office in the May 21st election and to discuss important issues and concerns with them. It proved to be a very informative and educational experience.

The CCA led the event this year – inviting candidates, running ads, providing refreshments, setting up the Hall, and providing a Moderator and Timekeeper. CCA President Hurter filled the role of Moderator; the Timekeeper was member Peter Fisher, who brings years of experience to a task performed very professionally.

At least 41 people attended. The audience represented Cataumet, Pocasset, Monument Beach, Gray Gables, and Buzzards Bay. The large number of villages attending indicates the importance of this annual event. *(cont'd)*

The CCA thanks all volunteers, both Board members and CCA members, for their assistance at this event. They really helped make the night run smoothly.

Next year's Candidates Night will be held in early May at the Pocasset Community Center.

~ Jane Hurter

"Non-Food" Drive

This year, July 13th-20th, the CCA is holding its annual Non-Food Drive for the Bourne Food Pantry. This event is an opportunity for our village to help support about 700 Bourne residents with needed items that can't be purchased with their government benefits, such as pet food, hygiene products, paper goods, diapers, and wipes. The Pantry also accepts money: each \$1 donated provides an estimated five meals to those in need.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with The Village at Cataumet, this year we will donate items directly to this shelter in addition to the Pantry.

Members alone run this event, freeing the Board to concentrate on other areas. Kelly Kalick led this effort in 2018 while Jane Carroll and her daughters made charity a family affair, monitoring bins and delivering donations.

This year, the Carrolls are handling the entire event, collecting items in front of the Depot and at the Cataumet Clubhouse. Please consider donating. No donation is too small; each makes a difference! Many thanks!

~ Lisa Bzymek

The Depot is Available

The Depot is the perfect spot for small events! This past year the Depot has been very busy with mandolin and art classes, private parties, and other local meetings.

Inquire at info@CataumetCA.org or visit our website for details and a Reservation form.

EASTER BUNNY HOPS IN ON A DAY THAT'S RAINY BUT SWEET!



Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt at BCT's Spring Hill Farm on Saturday April 13th was a great event! A typical spring day on the Cape of showers turning to rain showcased the beautiful secluded outdoor space that the BCT has been improving with new fencing and well-groomed lawns. The joyful and eager group of children ran from area to area,



filling their baskets with plenty of treats left by the Easter Bunny and helpers. Tree cover and a large roofed shed kept all from soaking.

Thank you to all the willing volunteers and organizers for making it possible. Special thanks to our Easter Bunny, Dorota Bzymek, who saved the day with fun and frolics! Hopping and hiding to the delight of kids of all ages!

~ Chris Gegg



*A full pail...
...and a big smile!*



*Did the
Easter Bunny
hide you too?*



*Bunny and
helpers
dressed for a
soggy forecast*

*Smile
for the
Bunny!*



The **GA** sends thanks to all of you who supported our Village with dues and special donations!

Listed below are the 2018 members of the CCA, including individual, family, and business members. If you are not a member of the CCA, please join! It's your village, and the CCA works very hard to keep it a special and unique community. Your contributions help provide scholarships for deserving Cataumet students; enhance Washington Park, the playground, and Depot; and fund many civic and family events during the year. Dues are \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, and \$40 for businesses.

Please note:

- The deadline for becoming a member in 2019 is December 31st.
- The CCA is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization; your dues and donations are tax deductible.
- Please ensure that your name, address, and email address (for our email **Blast!** updates) are on the dues envelope.
- Double your contribution? Oftentimes, the CCA qualifies under employer matching gift programs!

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We make every attempt to ensure that all members and donors are acknowledged. If you have donated in the past year and your name does not appear in this list, please notify us at CCA@elliptic.com.

Did you forget to rejoin in 2018? There's plenty of time to join again in 2019. In that way you will be included in **Blast!** emails throughout the year for important updates and upcoming events.

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***** Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. *****
You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

The CCA runs on people-power: **Yours!**

Whether it's your desire that your skills have an impact beyond your daily routine; or to become more involved in the community; or simply to ensure that your children or grandchildren continue to enjoy the Puppet Show or Easter Egg Hunt – **Please consider volunteering!**

We support our volunteers and don't expect superhuman effort. Working on a committee or at an event with experienced leaders and other volunteers can help you get over that initial uncertainty that we all felt as volunteers.

Some activities are shorthanded, others not. But even when staffing seems sufficient, a sudden health issue or a crunch at the office can result in the need for backup. Many of these activities are a one-time commitment that would not take too much time out of a busy schedule.

CCA activities have a familiar annual routine requiring volunteers:

- February-May: Easter Egg Hunt
- April: Scholarship Award Committee;
- May: Candidates Night;
- May-July: Newsletter Publication;
- May, July: Puppet Show;
- July: Non-Food Drive;
- August-October: Mears Speaker Series;
- November-December: Christmas Tree Lighting;
- Coordinating venues, publicity, entertainment, or materials for the above;
- Year round: Board of Governors, about 7 meetings a year (perfect attendance not required).

Contact our Programs Director, Lisa Bzymek, at info@CataumetCA.org, and tell her how you would like to help.