



Highlands Record

June 2014

Remembering Dear Friends

In Fond Memory of Joyce Johnson

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear Highlands Center partner, Joyce Johnson, in April. Joyce spent her life creating and serving others through her teaching and inspiration. She accomplished so many things and chronicled Cape life through her reporting for local newspapers and longstanding *The Sands of Time* program on WOMR. In addition to founding the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill and championing preservation of the Peaked Hill Bars dune shacks, Joyce exhibited passion, tenacity, a sense of humor, kindness, and she made lasting contributions to the Highlands Center as an original board member who stayed the course. Joyce has been a one-of-a-kind great soul, and a tremendous sculptor, writer, and teacher who has left her mark with us.

Tribute to Guy Strauss

Another great loss to the partners this winter was the passing of Guy Strauss, founding Artistic Director of Payomet Performing Arts Center in Truro for 10 years. He was a professional actor with roles in theater, film, and television. Guy was a passionate person and the pioneering partner who started *Shakespeare at the Shore* in the picnic grove before moving the tent to the Highlands Center. He will be remembered for being witty, a theatrical force who enjoyed performing great readings and plays, and being involved with the seashore for many years including serving on the board of Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore.



Joyce Johnson enjoying kite flying at Highlands Fest 2012.
Photo Credit: Darlene Johnson-Morris.



Guy Strauss at Payomet tent unveiling in 2006.

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Ready for the High Season...



The Highlands Center fosters the unique cultural and natural heritage of Cape Cod by facilitating scientific research, the arts tradition, and educational programs atop the dramatic sea cliffs of Cape Cod National Seashore.

New Neighbors

The Highlands Center has a new short-term neighbor on the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) property on the bluff. A MIT Lincoln Labs Satellite Communications Temporary Research Facility has been set up at the site until October 2014. Research will be conducted through communications via antenna from land in association with aircraft flights and boats at sea. The research is fitting for a town that hosted MIT and the military in development of radar technology in the Center's former life as an air force station.

Highlands Fest 2014: *Taking Root* Saturday, June 28, 10 AM to 2 PM. Free.

Join us for an engaging, participatory Highlands Fest special event at Highlands Center, at Cape Cod National Seashore, 43 Old Dewline Road, North Truro. This year's focus is our local community, partnerships, and environment - our 'roots'!

Pitch in to create engaging murals to showcase artistic expressions of the Highlands Center "*Taking Root*" within the local human ecology. Enjoy a nature walk as part of our *Healthy Parks Healthy People* effort. Plant seeds to prepare for Sustainable CAPE's Truro Agricultural Fair harvest contests on Sunday, August 31. Listen to live roots music, or see a children's performance at Payomet, and sample light refreshments. All ages and abilities are invited to participate, learn, and support your Climate Friendly Park through public art!



Volunteers participate in the creation of a climate-themed mural during Highlands Fest 2013.

Partner Happenings



Rosanne Cash will perform at the Payomet tent June 30th.

Payomet Performing Arts Center Payomet Performing Arts Center celebrates its 16th year in 2014 as one of Cape's leading presenters of performing arts. "Small tent, big shows" sums up their summer season in North Truro, featuring professionally-staged theater productions, music concerts, and classes and performances for children. Renowned musical artists performing this year include Rosanne Cash, Judy Collins, and many others. Payomet will also present the Outer Cape premiere of acclaimed hit *Red*, direct from Broadway. Directed by Daisy Walker, it will feature the highly accomplished actor Michael Samuel Kaplan, appearing courtesy of the Actors Equity Association.

On Wednesday, July 23, Payomet is producing a special benefit for the Friends of the Cape Cod National Seashore, featuring the hilarious Jimmy Tingle, live music by Toast & Jam, and plentiful hors d'oeuvres. Other special events include Payomet's 7th annual New Orleans Music Fest over Labor Day weekend and a new event, The Blue Sea Blues Fest, on Saturday & Sunday, September 20 and 21.

Payomet's Circus Arts Camp features leading practitioners of circus arts in the northeast, taking place at Wellfleet Preservation Hall for 5 weeks (July 14 – Aug. 15). Payomet also offers workshops led by visiting music artists and presents off-season at various venues from Provincetown to Orleans. For more information and additional artists and dates, visit www.payomet.org, or call 508-487-5400.

Directions to the Highlands Center: Take Route 6 to the Highland Light Exit in North Truro. Go East on Highland Road. At the end, take a right onto South Highland Road. After 0.6 miles, take a left onto Old Dewline Road. The Highlands Center is at the end of the road.

More Partner Happenings



Castle Hill kiln firing with Brian Taylor. Photo Credit: Cherie Mitenthal

Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill

True to form, Castle Hill is offering a busy summer of wide-ranging art workshops, lectures, exhibitions, classes and special events. Castle Hill will hold firings of its wood-fired kiln at the Highlands Center this summer and fall. The upcoming dates are July 13-15 with unloading on July 18, August 17-19 unloading August 23, and Columbus Day weekend. For more information, visit www.castlehill.org.

NPS Atlantic Research and Learning Center

Join NPS for the annual 2014 Science Symposium, on Thursday, August 28th from 1 to 4 PM. Hear NPS and affiliated research scientists present the findings of their research projects within the park to the public at the Salt Pond Visitor Center auditorium in Eastham. For more information about the Atlantic Research & Learning Center, visit <http://www.nps.gov/caco/naturescience/atlantic-research-center.htm>.

Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies

The Coastal Observation Station continues to monitor the long-term interactions between wind and wave action at the Highlands Center. The Center for Coastal Studies conducts marine and coastal research, accompanied by unique educational programs. Join the fun at the Fourth Annual Provincetown Whale Week, July 28 - July 31. For information, visit www.coastalstudies.org.

Sustainable CAPE

The Highlands Historical Medicinal Garden grows taller! For more information on Sustainable CAPE's agriculture and education programs, including the Truro Agricultural Fair and Truro Farmer's Market, visit their website: www.sustainablecape.org/.

AmeriCorps Cape Cod

On the evening of August 2, 2014, AmeriCorps Cape Cod, in collaboration with Cape Cod National Seashore, will be hosting an opening of the art exhibition "Together We Grow: 15 Years, 15 Towns, 15 Trees" at Salt Pond Visitor Center to commemorate 15 years of service to the Barnstable County community. The exhibit will feature a poster series that reflects the 15 trees that were recently planted, one in each town across the Cape as part of a 2014 Arbor Day initiative; the exhibit will be on display the entire month of August. The evening event will also recognize the numerous AmeriCorps alumni in addition to service partners and community sponsors that have contributed to 15 years of programmatic success. To learn more about this and other events, visit www.americorpscaped.org.



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AmeriCorps Cape Cod members plant the Truro tree in front of the NPS Atlantic Research and Learning Center.



AmeriCorps Cape Cod members pose as they organize a new gathering area behind the NPS Atlantic Research and Learning Center during the annual clean-up day.



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Getting Highlands Ready for the High Season

Eleven members of AmeriCorps Cape Cod joined park maintenance and other staff, along with volunteers from Friends of Cape Cod National Seashore, Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill, and Payomet Performing Arts Center, to tackle many projects this year on May 2nd. Partners converged on an annual clean-up day to make site improvements before the summer season and Highlands Fest. This year, projects included planting native shrubs, renewing pathways, shingling repair, and painting touchups to murals and trim. Volunteers worked all day, leaving the Highlands Center looking in much better shape.



AmeriCorps Cape Cod member Kayla Lubold was excited to find a salamander while helping to stack firewood at the Castle Hill Kiln.



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