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HISTORY OF POST-MORROW

As conceived by Thomas and Elisabeth Post Morrow and established in 1969, the mission of the Post-Morrow Foundation is “to preserve and conserve the rural, cultural and historical character of the hamlet of Brookhaven and surrounding areas... This land to be kept in its natural state as a sanctuary, open space or natural garden...”

Tom Morrow and Elisabeth Post grew up in Brooklyn and both families spent their summers in Brookhaven. After graduating from Cornell in 1916, Tom joined the Aviation Branch of the U.S. Navy. When he returned from the war, Tom and Elisabeth fell in love and married.

They decided to live in Brookhaven and build a home and they chose a piece of property along Beaver Dam Creek. One of the things that drew them to this land was an Atlantic White Cedar that had a unique shape. That tree is now represented by the logo for the Post-Morrow Foundation.

The Post and Morrow families have had a long tradition of philanthropy in the area. James H. Post, Elisabeth’s father, purchased the land along Carmans River now known as Squassux Landing, which was later donated to the Brookhaven Village Association for use as a marina. The land upon which the Brookhaven Free Library is situated was another gift. Elisabeth Post Morrow continued the tradition of her father by donating gifts to various community groups, mostly anonymously. It was the hope of the Morrrows that this legacy be continued through the establishment of the Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc.

Increased public awareness of our community’s heritage, its historic and cultural resources, and open space is one of our primary goals. It is with this in mind that the Foundation believes it has a special task to nourish the vision of Tom and Elisabeth Morrow.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

On Sunday October 12th, the Foundation held a celebration acknowledging the support of its many contributors, volunteers and donors. Held on the lawn at 16 Bay Road, more than 200 guests spent the afternoon enjoying exhibits of the activities of the Foundation and sharing time with neighbors.

Our celebration could not have happened without the many volunteers who gave so much. We are grateful to the following individuals who generously gave to make the celebration a success. We would also like to thank Michael Anthony Caterers for providing the wonderful food.

Thank you to our many Volunteers

Marna Varney - planning and set-up
Fred Varney - set-up
Morrow Kerins- manning tables
Skip Pope - set-up/bartending/clean-up
Mark & Sean Varney - traffic & parking
Bellport Printers - Judy & Terry- design & printing of programs
Barbara Michelsen & Jeanne Pennington
(Something Old/Something New) - tablecloths
Pellegrini Vineyards - donation of wine
Island Music Recorder Consort
Sidney Stafford - photography at event
Frank Muller - photography and slide show of PMF properties
Rory MacNish - editing and copying of Post family videos
Jeff Masem - use of tent
Steve Hillis (Hamlet Organic Garden) - pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins
Bob Nolan, Deer Run Farm- produce and flowers for decoration
Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society - use of tables and chairs
Brookhaven Library - use of podium

(We would like to note that some of our guests left umbrellas at the Foundation. If you are missing yours you might want to give us a call)

Photographs of the Celebration by Sidney Stafford



Councilman James Tullo presenting a certificate of appreciation to Board President, Bruce Wallace and VP Tom Williams.



Board member Tom Ludlam, with Rich Green, Gerry Bunce and Hugh Brown



Board member Norm Nelson with Barry Rockwell



Mike Garlin and Bobby Sterling



Beaver Dam Creek and scooter project exhibit



Cindy and Tyler Patterson



Bob Sack, Ralph and Ginny Weston



Gail Garlin and Dan Morris



Tom Williams and Hank Maust at the Carmans River Maritime exhibit



Harvey and Louise McChesny and Kenny Budny



Nick Delihias, Gene and Colette Westhoff



Karen Rowley, Debby Sack and David Dixon of Island Music Recorder Consort



Sally Nelson, Jessica Miller and Trish Foley



John Taylor, Fred Varney and Janet Taylor



Rob Kapnek



Sally Nelson and Ellen Williams at the welcome table



Marna Varney, Morrow Kerins and Jody Starke



Tom Ludlam and Norman Nelson



Greg Pilger and Kathy and Malcolm Fleming



Food by Michael Anthony

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD

With the preservation of the Peathole underway, the purchase of the Arcieri parcel which lies in the headwaters of Beaver Dam Creek, and the generous gift of Dr. and Mrs. Biro of the parcel at Mothers Beach in Bellport Village, we view this year as a great success. As most of you know, the Post-Morrow Foundation has acquired a great deal of open space and several historic structures over the last ten years. The preservation of open space has a lasting effect, one that benefits generations to come. It was our belief that the opportunity to save these special places would be lost if we did not act quickly. We learned that we had no control over when properties come on the market but we were fortunate to have had the resources when they did. Now our endowment is in large part represented by these special places. So we are reaching out to the community for support.

Right now, with Ducks Unlimited as the lead agency, and in partnership with almost a dozen other governmental and not-for-profit groups, we are engaged in a pilot project on Beaver Dam Creek to establish a model for restoration of wetlands.

We are doing an oral history project recording the voices and memories of longtime residents of the area.

With the South Bay Scooter Club we are preparing a history of the Great South Bay scooter, and at the Carmans River Boat Shop, we are striving to preserve local maritime history and to bring back the art of wooden boat building for which our community was known for over 100 years.

With a dedicated group of volunteers and community partners, we are continuing the legacy of Dennis Puleston who worked tirelessly to protect the Osprey.

We want to be ready when new opportunities present themselves. We are proud of what we have accomplished, but there is much more that can be done. We hope that you will think of us as the year comes to an end and help us in our mission to preserve the unique character of our community. On behalf of the Board and the Foundation, we wish all of you peace and happiness for the New Year.



Nan Bunce, Graham and Pat Campbell



Michael Kortchmar, Greg Pilger and Norm Nelson



Blair Munhofen, Peter Hutchings and Martha Wolfgang



Brian Cullen and Sally Nelson



Peter Scully, John Turner, Jim Tullo and Mark Mighini



The Rhythm Tribe - Joe LoSchiavo and Steve Mastrandrea



Tom Binnington and Jeanne Baum



Post-Morrow exhibit



Betty Puleston and Mike Garlin

GIFTS TO THE POST-MORROW FOUNDATION

As the year comes to an end we would like to ask you to think of the Foundation and help us continue our mission to preserve our heritage. All gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible.

Ways to help the Foundation include;

Matching gifts

If your employer has a matching gifts program, your gift to the Foundation can be doubled or tripled. Please check with your employee benefits office.

Memorial gifts

A gift in memory of a loved one or friend is a special tribute to someone who loved the area. We would be happy to notify the family of your charitable gift.

Gifts of land and/or historic material

We welcome gifts which reflect the heritage of our community.

Bequests

If you would like to extend your support of the work of the Foundation to preserve our heritage you may include in your will a bequest of cash, securities or property to the Foundation. If you would like to discuss a potential bequest please call Bruce Wallace, President at 286-0686.



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