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The Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc. is located in the Hamlet of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. Its principal office is at 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven, NY 11719.

Conceived by Thomas and Elisabeth Post Morrow and established in 1969, the Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of the rural countryside character of the Hamlet and the surrounding areas. Through the acquisition of properties, either by gift or purchase, the Foundation seeks to establish a nature preserve and sanctuary for the benefit and enjoyment of the immediate community. The preservation of Beaver Dam Creek, where the Foundation owns over 100 acres, is a priority.

The Post and Morrow families have had a long tradition of philanthropy in the community. James H. Post 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 various gifts to community groups, mostly anonymously. It was the hope of the Morrows that this legacy be continued through the establishment of the Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc.

# Post-Morrow Foundation NEWSLETTER

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## KEN BUDNY MEMORIAL BOARDWALK



On July 19th the Post-Morrow Foundation dedicated the proposed new boardwalk over the wetlands and along Beaver Dam Creek to our friend Kenny Budny, who died in March of this year. Ken had worked for the Foundation for over fifteen years as our facilities manager.

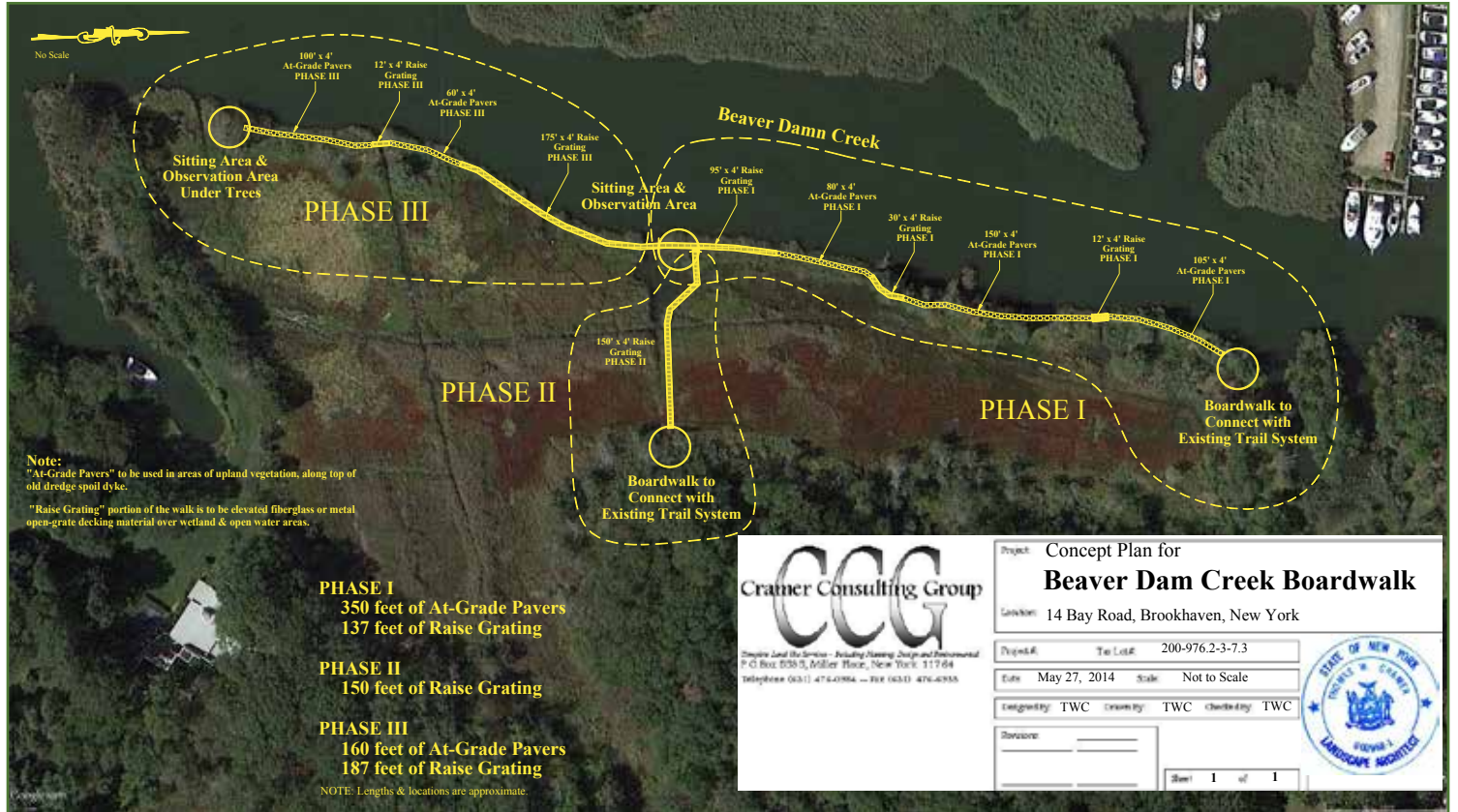
The Foundation held the Boardwalk Bash in the fall of 2014 to raise funds for the development of this boardwalk. It will provide a safe and comfortable way to view the wetlands and the creek.

The Foundation applied for the many permits necessary for the construction of the boardwalk and has received the final permit from the Town of Brookhaven. The Tide Water Dock Building Company has been engaged to build the boardwalk. Located in Hampton Bays, Tide Water has extensive experience in marina and wetland construction on Long Island. Construction will begin in mid-November with an opening date projected for early spring of 2016 (see map on the next page).

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# KEN BUDNY MEMORIAL BOARDWALK *continued*

At the present time thanks to our donors, we are able to complete Phase II which will run from the woodland trail on Post-Morrow headquarters property to the creek. There will be a platform with a panoramic view of the wetlands and Beaver Dam Creek. We look forward to seeing you there!



Map of the proposed Ken Budny Memorial Boardwalk



The boardwalk being delivered to the site

## REMEMBERING KEN BUDNY

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We are pleased to honor the memory of Ken Budny who was a life-long resident of Bellport Village and worked for the Foundation from 2000 to 2015. Kenny provided stewardship for Foundation properties and was a friend to all.

He grew up on Great South Bay working with fishermen and clammers and developed a love affair with the water. He was a bayman for over 30 years “His time on the water, whether it was experiencing capricious weather, witnessing the gracefulness of a snowy egret or just appreciating the rhythm of the seas, all made him conscious of life’s interconnectedness. He loved the Great South Bay. Pure and simple.” (Linda Leuzzi, *Long Island Advance*, March 2015)



*Kenny (and good friend Scott Munson) shucking clams at the Boardwalk Bash - 2014*

Kenny received a degree from Bowling Green State University, joined the Peace Corps where he taught people in Guatemala how to grow food, and later joined the Army where he was stationed in Korea. He also was a master bird carver, and his work was featured in the recent show “Floating Art” at the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society. He was a Bellport Village Trustee, a member of the South Shore Estuary Reserve Council and served on the Board of the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society. He will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife Helen, son Scott and children John Strano and Tina Strano.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF BEAVER DAM CREEK

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*A Day in the Life of the Carmans River*, an event that has expanded to include the Peconic Estuary and Nissequogue River (and Beaver Dam Creek as well as other estuaries along the shores of Long Island). This event is designed to celebrate the river and estuary ecosystems and educate participants on the uniqueness of Long Island’s NY State-designated Wild and Scenic rivers. On Friday, September 25th, environmental education partners and students all along the river simultaneously collected scientific information, analyzed it and shared it to portray the status of the river and estuary ecosystem. Students used hands-on field techniques to describe their sites, catch fish in nets, collect water and invertebrate samples, develop a biodiversity inventory of the riparian zone and analyze water chemistry. Students examined the physical and chemical aspects of the river, such as where freshwater and salty seawater meet, the amount of sediments in the water and turbidity and oxygen levels, as well as conducted biodiversity inventories of the flora and fauna in and around the ecosystems.



*Students from Bellport High School participated in A Day in The Life event on Beaver Dam Creek at the Post-Morrow Foundation*

Students from Bellport High School participated in the *Day in the Life* both at the Post-Morrow Foundation and the end of Bay Road near the mouth of Beaver Dam Creek. Students for Environmental Quality were there, honors science students as well as faculty members, Cassandra Watson, Adrienne Fernandes and William Corbett.

The event is coordinated by Melissa Parrott, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the Central Pine Barrens Commission as well as Brookhaven National Laboratory’s Portal to Discovery, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Suffolk County Water Authority. Forty schools, 82 teachers, 47 professional experts and 2000 students participated in this day around Long Island.

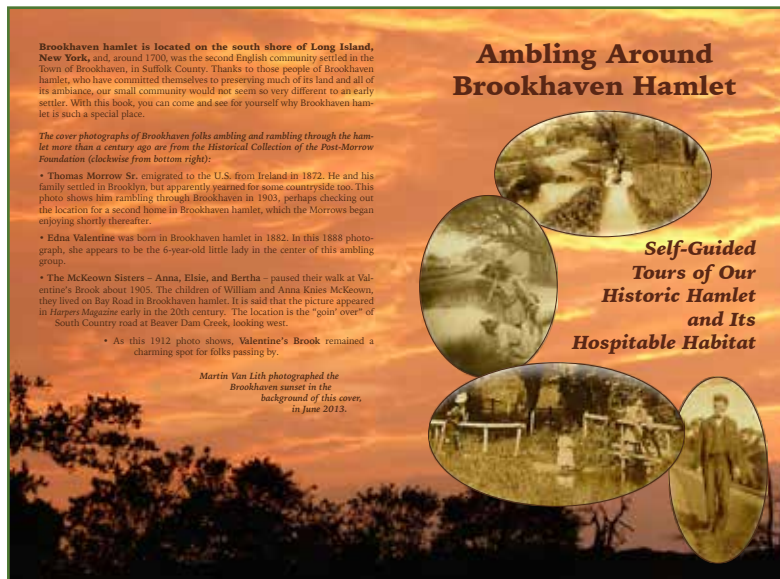
# AMBLING AROUND BROOKHAVEN HAMLET

Courtesy of Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning the Foundation received a grant that enabled us to publish *Ambling Around Brookhaven Hamlet; Self-Guided Tours of Our Historic Hamlet and Its Hospitable Habitat*.

*“People familiar with the south-shore community of Brookhaven hamlet are aware of its two distinguishing characteristics – a long and fascinating history dating from its Indian beginnings as “the Fire Place” and an environment that entices you to explore. Toward the mid-20th Century, when scientists began flocking to the new Brookhaven National Laboratory, many settled in Brookhaven hamlet. This new wave of residents has always been active and involved, intent on preserving the best of their community. Now, three BNL retirees – Anita Cohen, John Deitz and Marty Van Lith – along with Tom Williams, son of one of the early BNL settlers, Physicist and former Lab Director Clarke Williams, have collaborated on publishing a book titled *Ambling Around Brookhaven Hamlet: Self-Guided Tours of Our Historic Hamlet and Its Hospitable Habitat*. Deitz and Van Lith, co-founders of the Fire Place History club, envisioned the book as a way to share three popular walking tours that Deitz had created and led a few years earlier. Cohen volunteered to edit the compilation and began doing so late last September. By then, Williams, a board member of the Post Morrow Foundation, had heard about the project and suggested the book could include trails developed throughout the hamlet on land Post-Morrow owns.”*

Anita Cohen, BREA News, Brookhaven National Laboratory, March/April 2015

This popular booklet was distributed free of cost at the Brookhaven Free Library and at Post-Morrow. This limited edition can be viewed at the library. The Foundation is hoping to issue a second printing in the future.



*Ambling Around Brookhaven Hamlet cover and back cover*



*Marty Van Lith leading a walking tour of the Hamlet in front of the Brookhaven Free Library*

## MEET JIM HAZARD

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The Post-Morrow Foundation welcomes Jim Hazard as our new Facilities Manager. He comes to us with a wealth of experience and has already contributed a strong hand in managing the Foundation's different properties.

Jim is a lifelong resident of the Bellport/Brookhaven area having graduated from Bellport High School in 1973. He lives with his wife Pauline in East Patchogue. He has a daughter Christine who teaches in the Riverhead school system and a stepson, Jon, who lives in Vermont and works in construction.

Jim worked in the insurance business before entering the field of building and construction. He has had his own company, One Tree Construction Company, for the past 20 years and worked extensively on the east end of Long Island.

Jim loves to sail and has a 27 foot Cape Dory sailboat named SARAVA (which means Good Luck in the Candomblé religion in Africa and Brazil) which he sails in Bellport Bay. He is a member of PlayCrafters and provides an expert hand in designing and building sets for the company's plays and musicals.



*James Hazard*

## DOG WASTE STATIONS

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The Post-Morrow Foundation has placed several dog waste bag dispensers for the convenience of those who walk our trails with their dogs. We ask everyone to be considerate of others and reduce the waste going into the groundwater and rain runoff that adds to the pollution of our rivers and bays.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms and Salmonella. When infected dog poop comes into contact with your lawn, the poop will eventually "disappear", but the parasite eggs can linger for years! When a human or animal comes into contact with that soil through everyday activities like walking barefoot, gardening or playing, they risk infection from those eggs ... even years after the poop is gone.

Dog poop is NOT good fertilizer. It's toxic to your lawn! The high nutrient concentration in dog poop will burn and discolor the grass, creating "hot spots".

You may not live near the water, but unscooped poop from your yard is carried by overland water flow or is washed into storm drains, ending up in streams, rivers and ground water.

According to the Town of Brookhaven code; *Chapter 23, Dog Control and Animal Welfare*, people are held responsible for picking up their dog's waste in a sanitary manner, sealing it and depositing in a garbage receptacle. It should never be thrown in sewers or drains. Additionally, according to Town code, unless on owners' property, or with a permitted hunter, no dog may run free on public streets, parkland or private property without the owner's consent.



*Dog waste station at Edgar Avenue*

# THE FOUR WAR MEMORIAL

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## Media Release; Forgotten Heroes No More

“Brookhaven, NY – On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, the Brookhaven Hamlet community held its annual ceremony at the Fireplace Road Neck Rd. memorial to honor the brave men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. The memorial specifically acknowledges the local soldiers that resided in the area and served our Country. For the first time, with the assistance of a grant from Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley), the site included a plaque commemorating the local heroes from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and the Spanish American War.

Brookhaven Hamlet and its surrounding communities have a rich history dating back before America’s Independence, and its residents throughout history played an important role in securing and preserving America’s freedom. That is why the local Fireplace History Club reached out to Legislator Browning in 2014 to help include local heroes from wars that were not yet recognized at the memorial site. Fire Place History Club Chair Martin Van Lith and Tom Williams from the Post Morrow Foundation inquired about county funding, and Legislator Browning was able to secure a \$5,000 grant to pay for the creation and placement of the bronze plaque. John Deitz conducted all the research for the plaque that includes 45 individuals that answered the call to duty during America’s first four wars.

“Suffolk County, and in particular Brookhaven Hamlet, played a vital role in our nation’s independence,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “Since the American Revolution Brookhaven residents have continued to serve and protect America and its values. It is critical that we recognize all of those individuals, and I am happy to have assisted in ensuring that all the men and women that answered our Country’s call are recognized for their contributions.”

“This recognition of the Brookhaven hamlet Patriots who fought in our nation’s first four wars was long overdue,” stated Fire Place History Club Chair Marty Van Lith. “The members of the Fire Place History Club had this plaque made to correct that oversight and bring more awareness of those residents’ sacrifice and service.”

Media Release: Legislator Kate Browning, Shirley, NY, May 29, 2015



Tom Williams, John Deitz, Kate Browning and Connie Keper at the Four War Memorial



John Deitz dedicating the Four War Memorial, Memorial Day, 2015

# THANKS TO OUR 2014 DONORS

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*Bald Eagle on Beaver Dam Creek –  
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We have included an envelope for your convenience or you can go to our website, [www.postmorrow.org](http://www.postmorrow.org) and contribute via the “donate now” pay-pal button.



*Post Morrow Trail*

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