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History of Post-Morrow

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.

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HEDGES CREEK

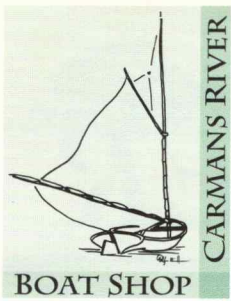
The Foundation has recently been able to negotiate an agreement between the Fuoco Family of East Patchogue and Suffolk County to purchase a twenty-six acre parcel of land on the corner of Dunton Avenue and South Country Road. The property runs north, behind houses on Dunton Avenue, up to the southern border of the South Country School District property. The property encompasses both sides of Hedges Creek as it meets South Country Road in East Patchogue. This 26 acre parcel will compliment 30 acres already owned by Suffolk County. Known as the "Hedges Creek Wetlands" site, this property was acquired by the County in 1989 under the Open Space Program. The Creek is a tributary of the Great South Bay Estuary and flows under South Country Road into Dunton Lake which subsequently feeds into the Great South Bay.

The Foundation had been planning for over a year to acquire the property. Working with family member Stephen Fuoco, Legislator Brian Foley and the Suffolk County Executives Department of Real Estate, the Foundation was able to structure a "bargain sale" whereby the family sold the property below fair market value. The difference between the fair market value (appraised value) and the sale price represents a charitable contribution on the part of the owners Louis Fuoco and his wife Josephine, Tony Fuoco and Shirley Gerrard. Thus, due to the generosity of the family, the Foundation was able to purchase the land and the family will realize a charitable gift. The Foundation was then able to re-sell the property to the County through its "Greenways" land acquisition fund, and it will be added to the Hedges Creek Wetlands preserve.

Three other smaller parcels of land in this area were purchased by the Foundation for resale to the County as well. Two parcels were part of an "old file" map of the area, approximately one tenth of an acre. One parcel owned by the Arthur Dengel family in Florida has been in their family since 1895. The other small old file map property was owned by Joyce Topping of Tannersville, New York. Often such parcels were part of other purchase plans. Some were sold as an incentive to buy the Encyclopedia Britannica, others as a way in which a family could own property in Brookhaven in order to use parks and beaches. Caroline Fuoco, another relative of the Fuoco family has also sold a parcel of slightly over an acre to be added to the preserve.

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MISSION

The mission of the Carmans River Boat Shop is to operate an educational facility for the building, restoration and repair of wooden boats in order to sustain maritime skills and traditions, particularly those associated with Brookhaven Hamlet and Great South Bay.

The dream of a boat building school at Tooker's Boatyard has taken a couple of steps further toward reality. After intense discussion, the Boat Shop committee has chosen the first courses to be offered to the community. Meanwhile, architect Diane Herold has drawn plans for the facility to be carved out of the existing motor shop storage room and a piece of the eastern storage shed.

The committee has visited several other boat building schools to gather information about their programs. The Wooden Boat School in Brooklin Maine has been especially helpful, and the Apprenticeshop, in Rockland Maine has expressed interest in the development of an "Atlantic Challenge" program here in Brookhaven. "Begun in 1986 as a challenge to France for a friendly 'Contest of Seamanship' in matched 38 foot 18th-century "gigs," the Atlantic challenge has grown into an international organization, that now embraces over 50 Atlantic Challenge gig-based youth programs around the world, which trains thousands of youth from all backgrounds in seamanship, sportsmanship, and international cooperation." (as described by "The Atlantic Challenge Foundation," Rockland, Maine)

In planning the initial direction of the curriculum, the committee examined offerings by other boat building schools and found that the courses generally fell into five categories:

- 1) quick construction projects, in which students without much experience could use modern techniques to take home a small boat with a week's work.
- 2) building more complex craft while teaching true traditional skills.
- 3) restoration projects as a teaching tool.
- 4) specialized courses in skills such as joinery, finishwork or lofting.
- 5) related crafts such as carving, rigging or navigation.

Starting slowly, the Carmans River Boat Shop will be opening its doors with a course on "Building the Mill Creek", a thirteen foot lightweight kayak designed by Chris Kulczycki. Using the "stitch-and-glue technique, an individual, couple or parent-child team will be able to build this boat, put it on top of their car, and take it home after three weekends of work.

"... a simple and well-mannered little boat for those of us who find solace in exploring quiet marshes and backwaters and corners of commercial harbors. She is stable enough for exercising a fly rod or holding a Kingfisher steady in our binoculars, yet able to get home across an angry sound without fuss or delay. And she's light, so it is no chore to carry her to the water's edge."

(Chris Kulczycki, "Wooden Boat" May/June 1997)

At the same time, Carman's River Boat Shop will offer shorter courses in marine carving and either marlinespike seamanship (knots, splicing, etc) or joinery. Other courses are in the planning stage for later in the fall, and will be announced soon.

Members of the committee, led by Michael Garlin and Michael Kortchmar, are starting to build a Mill Creek Kayak as a planning project. The boat will be finished in time for the Squassux Fair, where it will be raffled to the public. The Boat Shop committee will be there with plans and information about the school, and brochures and applications for courses.

To enable construction of the Boat Shop, a place had to be found for John Taylor, operator of the marina, to move his outboard repair business. His new shop, now taking shape in the west storage shed, should be finished in May, and work will begin on space for the school. The plans show about 2200 square feet in two classrooms, with a space for larger woodworking machines in the center. Several large sliding doors will be open to the breeze during the warm months. The old office in the front building will remain as a tool and supply room and an office for the shop foreman, who will be responsible for supplying materials for the classes, for maintaining the tools and overseeing their safe use.

A good set of tools is the second largest investment after the building. At the top of the list are the large tools such as a band-saw, table saw, planer, joiner, drill press and a wide variety of hand tools and smaller power tools and there can never be enough clamps. The Boat Shop committee has appointed a subcommittee under the leadership of Ted Flagg to solicit donations from the large tool companies. In addition, gifts from individuals will be gratefully accepted.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list for course information please return the form below. We welcome suggestions regarding the Carmans River Boat Shop.

*Logo: Designed by Tom Michelsen, Brookhaven, New York
The image of the sloop was adapted from an oil painting by Walter Clark, entitled: "Brookhaven, Long Island," (unmistakably Squassux Landing). The painting is reproduced in "Long Island Landscape Painting; 1820-1920, R.G.Pisano, 1985.*

**CARMANS RIVER BOAT SHOP
WILL RAFFLE A MILL CREEK KAYAK AT THE
SQUASSUX SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**

Saturday June 17th, 2000
1:30 - 8:00pm
Squassux Landing, at the end of
Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven, NY

In cooperation with the Brookhaven Village Association, the Carmans River Boat Shop will raffle a newly built Mill Creek Kayak at the Squassux Fair. Funds raised will support the Post-Morrow Foundation's Carmans River Boat Shop and the Brookhaven Village Association.



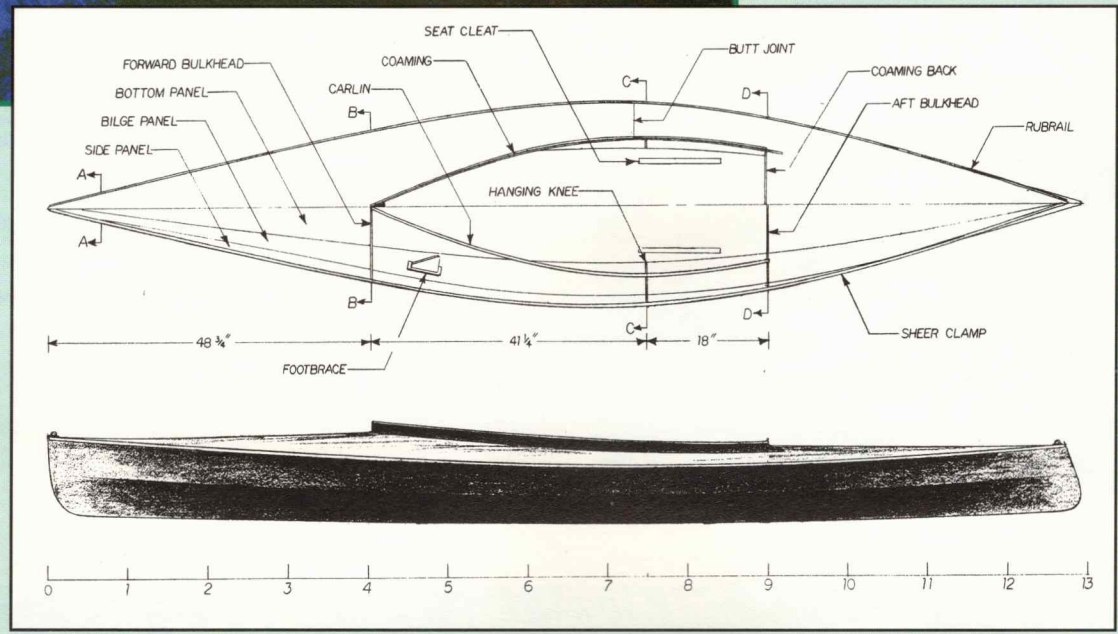
The Mill Creek Kayak, photo credit, Chris Kulczycki, Wooden Boat Magazine, May/June 1997.

MILL CREEK KAYAK PARTICULARS

LOA 13'

Beam 29 1/2"

Weight 37lbs



For more information, please fill out the following and return to the Post-Morrow Foundation.

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Address: _____

Special Interest:

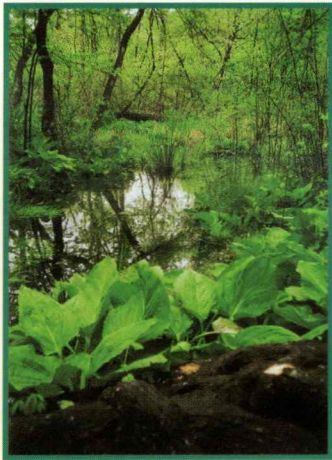
- 1) Building the Mill Creek Kayak
- 2) Marine carving
- 3) Marlinespike seamanship
- 4) Joinery
- 5) Other



HEDGES CREEK (continued)

The following report was made by Art Cooley, a local naturalist and Board member of the Environmental Defense Fund:

"Nancy and I walked in the Hedges Creek property this morning with some success. It looks like it had been cleared in this century and much like the Post-Morrow property is coming back from that. So it's still changing. We saw only one warbler species, a yellow throat, and heard one other which we couldn't find or identify. We saw no wood ducks but there are plenty of old trees with holes for them. There are muskrat and green frog there. The best birds we saw were a male ruby throated hummingbird sitting on the top of a tree as if he were guarding a territory and a brown thrasher. They



have become rarer on LI and it was good to see one there. There were the usual birds, red bellied woodpecker, tufted titmouse, both of these new to LI in the last 30 years or so, redwing blackbirds, common grackles, blue jays, common crows, robin, downy woodpecker, mourning dove, wood thrush, catbird and cardinal. Ground pine, a rare fern related plant, is there. It's a nice woods that will only get better as it returns to an original condition. The stream has a good flow." (Sunday May 17th, 1998)

"Louis "Bud" Fuoco said he had fond memories of the property his father had bought back in 1951. The original tract was larger, and well-known for the strawberries that were grown on its northern acres.

"My father bought the property for \$50 an acre, Fuoco said. Then, later on, he sold 10 acres to the school district for the same price.

Other family members said they had memories of gathering watercress by the creek, and fishing for freshwater trout and perch in the clear waters that begin at Head of the Neck.

"One of the conditions of the sale is that the land be used for nature walks, and as a place for children to enjoy what nature has to offer, said Stephen Fuoco."

(Long Island Advance, January 6, 2000.)

The County and the Foundation are working together with the family to name the preserve, possibly the "Fuoco Family Preserve." It is hoped that the proximity to the Verne Critz Elementary school will encourage students to explore some of the wildlife there and become more sensitive to the needs of their environment. The preserve will be open for passive use such as a nature trail but will not be further developed.

The Foundation would like to thank the Fuoco family for their generosity and their donation to the community which will be remembered by generations to come.

MALCOLM FLEMING

Malcolm Fleming, facilities manager, has decided to retire from the Foundation. Malcolm was the first and only full time employee of the Foundation and has been with us for the last six years. An engineer by education, Malcolm was responsible for the maintenance of several buildings owned by the Foundation as well as all equipment and landscaping. One of the most visible and well used facilities of the Foundation, "the annex" was rehabilitated and turned into a fine meeting place for the community. Presently used by the BVA, US Fish and Wildlife and other local groups, the annex was the original garage for the Morrow family. Malcolm's design and handiwork turned the garage into a valued community resource.

To fill his position, the Foundation has hired Kenny Budney from Bellport, who has spent much of his life as a clammer on Great South Bay. Kenny is also a representative of the Baymen's Association on the South Shore Estuary Reserve Council and is an active member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Bellport. We welcome Kenny to the Foundation. We will miss Malcolm and we wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

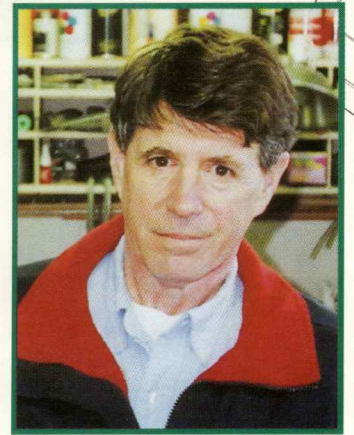
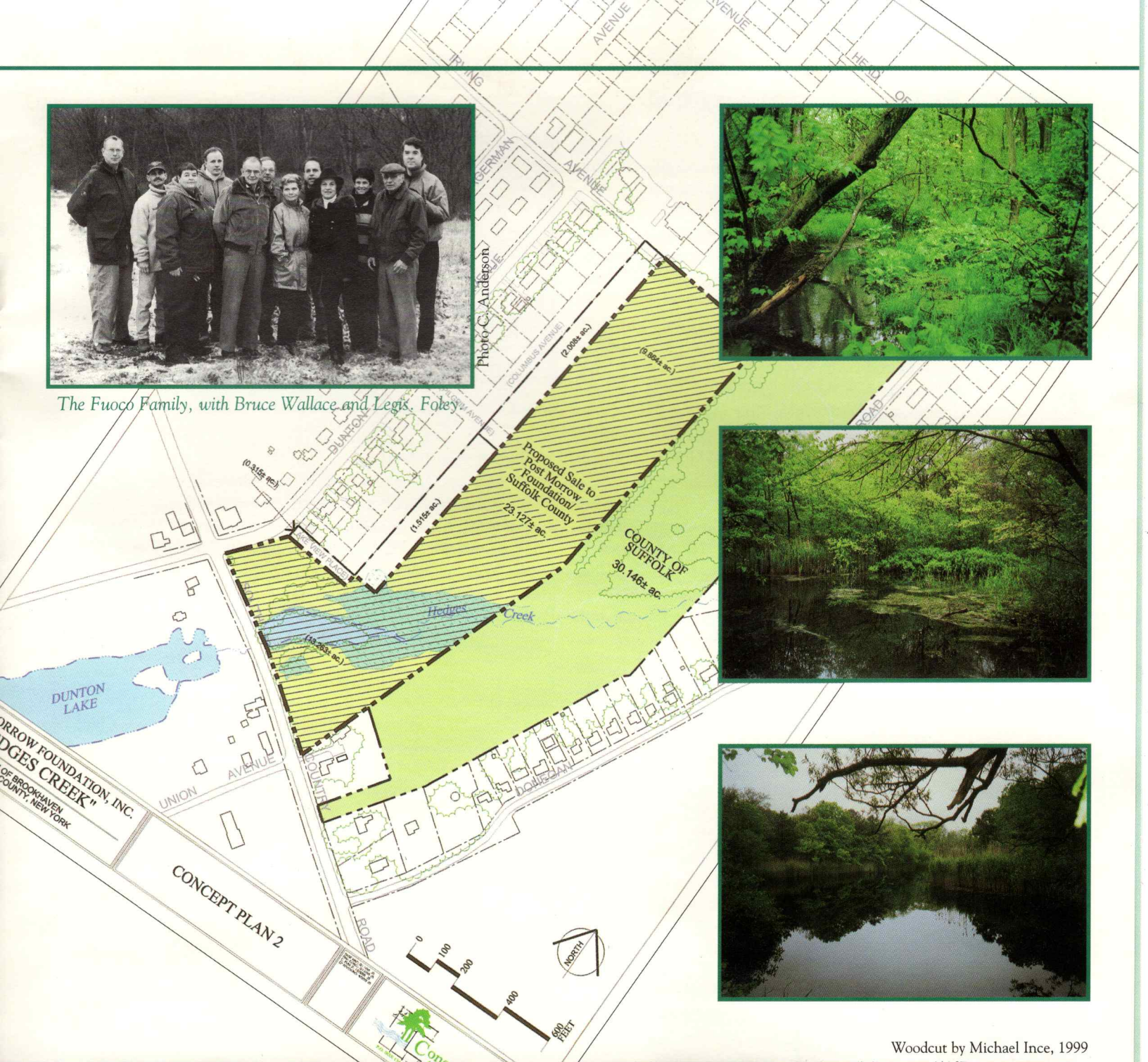




Photo: C. Anderson

The Fuoco Family, with Bruce Wallace and Legis. Foley



Woodcut by Michael Ince, 1999



BELLPORT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY HONORED BY BROOKHAVEN TOWN

Recently, the Town of Brookhaven Conservation Advisory Committee honored Students For Environmental Quality (SEQ) with the "2000 Town of Brookhaven Conservation Award." SEQ was honored for their 30 year history of outstanding efforts to protect and enhance the natural resources and environment of the Town of Brookhaven and acting as stewards in the Adopt-a-Preserve program by monitoring, maintaining, and improving the Fireplace Nature Preserve.

SEQ was started at Bellport High School in 1970 by a group of students concerned about environmental issues. One student brought to his class with Art Cooley, some information about the fact that a local auto repair shop was dumping oil into a local lake. SEQ wrote a letter to the company which ultimately resulted in the company stopping the dumping. Early triumphs of SEQ included the passage of the bottle bill in Suffolk County and New York State, which greatly contributed to clean-up of roadside litter and recycling efforts.

The group was instrumental in designating the Carmans River as a Wild, Scenic and Recreational River which affords the river and the surrounding areas a large degree of protection. Much of the Carmans River is within the Wertheim Wildlife Refuge. SEQ students wrote and published the "Carmans River Story" a natural and human history of the river which was recently republished by the Foundation.

SEQ holds an annual "trash-a-thon" which helps to clean up the community and remove litter from many of the area's creeks



Pictured are Supervisor Grucci, members of the Town Board, Members of the Town Conservation Advisory Council, the faculty advisors for the club and founder Art Cooley and members of the Students for Environmental Quality.

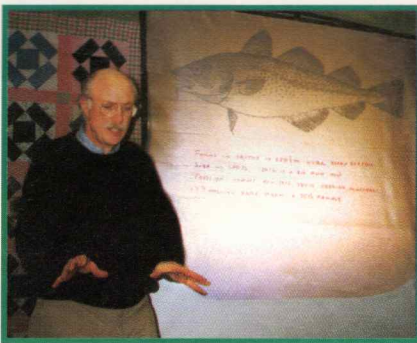
and waterways. Members helped the Village of Bellport's innovative program to distribute home composters to residents and conducted research on the effectiveness of this type of recycling.

Most recently, SEQ has introduced a recycling effort within the South Country School District and has volunteered to help the Town in a phragmites control project on John Boyle Island in Bellport Bay. It is hoped that this project will result in the reestablishment of a tern colony on the island.

(compiled with the assistance of Anthony Graves, Environmental Analyst)

PARTNERS IN SCIENCE AND MATH

As part of the partnership with Bellport High School, the Foundation, Students for Environmental Quality, the High School Science and Math Departments, along with local research scientists, Charles Flagg and Michael Reynolds, have initiated a



Dr. Charles Flagg speaking about the New England Fishery

lecture series for students and community residents. Organizing the seminars are Jim McGowan, Chair of the Science Department, Lois Etzel, science teacher and director of the Partners in Science and Math Program, Phyllis Decatur, Chair of the Math Department, and Tom Williams from the

Foundation. Intended to highlight the work of local scientists and environmentalists as well as to encourage students to become involved in research, the series has already held six lectures.

In January, Dr R.C. Anderson, retired from Brookhaven Lab spoke about Michael Faraday and Mary Shelly and the need for the scientific community to have an open dialogue with the community.

In February, Charles Flagg, oceanographer from the Lab and Commodore of the Bellport Yacht Club spoke about the "New England Fisheries" and the impact of man and climate on the fishing industry. Noting that some species had been fished out as early as the end of the 19th century, he discussed the need for careful nurturing of the Georges Bank in order for it to continue to be a source of food for our country and a diverse source of food for the other fish of the sea.

The lecture in March will be given by Dr. Joel Spencer who is a professor of Math at NYU. He will speak about Paul Erdos, an "ultimate, pure mathematician" and his influence on his own life and work.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH

Susan Antonen,

The Nature Conservancy, Director of Coastal Conservation
Conservation of Long Island Atlantic Ocean Beaches and Bays
Bellport High School, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY JUNE 2ND

"Our Students"

Several students from Bellport High School will present their work and research as part of their participation in the Partners in Science and Math. Bellport High School, 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE COME

EVERYONE IS WELCOME • REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED • ADMISSION IS FREE

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

The Foundation would like to thank all those individuals and families who gave to the Post-Morrow Foundation in 1998 and 1999. We are grateful to those who believe in the mission of the Foundation to preserve open space and our Brookhaven heritage. The following list reflects gifts received from January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1999. We have made every effort to include everyone and regret if we left anyone off the list. Please contact the office to make any corrections.

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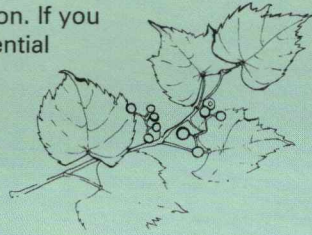
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Thank you for your support

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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 Brookhaven Hamlet. We would be happy to notify the family of your charitable gift.
Gifts of land and/or historic material- as described in this newsletter, we welcome gifts which reflect the heritage of our community.

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