



NEWSLETTER

Summer – 2009

Farnham Farm, the Site of New Micro-Vineyard



by Evie Malm

If you have noticed rows of what are referred to as grow tubes – some with grape leaves already peeking through – at Farnham Farm, they are part of a privately funded experimental micro-vineyard. The brainchild of Melany Westwell and her husband Michael O'Connor, the experiment is designed specifically to produce grapes suitable for making chardonnay wines.

Last year, Melany and Michael became intrigued with the thought of making wine. Melany and her father J Westwell, developer of the blueberry patch at the farm, started looking for a small piece of PI land to begin the venture. As they tossed around ideas, it was established that patriarch J would oversee the growing of the grapes, and Melany and Michael would oversee the wine making. The idea of renting land at Farnham Farm was put on the table, and ultimately became the chosen route. Melany and Michael reached an agreement with the Prudence Conservancy to rent the land for five years – the amount of time it will take until the first wine is bottled. If the project proves successful, they have the option to renew the contract.

Before the first vine went in the ground, much research was done. In October of 2008, Melany, Michael and J enrolled in a course offered in small vineyard development at UC Davis. A small vineyard can be defined as under 500 acres, while the planned

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Blount Cruise Donation Makes This Year's Silent Auction a "Don't Miss" Event

As you watch ships from the American Canadian Cruise Line (ACCL) pass by Prudence Island, have you ever thought about what it would be like to experience one of their cruises? Now is your chance! Thanks to the generosity of executive team members Nancy, Marcia, and Julie Blount, who oversee the family businesses of their father, the late Luther Blount, Islanders and friends of the Prudence Conservancy will have an opportunity to bid on an ACCL cruise cabin (double occupancy) at the Conservancy's annual Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social to be held August 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Farnham Farm.

The successful bidder will choose a departure date of either September 15th or October 12th. Either package includes leaving Warren, RI on a day-long trip (including lunch) to Quebec City, where they will board the MV Grande Caribe heading back to its home port in Rhode Island. Bidders can choose between the Classic Adventure: Erie Canal/Saguenay cruise which leaves Quebec City September 15 arriving in Warren September 27th, or the Northeastern Fall Foliage cruise leaving Quebec City on October 12th and disembarking in Warren, RI October 24th. ACCL is the only cruise line that can navigate narrow locks and low bridges, thanks to the ingenuity of late owner and Captain Luther Blount, who designed a ship with a retractable pilothouse.

Both ships' itineraries include cruising the waterways of Native American, Colonial, Revolutionary

and Industrial Eras including the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Ontario featuring Thousand Islands, the Erie Canal, the Hudson River Valley and returning to Narragansett Bay. Starting bids for the chosen cruise is \$3,000 with all money going directly to the Prudence Conservancy. The retail value of this donation is \$7650 and includes port charges. For more details about the trips, go to www.ACCL-smallships.com.

The Blount family has strong connections to Prudence Island and the Conservancy. Shortly before his death in 2006, Luther Blount and his heirs agreed to a charitable sale of development rights to the Conservancy of 168 pristine acres of beach frontage including Sandy Beach, a salt marsh and woods on the northern end of Prudence. Thus, the land with a market value of well over one million dollars was saved from possible development.

The Blount family continues to stay involved with Prudence Island. Marcia Blount serves on the Conservancy Board of Directors. The family's Prudence Island home is being updated for siblings, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Luther Blount to enjoy. Addressing the importance of Prudence Conservancy, Marcia Blount, speaking for the family said, "As the family of the late Luther Blount, who loved the island, we are happy to be able to help the Conservancy purchase, preserve, and protect land and keep the island from becoming overly developed."



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Orchard Honors Memory of Jack Marmaras



by Evie Malm

When Rosemary Marmaras was looking for a way to honor the memory of her late husband Jack, she kept thinking about his love of Farnham Farm and his strong desire to see the land farmed as it was originally. With the community gardens and the blueberry patch in place, it seemed fitting to establish an apple orchard and bring back some of the heirloom apples grown on the farm in the 1800s.

With the help of Prudence Conservancy chairman Bob Marshall, who turned to Master Gardener Bob Lund, Islanders will be able to

enjoy the fruits of their labors in the next four to five years. Marshall researched island sources for varieties that had historically been grown on the island, and Lund spent the fall and winter seeking sources for purchasing them. Of the seven varieties requested, Lund was able to purchase four from Miller Nurseries out of New York. These include Rhode Island Greening, Roxbury Russet, Yellow Newton Pippin and Baldwin. Three trees of each variety were planted. Lund will continue to root out sources for the other three: Golden Spice (Dyer), Peck's Pleasant and Jonathan species.

According to Lund, pruning has already started. "The whips received from the nursery had to be pruned by about one-third to get them started," he said. The deer also did some pruning before Lund was able to erect the protective fences. "I would hope we can get others interested or qualified to prune, spray, and care for the trees in the future, and especially as they mature," he added.

Lund, who has been coming to Prudence since the 60s, is married to Anne, who has come here all of her life to the Sawyer (grandfather) Tea House. Lund retired four years ago and "started clearing the jungle of bittersweet and bull briar" for his garden across from the fire station. For many years, his horticultural hobby has been plant propagation with the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia.



BLUEBERRIES

The blueberry patch is open again this year from 9:00 a.m.-Noon every Saturday. The price remains the same at \$2.00 a pint. Expecting a banner crop this year, J Westwell said, "I am disappointed with the results of the crop from July's weather."

All monies received for the blueberries are donated directly to Farnham Farm.

Conservancy Annual Meeting August 8, 11 a.m.

Perhaps you have cast a line, taken a swim or taken in the sun on the slate rocks at what is referred to today as the Old Stone Dock at the corner of Broadway and Bay Road. But do you know anything about the dock's history – when it was built, how it was constructed and what purpose it served? What about Bullock's Wharf located on Beach Road at the Bristol Colony Beach? What purpose did it serve? Find all the answers and plans for restoring the two structures at this year's Prudence Conservancy Annual Meeting slated for August 8 at 11:00 AM at the PIA.

ANYONE WHO HAS OLD PICTURES, LAYOUTS OR ANY MEMORABILIA RELATED TO THE TWO DOCKS IS ASKED TO LOAN THEM IN ADVANCE TO BOB MARSHALL, CONSERVANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN, SO THAT COPIES CAN BE MADE TO BE SHOWN AT THE MEETING AND USED FOR PLANNING AN HISTORICALLY ACCURATE RESTORATION.

Micro-vineyard, Continued from page 1

Prudence Vineyard is one tenth of an acre. It was the size that intrigued the larger growers. After completing the intensive course, the challenge was to find a place that was willing to sell as few as 100 vines for the PI project. Minimum orders range from 500-1000 vines. One of six salesmen at the Sunridge Nursery, located in Bakersfield, CA, handled sales outside of the state. Intrigued with the east coast project and recognizing that a micro-vineyard could do things commercial growers couldn't do, the salesman agreed that once they had made buying decisions, he would take their small order.

There was more work to be done before putting in an order. As the winemakers, Michael and Melany began their research learning the wine making process. J spent hundreds of hours reading over the next few months and talking with locals, including islander Nate Bacon, whose family ran a vineyard on the island for years. J also began picking the brain of Paul Nunes at Newport Wines, who not only loaned the grow tubes, but also spent time discussing various clones with J.

The trio ordered three clones: 25 of the 548 clone; 49 number 17 clones and 25 of the number 95 clones, which arrived in early May. J cleared the land, dug the trenches and prepared for the arrival of the 99 vines with the help of islander Billy Silvia, who on hearing about the project volunteered to lend a hand.

J planted the first 20 vines in one day, and was later joined by Melany, Michael, Ginny (J's wife) and summer resident Tim Howard, who helped to plant the remaining vines in the trenched rows. Nunes of Newport Vineyard loaned J growing tubes, one being placed over each vine to protect them and acting as a miniature greenhouse. In addition, the tubes were beneficial in keeping the wind and bugs off the vines as they establish their growth.

If all goes well, the first bottled wine will be produced in five years. In the meantime Melany, her father J and husband Michael look forward to sharing their experiences with the island, beginning with a presentation on Saturday afternoon, 3:30 p.m. September 12, 2009 at the farm. To sign up, email mwestwe@yahoo.com.

Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction Slated for August 8 at Farnham Farm

As in years past, the Prudence Conservancy will once again hold its Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction at the Farnham Farm in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. The Ice Cream Social begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Silent Auction.

There is always plenty of ice cream, with a myriad of toppings and whipped cream to satisfy every taste. Banana split? No problem. Caramel topping with M&Ms? No problem. Crushed Oreos? No problem. Whipped cream on top? No problem. We'll help satisfy your ice cream desires, however we can, on August 8th.

Tickets will be available at the Farm, but you can buy them also at the Annual Meeting at the PIA Hall that morning. With tickets already in hand upon arrival, you can be eating soon after.

After you enjoy your sundae, wander around the Farm and see what has been happening. New this year is a pick-your-own-cornfield, where we hope to have corn later this summer (if we ever get enough sun). The blueberries, while also delayed, are ripening nicely. A test vineyard has also been planted, to make use of the Farm facilities. The Conservancy has also planted several apple trees and hopes to have apples available in the future.

The gazebo is located at the start of Sarah's Path. Erected in memory of Margaret Beck, the floor of the gazebo has been paved with bricks. Many have been purchased as memorial bricks, laser engraved with the names of loved ones. These are added yearly,

so contact any Conservancy Board member, Farm Trustee or Historical Society officer to discuss a memorial brick purchase.

At the Hope Brown Center, the Silent Auction will take place, where the action items are on display. For those unfamiliar with a silent auction, each item will be described on a clipboard. Bids start at a suggested minimum, with minimum increments for each successive bid. The highest bid entered before the auction closes is the winner. Bidding reaches a feverish peak just before the close of the auction, as people monitor their desired treasure, hoping they will make the top bid.

Be sure to see the distinctive and interesting offerings donated by Board members, Islanders and generous donors. Many items are truly unique and can be found nowhere else. Many are hand crafted, which showcase the varied skills of your neighbors and friends. We are even prepared to accept donations "on the fly" if you wish to donate something.

Farnham Farmhouse Stabilization Project

The Farnham Farm is currently undergoing a foundation and exterior stabilization project. The Farm Trustees, led by chair Harry Sterling, decided in the late winter of 2009 to undertake a project that would stabilize the farmhouse's foundation, sills, and first floor joists, prevent further deterioration and allow for subsequent building restoration, if desired.

A request for proposals (RFP) was generated by the team which described the project tasks to be undertaken and the required deliverables. This work included a survey of the existing conditions and the development of recommendations for stabilization. Project deliverables included architectural drawings documenting the existing conditions, plus drawings and specifications identifying the recommended repairs.

The RFP was sent to 14 architectural consultants experienced in historical preservation and located in Rhode Island and neighboring states. Of these, 7 visited the site and subsequently submitted proposals. The team selected Alan Berry Architect, Ltd. of Providence RI to complete the work.

Currently, the drawings and specifications are under final review. Next steps include securing the approval of the Farm Trustees, the Prudence Conservancy Board and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (RIHPHC). Beginning in August, the project will be open for contractor bidding, followed by selection of a contractor, with work planned for the fall 2009.

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A New Era Dawns for "The Trail Gang"

by Evie Malm

When Buzzy Rice decided to give up his role as boss of the PI Trail gang and head to warmer climates, he handed over the reins to Bill Baker and Brian Weber. The duo accepted responsibility for maintaining the 14 miles of island trails and also for making sure all the equipment is running smoothly. In addition to blazing new trails, they have ideas for streamlining the maintenance while at the same time developing an even stronger camaraderie among "gang" members.

Baker came to the island looking for land in 1983 on the recommendation of a family friend. It didn't take long for Baker, who was brought up in Barrington, RI, to buy a home and spend his off time as a flight attendant for United Airlines on Prudence, where he came to enjoy biking and hiking the trails developed by the late Bob Clachrie, and taken over by Buzzy Rice. Eighteen years ago, when he ran into Rice on one of the trails, Baker complimented him on the upkeep of the trails. Without losing a beat, Rice quipped, "Well, then, why the hell don't you help maintain them!" Baker got the message and joined the gang.

Brain Weber first came to Prudence on weekends in 1991. Brian works off island as a commercial fisherman in Alaska's Bering Sea and more recently has started a solar installation and design business "Prudence Solar." Like Baker, he runs and bikes daily on the trails and was convinced by Buzzy "to start

taking care of the trails I use and love so much." As a cyclist, he has a special loop covering the Diamond, Division Wall and Sunset Trails, and through the desert and back on the Buzzy Rice Trail. His friendship with Baker developed on the island basketball court and grew through other island activities. "The trail gang has brought us even closer," he adds.

Both have developed a new weekend concept for the rest of the summer for getting the trails done early in the day and having fun at the same time. Anyone interested in helping out with trail work and is willing to give a couple of hours can meet at 7:00 AM on either Saturday or Sunday morning at Farnham Farm and as a group, they will tackle assigned areas. Thus, some people can mow, others can trim and still others can pick up debris. "We'll

supply the equipment," adds Baker pointing out that it's like "hiking with a lawn mower!" Both agree you'll get exercise and a good workout.

Like many groups, Baker and Weber have a wish

list. Baker claims if they had another Ferris mower with a 48-inch cutting deck, "We'd be golden when it comes to cutting large areas like Baker Farm." A second hand one in good condition would run between \$350-\$450. Both agree that fuel is a big issue. Donating as little as five dollars will pay for two days of running power equipment. Anyone is welcome to just show up on a weekend, or if you want more information, give Brian a call at



497-2726 or 683-1540. "Believe it or not, working on the trail gang is a very rewarding experience," says Brian.

Conservancy Names New Board Members

by Evie Malm

Year-round residents Priscilla Gill and Nancy Jurnak have been named to one-year terms on the Prudence Conservancy Board. Both are Farnham Farm Trustees, with Gill recently named the Trustee's chairperson. Jurnak, in addition to being the Trustee's treasurer, chairs the sub-committee looking into the stabilization of the farmhouse.

Gill, who returned to Prudence full-time five years ago, has a long-standing love affair with Prudence. Daughter of a missionary, her family spent many years living outside the United States, but points out they returned to Prudence Island every summer to the place they called "home." She recalls Wednesday night sock hops and fondly remembers her favorite chaperones Betty Swindells (presently a year round resident) and her late husband Tom.

"Prudence Island was a very social place," says Gill, who along with her friends enjoyed movies at Sand Point, and Saturday night dances. Long before job sharing was a business concept, Priscilla and Ann Gill Hibbard (presently a PI resident) were job sharing afternoon and evening shifts at the recreation hall. Gill's daughters and granddaughter became the fourth and fifth generation family members to be involved in Prudence Island activities.

Jurnak, who refers to Prudence Island as "a small town hidden in plain sight," and her husband had been looking for a number of years to settle along the Rhode Island coastline. It was the *Rhode*

Island Living publication that led them to Prudence. She immediately fell in love with the island and she and her husband built what she refers to as a "nouveau Victorian" on the south end of the island. Retired as a program manager for a research and development team, Jurnak recognized the importance of giving back to the community. For the past two years she has been a member of the Farm's Board of Trustees. In addition to learning Quick Books to handle the Trustee's finances, Jurnak chairs



the Farmhouse Stabilization Committee, which she sees as a "multi-phased, very long-term restoration project covering several initiatives."

First, the committee is in agreement that the foundation must be stabilized to save the structure. This will be followed with what she refers to as "bite-sized projects" so that people can see progress.

As she meets more islanders, she admires the depth of family histories and the contributions these families have made and continue to make to the island. When not involved in island activities, she enjoys furniture refinishing. Jurnak finds it extremely rewarding to take "a piece of distressed furniture with good lines and good wood and bring it out of its shell." Island living has also given her time to hone her knitting skills, write letters and spend more time with her family.



Log on at the Farnham Farm!

Many of us spend time on Prudence visiting family or enjoying some solitude. Fishing, kayaking and other activities occupy much of our island time.

Many of us also do not wish to have work or other trappings of the outside world intrude on our visits here, but there is always a time when one has to 'connect' with the outside world. Without an Internet connection readily available in the house (or perhaps a rented cottage), or lacking a laptop to use, what can you do when you just have to give in and get on the web? Just can't live without using Skype to check out the grandchildren in Texas? Forgot to pay the mortgage before you left home? Have you received that acceptance letter from graduate school yet? Need to send that resumé out to a prospective employer?

The Farnham Farm has been hosting an Internet Café for island residents and visitors to use just for this purpose. For those who need information that is usually obtained online, this is the way to get at it.

During summer, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 10:00 AM to noontime, all are welcome to drop by the Hope Brown Center at the Farnham Farm to take advantage of the Farm's Internet connection. From December to April, Internet Café is open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

So, bring your laptops and do those things that you need to do online. There is plenty of workspace, and with wireless connectivity, you can have privacy if your work is sensitive in nature. You can even work outside at the picnic tables if the weather is good. Network and password information will be given to you at the Café. For those who do not travel with a laptop, there is a desktop computer available that can be used for checking email or connecting to the web.

Donations to help defray the cost of the equipment and connection are always welcome. There is a donation box in the Hope Brown Center where you can leave a donation (cash or check is fine).



Winemakers Melany Westwell, husband Michael O'Connor, and grower J Westwell invite all Islanders to a Farnham Farm Nano-Vineyard Ninety-Nine Vines Seminar and Wine Tasting, Saturday afternoon, September 12, 2009 at the Hope Brown Center. Attendees will hear an overview of the vineyard preparation process, as well as the chardonnay grape and rootstock selection, followed by tasting different chardonnay wines provided by Westwell and O'Connor. Sign up now; seating is limited. Donations for the evening are welcome to benefit Farnham Farm.

To register, email O'Connor at occonnormichael71@yahoo.com



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**Farnham Farm
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Prudence Island Community Will Reap the Benefits of a Cornfield at Farnham Farm

by Evie Malm

If you ask Bob Marshall why he decided to plant a cornfield at Farnham Farm, he'll answer, "I don't know. It just sounded like a good idea at the time!" That idea turned into first reclaiming a field and planting approximately 3000 Golden Bantam seeds by hand in a 50 by 200 plus ft. plot. If successful, the project will benefit Islanders and put the once working farm on the threshold of again being classified for state purposes as an operating farm. With such a classification, it opens grant options for additional farmland projects.

Five years ago, the area adjacent to the community gardens and blueberry patch was overgrown with wild grape vines, intertwined with invasive species. The first step in reclaiming the land and establishing the 40 by 300 ft. growing area required cutting, clearing and ultimately plowing the land before a single seed could be planted. Thanks to Ed O'Rourke, who not only purchased a tractor for existing fields, but also purchased a plow specifically for such projects as the cornfield, the final stages of preparation were completed. In addition to volunteering hours doing

the arduous work, O'Rourke donated the plow to the Conservancy for future projects. Volunteers Rick and Becky Cornell, Don Friswell and Ann Marshall helped with planting.

According to Marshall, planting the corn that at one time was a staple on the island is an experiment in the making. Recognizing the deer population is down, Marshall hopes "the project can be pulled off without fencing," which would require a fundraising drive.

While clearing the land superficially eliminates any invasive issues, the regular plowing of the field will go a long way to "rid ourselves of invasives," Marshall added. This new area is the first step. With this year's crop harvested, winter rye will be planted. Next year, more land reclamation will take place and

a second area developed, followed by a third one the following year. Rotating the crops would allow for adding other crops while decreasing the number of invasives choking out the area.

While Marshall pointed out the rain has thwarted the growing process, the soil is good and the area did not turn muddy. To date, there have been no rot issues. Selling the harvested corn will be on an honor system. Areas will be marked for picking. People can pick and put their money in a money box. While Marshall has not established a price, he assures everyone it will be cheaper than mainland prices and, most important, fresher than the mainland corn. "You just put a pot on to boil and come up and pick your corn," said Marshall, adding, "Even roadside corn is picked in the morning."

Property Acquisition Update

As we go to press, a closing is being scheduled for acquisition of the Ballard Property. This project is a joint effort of RI-DEM, Prudence Conservancy and the Town of Portsmouth to protect this 128-acre parcel, which runs from behind the Catholic Church to the west shore. Its southern border is Division Wall.

After years of work, a purchase and sale agreement was negotiated to acquire the property for \$1.375 million. DEM is providing the bulk of the funding using NOAA funds earmarked in the federal budget for this purpose several years ago. Prudence Conservancy committed to raising \$150,000 to complete the deal and was able to obtain \$100,000 from the Portsmouth Open Space Bond passed in 2006, while raising \$50,000 from Islanders to complete the deal. At the closing, DEM will receive the deed to the property and Prudence Conservancy will hold a conservation easement on the property.

When Barbara Chase Little passed away last year, she left two small historic properties, Pulpit Rock and the Blind Allin Farm Homestead, to Prudence Conservancy. Most Islanders are familiar with Pulpit Rock, but do not realize that it was private property. Barbara generously granted public access during her ownership. The nearby Blind Allin Farm dates back to the Revolutionary War and has historical artifacts from that period. The Conservancy had the property surveyed and a subdivision hearing is scheduled in August to separate the two historic sites from the 100-acre plus property that is in Barbara's estate. Once the Town of Portsmouth grants this subdivision, the historic sites can be deeded to Prudence Conservancy.

Ros Bosworth's Stock Donation Recognizes Value of Prudence Conservancy's Work

Talk to anyone who has spent time on Prudence Island and he or she will have a story to tell. Ros Bosworth is one of those people. He, along with many others at Bristol Colony, can keep you spellbound for hours on what life has been like through the years on Prudence. And he, like others, believes in giving back to the island in any way he can.

Bosworth started coming to Bristol Colony – which celebrates its 100th birthday later in the summer – from the time he was a little boy. He can regale you with stories of the first house in the Colony being brought over on a raft to serve as a fishing shack for a group of Bristol businessmen, to recalling the days when families had to lug their water from local streams.

When the first Prudence Island Water Company was founded, and water pipes were put down in different sections of the island, several Islanders

bought stock. While Bosworth was not an initial buyer, he later bought 20 shares at \$100 each from the late Chet Warner. Years later, he decided one way to give back to the island he loved and to recognize the importance of the Prudence Conservancy, was to turn over that stock to the Prudence Conservancy, a group devoted to maintaining Prudence Island's unique environment.

Bosworth urges others who have stories to share to follow suit in giving back to the island in any way he or she can. Whether it's joining an organization, sharing in the trail maintenance or giving money, each person can make a difference.

Bosworth suggests one way would be reviewing their individual portfolios and consider giving stock that has the possibility of continuing to grow to an organization such as the Conservancy.

Electronic Donations Make Giving Easy

In its recent mailings, the Prudence Conservancy has indicated that it is possible for you to donate online.

We depend on your generosity to help us continue our work in preserving and protecting Prudence Island. Of course, this takes not only a lot of volunteer time, but also money. With annual membership drives and property acquisition fundraising, it is easy to write a check, or to remember to write a check. But what happens if the check never gets sent? Membership decreases, fewer funds are available to acquire available property (which usually becomes available suddenly, so the Conservancy has to be able to act quickly), and perhaps a significant historically or environmentally sensitive parcel might not be able to be preserved.

The Conservancy website (located at www.prudenceconservancy.org) has a donation link on the

home page. This will allow you to set up your personal account through the Network for Good to donate electronically to the Conservancy.

You can donate online to pay your membership, make a donation for a specific purpose, or make a memorial donation in an individual's name. Your donation can be a one-time donation, or perhaps you wish to spread your membership or fundraising donation payments out over the year.

The website link will walk you through setting up an account, which will inform you via email of your donation, and provide a year end donation summary for income tax purposes. If you choose to make a recurring donation, you will be informed via email prior to the donation date, so that you may modify or cancel any particular donation as you wish. Donations can also be made anonymously if you wish. Your personal data will not be transmitted to the Conservancy in that case.

All donations are made using an encrypted secure socket layer, or SSL. The website has their security policy available online and all transactions are VeriSign secured.

Simplify your life, save some postage and clear one item off your task list. Go to the Conservancy website and check it out. If you have questions, contact the Treasurer or any Conservancy Board member at any time. A demo can be made available at the Hope Brown Center after the Silent Auction if you wish.

Have you renewed your Prudence Conservancy Membership?

Yes,

I want to join other Islanders who share my concern for Prudence Island's unique environment.

Prudence Conservancy Membership

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**Prudence Conservancy
Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 8
11 a.m. at the PIA Hall
Featured topic:
Preservation of the
Old Stone Docks**