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Volunteer Highlight

Klara Blazek

After searching for several months to find a designer to work with us on a new logo, we discovered a talented graphic artist—Klara Blazek—within our own network. We are thrilled with this seemingly simple design that speaks to our alumnae as well as providing a modern look to our brand as the organization moves into its next phase.

Klara is a graphic designer from Livingston, NJ and over the past five years she has immersed herself in the graphic design field, discovering her passion for creative thinking and visual problem solving. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from The College of New Jersey and has previously worked on brands such as Allrecipes, EatingWell and YaleMedicine. Currently, she works as a designer for Halstead Property Development Marketing, branding real estate developments in New York City.

When asked if she was interested in designing a logo for Eagle Island, she immediately said yes! From '05-'07 Klara was an EIC camper and her camp memories have stayed with her to this day. The sailing trips and the campfire sing-a-longs from those summers provided her with the inspiration she needed to develop this logo. Klara is so excited that the camp will continue to run and that she was able to help out in this big way!

NEW NAME, LOGO & LOOK SAME ORGANIZATION

Paula Michelsen McGovern, Executive Director

What started as a passionate group to save Eagle Island has morphed into a full-fledged non-profit corporation! Friends of Eagle Island, Inc has become **Eagle Island, Inc.** We can still do business as Friends of Eagle Island, Inc. where appropriate, but on most official business it will be the more concise and inclusive Eagle Island, Inc.

Despite the new, shortened version of our name, we know that we owe our progress to a very long list of passionate alumnae and friends, many volunteer hours dedicated to projects, fundraising efforts, alumnae networking and reunions, and countless emails. It was this group and these efforts that worked to save and ultimately purchase the Island and get our Camp back on track.

And fitting with this change is the wonderfully simple and elegant new logo designed by our very own Klara Blazek. We are excited about these changes as they reflect our progress and represent our passionate group.

OPEN ISLAND DAYS

Sign-up now

Open Island Days are scheduled for Sunday, July 9 and Monday, July 10! This is your chance to visit, picnic, see the historic buildings or take a walk around the Island on the Lakeside Trail. Starting at 11am, we will be running the boat on a tight schedule. Use this link to reserve your spot on the launch!

<http://eagleisland.org/new-events/>

Saturday, August 19 will be another Open Island Day; sign-ups will start in June.

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DONORS REMEMBER JEANNE WITH OVER \$100K FOR EI

Alan Herzig and Stephanie Saunders

Jeanne Wohlers was around 10 years old when she first set foot on Eagle Island, a step that would influence her life for five decades. Her passion for EIC continued until her death at age 65 in 2010.

Jeanne often talked about summers at EIC in the 1950's and 1960's. She wrote that of all of the experiences in her formative years, from her time as a Brownie through her graduation from Columbia Business School, NONE was more important than Eagle Island Camp. She eloquently wrote and spoke about the beauty of the island, where she learned to swim, row, and play volleyball, roasted marshmallows, laughed with friends, told stories, group sang, cooked fabulous French toast over a fire and portaged a canoe between lakes. She extolled the values of EI – self-confidence, adventure, love of nature, the fun of working together, and independence that are at the heart of what develop girls into competent, capable women. Jeanne went on to become a highly successful finance manager in the technology industry.

As Alan Herzig, her husband of 30 years recalls, Jeanne's love of EI never wavered over the years and often became the topic of conversation at social gatherings. Jeanne brought Alan to visit Eagle Island from their home in California and he too was charmed by the beauty and history of her camp. Learning that EI might be closed, Jeanne campaigned

tirelessly to preserve it by writing letters to Council and pledging \$5k in annual camperships, a commitment that her husband Alan feels strongly about fulfilling when camp reopens. When EIC did close, she again wrote offering financial support and other suggestions to speed the reopening.

The story does not end there. Once Friends of Eagle Island acquired the island, Alan and his new wife Stephanie (Tebby) Saunders have continued their involvement through guidance, inspiration, encouragement AND over \$100k in donations. FEI/EI is enormously grateful for their friendship and support. In honor of this love story, EI will be commemorating their dedication with a memorial plaque for Jeanne on the Mariners' Boat House, which is being repaired this summer.



HISTORIC TOURS

Members of the Adirondack Committee are often called upon to give tours for or assist with the media, or Open Island Days, and thought that a tour brochure *Eagle Island Camp: Walking Tour and History* would be helpful. Mary Hotaling wrote much of the Morton, Coulter and, Graves history while Chris Hildebrand and others filled in with the 70-year history as Girl Scout camp and through the current ownership by Eagle Island, Inc.

Click <http://eagleisland.org/forms/> to download the guide.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENT

Eagle Island, Inc. is always looking for new volunteers. What is your passion or talent? If you like to swing a hammer, or get dirty and work up a sweat, we can accommodate! We are particularly in need of skilled labor: carpenters, plumbers, electricians and masons. Visit <http://eagleisland.org/volunteer/> to sign up!

We are also in need of envelope stuffers, fund development, web design, and social media specialists. Do you have some time to assist at an Open Island Event, help with a one-time event or commit 2-4 hours per week? Please send a note to info@eagleisland.org.

A WEDDING GIFT

Joanne C. Ng (previously Cheung) and Thomas S. Gordon in celebration of their marriage asked that, in lieu of gifts, donations be made to Eagle Island in honor of their nuptials. What a beautiful way to share their love.

CONGRATULATIONS to the happy couple!

CLOUDSPLITTER FOUNDATION

The Grants Committee is thrilled to announce EI's receipt of a grant of \$20,000 for the second year in a row from this local Adirondack-based foundation in support of the infrastructure work, specifically the new water supply system.

MID-ATLANTIC REUNION

Karin Walsh Rutledge & Ginny Hildebrand

On April 30, 2017, Eagle Island campers, counselors and supporters gathered in Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC for the first Mid-Atlantic Reunion. It was great to meet new friends, share memories, and brainstorm about the future. Eagle Island, Inc. Executive Director Paula Michelsen McGovern updated those gathered on recent accomplishments, plans to upgrade infrastructure, repair historic buildings, get everything in working order, and purchase necessary items in anticipation of a limited opening in 2018.

Ideas generated from the brainstorming session included suggestions about future programming and articulating how spending time on the island has led so many to step out of their comfort zones, develop leadership skills, help others, and be good stewards of the environment. These are some of the things that differentiate Eagle Island from other camps and will be important to highlight to attract campers of the future.

Attendees joined in singing "We're a Camp" and exchanged information to continue to keep in touch. Some even connected with hopes to carpool to one of the Open

Island Days. Ginny Hildebrand's efforts to help organize the reunion and drive all the way from Pittsburgh were rewarded when she reunited with Suki Raskin, an Eagle Island friend she had not seen since high school. Special thanks to Ellen Gagne for securing the reunion space and helping to make the event a success.

If you and your friends from the Island get together, wherever you may be, we'd love to see it! Send us your photos! If you'd like to host a larger event and need some materials, a slideshow, a speaker, posters, or pamphlets please reach out to info@eagleisland.org



PRESERVING THE FUTURE

2017 \$2.5 M Capital Campaign

Complementing the recently-received state grant for nearly \$500,000, the *Preserving the Future* campaign hopes to raise additional funds to renew the island. Restoring Eagle Island to the beautiful condition many remember is not only a goal for us, but is necessary to ensure the island's future. Campers will once again be immersed in activities from singing and hiking, to sailing and handicrafts. This focus on infrastructure ensures that new generations of campers can be welcomed to the island as soon as possible to develop their own communities and build memories in a safe and welcoming environment.

80TH ANNIVERSARY!

August 2017 is the 80th anniversary of the Graves Family's gift of Eagle Island so "children may always play". The Graves Family could not have imagined the profound impact that Eagle Island would have on so many girls and women. We celebrate this milestone year by looking forward to 2018 when we plan to reopen Eagle Island to campers.

By August 1, 2017, in honor of the 80th anniversary, we seek to raise \$80,000 in new donations. To make it easy to remember, we are asking you to make a pledge or donation of a multiple of \$80: \$160, \$640, \$800, or even \$8,000? For those who have committed to a multi-year pledge, consider increasing your donation this year by a multiple of \$80 to help us ensure our reopening.

You may make a secure online donation at www.eagleisland.org/donate

CALENDAR

New England Reunion
TBA

Open Island Visitor Days
July 9 & 10
August 19

Adirondack Architectural Heritage Tour
July 15

Adirondack Plein Air Festival
August 16

Historic Saranac Tour
August 22

THE TRADING POST IS OPEN!!

- T-shirts
- Canvas tote bags
- Bumper stickers
- Note cards

On-line order deadline is Monday, May 22nd. Items expected to ship mid-June in time for the summer season. Order on-line at <http://eagleisland.org/tradingpost/>



SOCIAL MEDIA

Share Eagle Island happenings with your friends, LIKE, JOIN, SHARE us on your social media.



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What Eagle Island did for me . . .

"My time at Eagle Island played a huge role in the development of my career as an ecologist and science communicator. Many people send kids to science camps to become scientists--but EIC helped me develop skills that help me as scientist that I may not have gotten from a science camp. From living in a tent and spending most of my time outside, I learned to love plants. I learned to get along with folks of different backgrounds and personalities, to pitch in and lend a hand where it was needed, to pack for a trip, and cook a meal over a fire--all skills that have come in handy as a member of a field crew or lab group.

From sailing, I learned applications for physics and had a basis for understanding subjects such as environmental science. As an older camper and staff member, I found that I loved sharing my love of the outdoors with campers and figuring out how to best to teach sailing, and those experiences led me to many opportunities in science communication, from developing and leading kids' camps and school field trips to creating citizen science programming for adults."

Allie Weill, Camper '99-05, Staff '07-08
 PhD Candidate in Ecology, U.C. Davis
 Lead Coordinator, Kids into Discovering Science Program, Lower Lake, CA
 BA Biological Sciences, BS Geophysical Sciences, U Chicago, '11

New Board Members

Rowain Kalichstein, Esq.

a longtime Maplewood, NJ resident, is a graduate of Connecticut College (B.A), and Rutgers Law School (J.D.). Following judicial clerkships, she worked as a corporate associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. After leaving Stroock, Rowain has focused her own law practice in the area of Trusts and Estates and has served on Boards of other non-profits.

Rowain was an active Girl Scout through Mariners, attending Eagle Island Camp as camper and counselor and serving as a Girl Scout leader. Rowain is one of the founders of the Friends of Eagle Island and, since the group's efforts began, has generously volunteered time and expertise counseling and advising the organization.

Mary Ratchford Hesselgrave, PhD

of West Orange, NJ, is a mathematician, computer scientist and educator. She earned a BA in Mathematics from Newton College of the Sacred Heart, and a PhD in Computer Science from Stevens Institute of Technology. In 2001, Mary retired from Bell Laboratories as a Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, and returned to teaching college mathematics and computer science.

Mary was active in the Girl Scouts for 25 years, and attended Eagle Island Camp as a camper and Mariner staff from 1954 to 1964. She is an outdoor enthusiast who continues to participate in wilderness adventures in the Adirondacks and elsewhere, and has been at the forefront of efforts to save Eagle Island Great Camp.

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