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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - TWO "OSPREY-LEVEL" GIFTS

The Board of Eagle Island, Inc. is excited to announce with deep appreciation the receipt of two, separate, generous donations totaling \$200,000! Gwendolen Graves Shupe, a great-granddaughter of the 1937 original donors Henry and Florence Graves, donated \$100,000. The gift came after visiting her ancestors' summer retreat for the first time during the 80th Anniversary Celebration. Gwen spent several days visiting the Island during which she got to know two cousins she had never met and participated in an Open Island Day with over 25 weekend volunteers and 100 visitors. As a California native, she had never visited the Adirondacks, let alone walked Eagle Island's Lakeside Path. Gwen had heard stories from her mother about this idyllic place of her early childhood and had seen the family photos but it wasn't until she saw Eagle Island firsthand that Gwen got a real sense of this unique island camp. She also spent time with many enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers as well as with the leadership team learning about the organization and plans for the future. Gwen took her experience and enthusiasm back to her parents, Nan & Richard Shupe, and convinced them to *also* make a \$100,000 donation!

It is their goal to see their family's legacy continue to provide opportunities for girls and young women for many years to come!



El Board member Henry "Buz" Graves and Gwen Graves Shupe, August 2017



"I remember all the wonderful years I spent at Eagle Island with my Grandfather and Grandmother when I was very young 1-10 yrs. As Henry Graves' granddaughter I very much love to support your work."

Nan Shupe, pictured at left at 8 years old, with her grandmother Florence Graves, on the Island.

SHOWER HOUSE MAKE-OVER



Inside and out, the shower house received a makeover by an all-volunteer crew. The old linoleum was removed and new laminate "boards" were cut and installed over the subfloor. The new flooring is light grey weathered "wood", complimented by new white composite baseboards. The material provides a water-tight seal through its 'floating' tongue and groove construction. Volunteers thoroughly cleaned the interior to give it a new lease on life. The old yellowed plastic material on the front of the building was replaced with cedar shakes. New screening and a plexi-glass windows were cut and installed that can be kept open in the summer for ventilation and closed in the winter to keep the weather out. A fresh coat of exterior brown stain and green trim completed the shower house's updated look.



"CAMP"

A Fundraising Event in SoHo, NYC

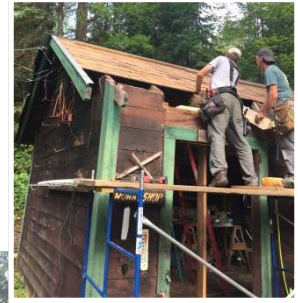
Please join us in going to "CAMP", Eagle Island's Fall Fundraiser in SoHo on **November 16th, 6-9PM!** Auction, Games, Prizes & More...and don't forget to wear your hiking boots! More details and RSVP to follow!

The event committee continues to collect items/experiences/services donations for silent auction. To contribute or for more information please email: events@eagleisland.org

CARPENTER SHOP

The Carpenter Shop, one of the original 1903 structures, leaked for years. In 2016, it was covered with a large tarp to buy some time until it could be renovated! Work began on the Shop this August and, unfortunately, what was once thought to be a simple job turned out to be a lot more complicated. Volunteers spent two days removing old shingles that in places really were not protecting anything. Some of the sheathing on the eastern side was rotted through. Todd Hall and his crew with ADK CampCare replaced the rotted sheathing and covered the roof with a layer of "ice & water" membrane. Shingles will be added once the specs are finalized.

The second half of the project was to jack up, level and shim the building. What should have been a relatively simple project turned into replacing rotten floor joists and pouring new concrete footings!



PROJECTS FOR FALL

Water and Septic Systems: The Initial Design Engineering Report is complete. Discussions with the NY Department of Health and NY Department of Conservation continue to ensure that the process and approvals run smoothly. The next step is for the engineers to prepare the detailed design and bid documents that will go out this fall and winter.

The area under the Historic Dining Hall is being readied for the water tanks and other equipment that will be installed in the spring. First, the area needs to be cleared of debris and large stones and then some reinforcement walls will be installed in order to set a base of crushed stone.

Service Dock: The dock is currently in poor shape with one area constantly under water causing weight bearing and safety concerns. The current conditions are being investigated and hopefully fixes will be completed prior to winter setting in.

Roadway Repairs: Crushed stone and mesh underlay will be installed to accommodate heavy vehicle traffic and prevent further erosion. This summer of rain has been very hard on roads and exacerbated ruts.

Mariner Boathouse: Despite the unusually rainy summer, the rehabilitation of the Mariner Boat House is nearly complete. So far work includes a new roof, replacement of the traditional structural and decorative cedar log work, and replacement of three of the lakeside piers with improved support of the entire structure.

Kitchen: The design help (a donated consultation!) will include layout, ideas for installation of washable surfaces (walls, floors, ceiling), slop sink and prep sink needs and locations as well as dishwasher evaluation. The good news is that the commercial stove and refrigerator/freezer are in good working order.



COLOR PALETTE

Brown is brown, green is green, right?? Not when trying to create a uniform look. After much consternation and many opinions, a collaborative effort resulted in a set palette of colors for Eagle Island.

While areas may weather differently the starting point will be the same. This summer almost all of the exterior stairs and decks on the Island were freshly stained and all stairs had the addition of a white/sandy stripe on the edge. New shingles are now all Benjamin Moore "Oxford Brown".

NEW BARGE

Last year the Board recognized that a great deal of money was being spent on transporting large equipment and supplies to the Island. It cost nearly \$30k to hire out a barge large enough for the well drilling equipment. There is only one company with only one large barge in the Saranac Lake/Lake Placid region available for hire. Rental costs \$5,000 just to launch it plus \$400 /hour or \$3,200 / day.

Understanding construction needs in the short term and the ongoing needs of running and maintaining an island camp in the future, EI started to research the possibility of buying a larger barge in conjunction with selling the current barge.

"Large barge" needs for construction work:

- Remove and haul away old metal septic tanks (2)
- Transport new septic tanks (concrete or plastic /fiberglass)
- Ferry new water supply/storage tanks
- Install a large propane tank on the Island
- Move propane truck over to fill the tank
- Carry trucks with gravel, sand, or soil for construction projects
- Haul logs
- Haul construction debris

Future "large barge" needs regarding camp operations:

- Use as an emergency evacuation vessel
- Ferry propane truck (eliminating need for cumbersome manual handling of many hundred-pound tanks)
- Remove garbage with future dump trailer (\$5k)
- Transport luggage on change-day
- Move septic truck to empty the tanks (every 2-3 yrs)
- Carry trucks with gravel, sand, or soil for road and beach maintenance



Additional economic cost savings include labor costs and time as it relates to:

- Multiple trips with the smaller barge
- Handling of material multiple times and often

Example: removing a roof → material falls to ground → picked by hand, bagged → put on the truck → bags transferred on barge to mainland → picked up and put on mainland truck → dumpster or dump. Material can be handled SEVEN times, increasing the labor cost of construction jobs and potential for spills.

EI estimates the ROI for the new barge to be approximately 2-3 years (assuming only upfront construction expenses); beyond that point the barge will be very economical for ongoing camp operations, and will cost only fuel and maintenance.

Of interest is that the barge is actually two barges in one and if ever EI's needs changed one could be sold and as demonstrated by the sale of the old barge, they have excellent value retention. (Cost of old barge - \$20,000 - sold for \$18,000.)

Cost of new barge	\$ 58,535.98
Installation of steering & rebuilt motors.....	* \$ 14,000.00
Total cost.....	\$ 70,535.98
Less: sale of old barge.....	(\$ 18,000.00)
Net total cost.....	\$ 54,535.98

*Note: the two motors from the decommissioned LBH were refurbished and installed saving on the purchase of new motors, which run approximately \$12k+ each.

DUMP SITE to be removed

The former dump site is scheduled to be removed as per NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in October. This issue was known at the time of closing and the previous owners are taking full responsibility for the removal process.



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EAGLE ISLAND IN THE NEWS:

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