

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS

July 2024

President's Corner

~ Marilyn Dearborn

Time to don the red, white & blue as we celebrate July 4th with cookouts, parades, friends, family and fireworks!!

This holiday brings many more people to our quiet little town. Be extra careful when out and about – remember they are not familiar with the area in many cases so may put on their right blinker when they actually need to turn left. It might take longer to drive to the grocery store, but be patient. In a few months these extra people will head home and we will have our quiet town back. In any case – have a Happy Summer!

Congratulations to **Jane Hester, Friends' Volunteer of the Year** and **Norma Kolakoski, COA Volunteer of the Year**. They were honored recently at our Annual Volunteer Luncheon along with over 60 Friends and COA volunteers. Thanks to all our volunteers for giving your time to help Brewster seniors in many different ways. The Friends also honored 2 students at Nauset HS and Cape Cod Tech with \$1000 awards (see story, p.3).

Some things never change. The Board of the Friends needs more members – consider joining this wonderful group who work diligently planning and running trips and events to bring our membership together. Give me a call at 508-385-2881 for more information! You won't be sorry you did!!!

Plan ahead – mark your calendar for Sunday, September 29th – Join us at our **Annual Taste of Crosby Mansion** – an afternoon to mingle with old and new friends while enjoying a glass of wine or a beer and some wonderful food. Keep your eye out for more details in a later newsletter. This is an event you don't want to miss!!



Congratulations to the COA! We're glad we could help you celebrate your 50th.

A great time was had by the youngsters and young at heart!



BREAKAWAY



Care to Join Us for a Vineyard Tour, Wine Tasting, and Spice Buying Trip?



On Tuesday, August 13th, join us as we beat the summer traffic by traveling in an air conditioned motor coach to the [Truro Vineyards](#) where we'll first tour the vineyard to see how the grapes are grown. Then, we're scheduled to experience a wine tasting. Think you'll be hungry by then? There will be time to take advantage of the food trucks at the winery before we leave to go shopping at the [Atlantic Spice Company](#) market. A surprise dessert will be on the Friends!

We'll leave the Brewster Baptist Church parking lot at 9:30 AM sharp and return around 3 PM. See below for pricing. First come, first served! Avoid the driving hassles...come with us!

-----PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY and SAVE THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECEIPT-----

Name: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Day of event Phone: _____

_____ # tickets @ \$38/each (member) = \$ _____ # tickets @ \$48 (non-member) = \$ _____

Additional Donation = \$ _____ Total Enclosed for Wine & Spice \$ _____

Drop off your registration & payment (check payable to FOBS) at Sea Captains' Thrift Shop (66 Harwich Road) or mail to FOBS, PO Box 2310, Brewster MA 02631. **Registration & payment is first come, first served!**

Are you a Volunteer? Were you at our Luncheon? Congratulations Jane!



Jane Hester (L) & daughter





SEA CAPTAINS' THRIFT SHOP

66 Harwich Road ~ (508) 896-8180

Donna Bowie, Manager

If in doubt about purchasing or donating, please call first.
HOURS: MON - SAT, 10-4
Donations Accepted Daily: 11 - 2pm
We Don't Accept Credit Cards...Sorry!

Summer has arrived as evidenced by challenging traffic, full beach parking lots, restaurants that won't take a reservation and Sea Captains' Thrift Shop's eclectic collection of items for everyone.

Need something for that last minute occasion? We have it: shorts, tanks, capris, bathing suits, shoes, dresses and more! In fact, on June 15th a woman rushed in needing a wedding appropriate dress as she has forgotten to put hers in her car before leaving for the Cape. She left Sea Captains' with a perfect dress, perfect fit, perfectly priced (\$20) dress. Oh yes, she was perfectly happy, too!

Like to read a 'beach book' on those lazy, hazy days in the sun? We have it! Need household items to refurbish your summer residence or rental property? We have it! Need to keep the kids busy? We have it! Check out our newly refreshed ANNEX offerings which change regularly.

Donation Days: Help us meet the already heavy demand for summer clothing and accessories by donating summer clothing, beach & home goods to Sea Captains' Thrift. Donations are accepted at the rear door daily. Please note that we can only accept summer items up until August 15.

Anticipating our usual busy summer, we welcome new volunteers to staff Sea Captains'. Come join us and meet people from near and far. Do you have just 3 hours per week to give back to your community by volunteering? Pick a shift (10-1 or 1-4) and experience the fun and satisfaction of joining our nonprofit shop, the proceeds of which assist Brewster residents with staying active in the community. Hope to meet you there!

A Good News Story

You may remember that the Friends promoted our readership to consider donating to the [Cape Cod Tech Foundation](#) to assist students with license fees, tools, uniforms, etc., which some cannot afford.



Earlier this year, we passed a resolution to donate \$1000/year to the Foundation. We heard recently that a student in the culinary arts program had transportation problems getting to and from his job in the culinary field. He submitted a foundation request for help to purchase a car & we were pleased that our donation would help him out. "What?" you say..."He's not a Brewster Senior." That's true, but we seniors need to support young professionals who may be providing a needed service to us in the future.

Want to try eating at the CCT Cove Restaurant? Sorry, but you'll need to wait until school resumes next year. Who knows...our recipient may be the next chef at one of your favorite restaurants, or even start his own, with our help and yours!

Interested in Beautiful Quilting? There will be plenty of quilts on exhibit, vendors for shopping and lots of activities for both beginning and experienced quilters. The [show](#) will be open 10 am – 4 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 10 am – 3 pm on Friday. Admission is \$12; children under 12 are free. Hope you'll take the time to stop in!



<https://bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com>



Think you might still be interested in pickleball? Contact Nancy. She'll provide you with latest info. She can be reached via email at mathlc@aol.com

We Need Your Help Growing our Membership!

Our numbers are growing, but not fast enough! Your \$10 membership commitment helps other Brewster seniors with unexpected needs. Membership forms are available at the Sea Captains' Thrift Shop, now open Monday-Saturday, 10AM - 4 PM. It really is a great investment, benefitting you and other Brewster Seniors, too. Membership questions?

Contact Kathy Macdonald at khelenmack@comcast.net

Calendar of Friends' Events

Aug 21 - Wine & Spice, Truro
Sep 5 - Lobsta' Roll Cruise
Sep 29 - A Taste of Crosby
Mansion
Oct TBD New Bedford Whaling
TBD Sip & Paint

Searching for New Board & Committee Members! Want to Help Serve the Needs of Brewster Seniors?

Meet new people! Develop new friendships! Ply your skills!

General questions? Please contact President Marilyn Dearborn @ 508-385-2881 (home #) or any Board Member to learn more about the Friends.

2024 Friends Board of Directors

Donna Bowie, Thrift Shop ♦ Suzanne Dean ♦ Marilyn Dearborn, President ♦ Ronnie Dickens
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Open meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the
Brewster Bible Alliance Church, Rte. 6A, weather permitting. You're more than welcome to attend!

email brewsterfriends@gmail.com ♦ visit our Facebook pages

The Friends of Brewster Seniors is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote & enrich Brewster's senior residents and the Brewster COA through annual participant support, donations & fundraising. The Friends welcome you to become involved with our many activities and events.

Happy July!

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