

NHCHF Begins Year With Isles of Shoals

By Judy Perreault, NHCHF

We began our new year with a program about the Isles of Shoals. Nancy Barrett, our leader, had attended a conference there and was so taken with the islands and its history that she wanted to share her information with the Halcyon Seeker members.

So many times we are so anxious to go other places we miss what is in our own backyard.

There are nine islands ten miles off the coast of New Hampshire that make up the Isles of Shoals. Some of the islands were used by Native Americans as seasonal fishing camps and were first settled by Europeans in the early 1600s. They were an important fishing area for the British and French colonies.

At one time the vast quantities of fish caught off the Isles of Shoals caused large communities to be located on the islands. These communities exported fish to Europe and the Caribbean and on return trips brought wine, sugar, tobacco, and other goods back to be stored in warehouses on the Isle of Shoals and Strawberry Bank for subsequent sale to other communities. In Europe, Shoal fish were highly prized and brought high prices.

The Isle of Shoals was originally part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, which eventually lost it to New Hampshire and Maine.

The first township (1661) was established on Appledore Island (previously called Hog Island) with a population of

600 people. It is the largest island, consisting of 95 acres. It is now the site of Shoals Marine Laboratory and is run by Cornell University and University of New Hampshire. It is located in Maine.

The second largest (Star Island, New Hampshire) is 46 acres and has a hotel, chapel, and some other original buildings. It is used mainly for a conference center. Smuttynose (Maine) is the next largest island of 25 acres. It is unpopulated but has two small houses on it. It was the site of a famous murder of two women in 1873.

In 1679, eighty families moved from Appledore to Star Island to avoid Maine taxes.

Over the years, fishing declined, and in 1775 forty-four families were forced to relocate to Rye, New Hampshire due to the war.

The islands were pretty much abandoned until the middle of the nineteenth century, when a summer hotel was built on Appledore. This was followed by the Ocean House Hotel on Smuttynose and the Oceanic on Star Island.

Other islands comprising the Isles of Shoals are owned by New Hampshire, Maine, and some privately.

Now a good portion of the Isles of Shoals is owned by the Star Island Corporation and hosts conferences on Star Island.

It was a very interesting program and well presented.

We are thinking of taking a trip there this summer.

Town Crier Welcomes News From Andover Organizations

By Susan Chase, Concord Monitor Correspondent

Susan Chase, the Andover "Town Crier" correspondent for the *Concord Monitor*, reminds Andover organizations and individuals that she welcomes notices of upcoming events and other items of potential interest to *Monitor* readers from Andover for publication in the "Town Crier" section of the paper each Sunday. Organizations that would

like publicity for their events can reach Susan by phone at 735-5135, by e-mail at SRFChase@aol.com, or by mail at PO Box 311, Andover 03216.

In order to meet the *Monitor's* Wednesday deadline for the Sunday edition, residents need to provide all relevant information to Susan by end of day each Tuesday. She cautions that the *Monitor* does not guarantee that all submissions will be published.

College Honors

Meredith Cline of Andover has earned High Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics. Cline, a sophomore, is majoring in Business Administration and Marketing. In addition, Cline was recently named Assistant Manager at FroyoWorld in Durham.

Michaela Trefethen earned a spot on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina.

Michael Donovan of Andover has earned Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year at the University of New Hampshire.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.



Meredith Cline

Andover Energy Group Screens *Surviving Progress*

By Susan Chase, Andover Energy Group

Area residents are invited to a showing of the 2012 documentary *Surviving Progress* on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 PM in the library of AE/MS. The film is sponsored by the Kearsarge Area Transition Initiative and the Andover Energy Group.

Surviving Progress poses the challenge of how we best use finite resources to meet growing needs without destroying our environment or our civilization in the process. As Ronald Wright, whose best-selling *A Short History of Progress* inspired this film, says, "In the past, we could use up a region's resources and move on. But if today's global civilization collapses from over-consumption, that's it. We have no back-up planet."

The Andover Energy Group is an informal organization of volunteers interested in learning about renewable energy sources and energy-efficiency techniques for local homes, businesses, and institutions. The Kearsarge Area Transition Initiative encourages the nine towns in the Kearsarge area to develop a greater reliance on local resources – food, energy, and human resources in particular – to address the impacts of global issues such as economic insecurity, environmental instabilities, and dependence on non-renewable energy.

A discussion period will follow, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Susan Chase at 735-5135 or SRFChase@aol.com.

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