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The Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc. is located in the Hamlet of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York. Its principal office is at 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven, NY 11719.

Conceived by Thomas and Elisabeth Post Morrow and established in 1969, the Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of the rural countryside character of the Hamlet and the surrounding areas. Through the acquisition of properties, either by gift or purchase, the Foundation seeks to establish a nature preserve and sanctuary for the benefit and enjoyment of the immediate community. The preservation of Beaver Dam Creek, where the Foundation owns over 100 acres, is a priority.

The Post and Morrow families have had a long tradition of philanthropy in the community. James H. Post purchased the land along Carmans River, now known as Squassux Landing, which was later donated to the Brookhaven Village Association for use as a marina. The land upon which the Brookhaven Free Library is situated was another gift. Elisabeth Post Morrow continued the tradition of her father by donating various gifts to community groups, mostly anonymously. It was the hope of the Morrows that this legacy be continued through the establishment of the Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc.

# Post-Morrow Foundation NEWSLETTER

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## OLD MASTIC: THE FALLON /ANDERSON PRESERVE

The Foundation has been gifted four acres of property in Old Mastic on Lons Creek. The property was donated to the Foundation by David and Robert McClellan and the heirs of Helen C. Anderson: Margaret Anderson, Susan Harris, Grant Stanley MacDonald, Mildred Anderson Schneider and Donna Sherry. The property will be kept undeveloped and dedicated to the memory of Helen Anderson and Teresa Fallon.

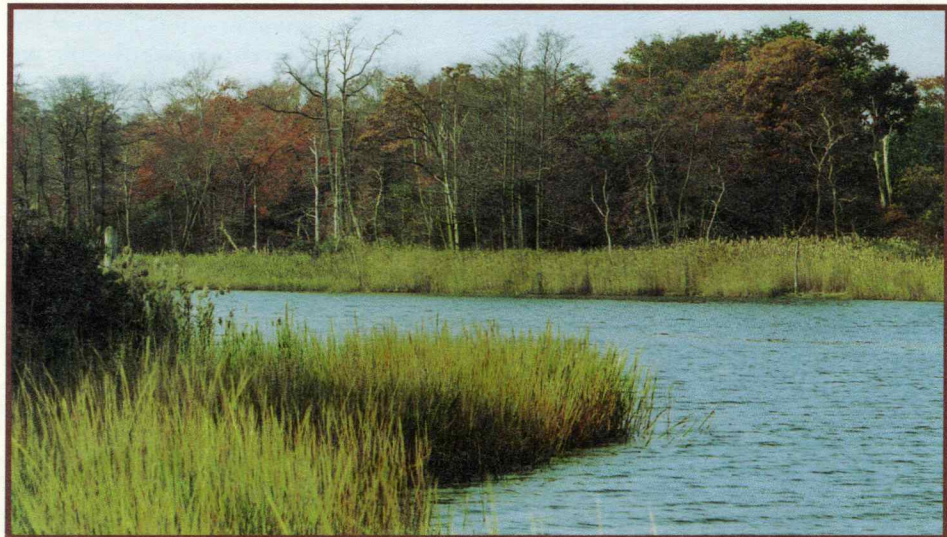
Teresa Fallon was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and obtained a nursing degree from Lowell General Hospital. She worked closely with Albert Sabin and other leaders in the development of the polio vaccine. She led a team of nurses taking the polio vaccine across the United States and subsequently worldwide, including Europe, mainland China and Hawaii. As a nurse on an emergency response team she travelled to remote areas across the world where polio was epidemic. In those remote areas, Teresa and her colleagues delivered hands-on-care to the impoverished suffering from a dreadful and incapacitating disease.

In 1965 she left the field of nursing and became active in the historic preservation of the William Floyd Estate, the Dana Estate in Old Mastic, and the Suffolk County Historical Society. She also dedicated herself to the preservation of land in its natural state and to wildlife protection.

Helen C. Anderson was born in California and also pursued a career in nursing. She made many contributions to academic nursing and to the development of modern nursing techniques caring for the geriatric patient. In 1965 she moved to Old Mastic, Long Island joining her long-time friend, Teresa Fallon.

Over three decades, Teresa and Helen together dedicated their lives to the preservation of land, wildlife protection and preservation of the historical arts in and around Old Mastic. "Those who knew them loved them and were rewarded with their legacy of love for the land and other living creatures..We have learned from both of them the importance of history in our modern day culture as well as the importance of caring for our community."

*(The above is quoted from a letter to the Foundation from Robert McLellan, M.D., Lahey Clinic, Burlington, Mass., August 1999.)*



Looking  
North over  
Lons Creek  
at the  
southern  
edge of the  
Fallon/  
Anderson  
Preserve

Old Mastic was formerly part of the William Floyd Estate and is located just north of the existing William Floyd Estate maintained by the U.S. Park Service. The area has been designated as an Historic District by the Town of Brookhaven and is one of seven districts in the Town along with the Fire Place District in the Hamlet of Brookhaven. One of the most significant homes in the Old Mastic area was originally the home of William Floyd's son Nicoll Floyd called "Taupeonk". The house remained in the Floyd family until the 1970's when his great-great-granddaughter Ella and her husband William S. Dana sold the house out of the family. Located along the Forge River, Old Mastic is a unique area and has preserved some of the colonial aspects of Long Island.

The Foundation is grateful to the heirs of Helen Anderson and proud to be the recipient of this lovely undeveloped property on Lons Creek.



## PARTNERS IN SCIENCE

Bellport High School student Shyama Wickramaaratchi was awarded a special grant from the Foundation for her work at Brookhaven National Laboratory as part of the High School's special Partners in Science pre-college intern program. Her project has focused on the problem of refining coal as a fossil fuel. By using bacteria, coal can be "cleaned up" in order to make it a cleaner burning fuel. Her mentor and advisor at BNL is Dr. Mo Lin who has been working on this project for the last several years.

The Foundation has worked with faculty at the High School to develop this program to encourage students to pursue their commitment to research. Lois Etzel, a science teacher at Bellport High School, is the advisor to the program and works closely with students to find them placements at various research facilities such as Brookhaven and Stony Brook. The Foundation decided to award such fellowships in order to enable students who might otherwise have to work over the summer to devote their full attention to their project.

The following citation was read at a school Board meeting in May of this year:

*Shyama Wickramaaratchi*

*We are pleased to award you the first Post-Morrow Foundation Fellowship for Partners in Science at Bellport High School. The Scholarship was developed to encourage High School students at Bellport to engage in science research as part of their high school curriculum.*

*We are especially pleased to make this award to you for your project: "Improvement of the Quality of Coal through Biodegradation Utilizing *Arthrobacter* Species and *Sulfolobus sulfataricus*".*



*Ari and Kanista Wickramaaratchi, Shyama Wickramaaratchi, Bruce Wallace, Tom Williams and Lois Etzel*

*We understand that you are working with Lois Etzel at Bellport High School and you will be doing your research at Brookhaven National Laboratories this summer under the direction of Dr Mo Lin.*

*The Foundation hopes that the fellowship will assist you in achieving your goal and we wish you well as you conduct your research this summer.*

Shyama has expressed interest in pursuing biology because she wants to "help people". She is entering the Intel Science Talent Search program and hopes to attend Harvard next year. Shyama has already helped us through her research in making burning coal a cleaner process. We wish Shyama the best of luck as she completes her research and continues her career in science.

## PARTNERS IN SCIENCE AND MATH LECTURE SERIES



*From left to right; Tom Williams, Lois Etzel, James Tripp, Marty Van Lith, Phyllis Decatur and Anthony Graves. Taken at the third lecture entitled: "Carmans River, A Study of Environmental Action"*

As part of the partnership with Bellport High School, the Foundation, Students for Environmental Quality, and the High School Science and Math Departments, along with local research scientists, Charles Flagg and Michael Reynolds, have initiated a lecture series for students and community residents. Organizing the seminars are Jim McGowan, Chair of the Science Department, Lois Etzel, science teacher and director of the Partners In Science and Math Program, Phyllis Decatur, Chair of the Math Department, and Tom Williams from the Foundation. Intended to highlight the work of local scientists and environmentalists as well as to encourage students to become involved in research, the series has already held four lectures.

The first, on global warming, was presented by Michael Reynolds who is an oceanographer at Brookhaven. Joanna Fowler,

a biochemist at Brookhaven Lab, presented her research on the mapping of the human brain and the effects of drugs and alcohol on the brain. In October James Tripp, General Counsel for the Environmental Defense Fund, Marty Van Lith, President of the Friends of Wertheim, and Anthony Graves, Environmental Analyst from the Town of Brookhaven, presented an overview of the environmental advocacy which has protected Carmans River over the last 25 years and the current status of the potential development along the River corridor.

The fourth in this series was presented by Tom Ludlam, a physicist from Brookhaven Lab who has been working on the RHIC project (Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider). Tom is a director of the Foundation and the RHIC project at Brookhaven Lab, which will attempt to recreate the conditions present at the beginning of the Universe in order to investigate the origins of matter.

Please look for the announcements of future seminars and come to learn about scientific research that is being conducted in our community by residents of the area. There is no charge and refreshments are served. The seminars are held at Bellport High School in the auditorium.

*At a special ceremony during the Squassux fair last June, this memorial plaque was dedicated to the memory of James H.*

*Post's three children who donated Squassux Landing to the Brookhaven Village Association for the use and enjoyment of Brookhaven Hamlet residents.*

*Present at the ceremony was Dorothy Jones daughter of Helen Post Hubert.*





Long a beautiful sight on Great South Bay, the *Elvira* was gifted to the Post-Morrow Foundation this fall by Robert Starke of Brookhaven. The *Elvira*, a thirty-nine foot sloop, was built by Gil Smith of Patchogue in 1906 for Harry Walton of Bellport. A "P" class boat, the *Elvira* was raced from Memorial Day to Labor Day by Captain Jim Raynor until it was sold to William Chichester of Center Moriches.

Bob Starke said that the *Elvira* came to be in his family in 1937. "Pop liked to mosey around boat yards. He was in the Center Moriches area one day and came across an auction sale on the west side of Senix Creek in Goldsmith's Boat Yard. There was a pretty boat there on auction from the estate of William Chichester. The bids were going up in five-dollar increments till it came to \$220. Then my father decided that he wanted her and upped the ante to \$260. That won her over to my Dad."

Gil Smith built boats for the Great South Bay from the 1880's until around 1924. His son Asa continued the business and the family produced about 400 boats, mostly catboats, for about 60 years. "He was best known for racing cats and sloops which carried the local form to extreme delicacy, with the addition of finely formed counter sterns. They had beautifully-setting sails made by his wife Miriam but were flat sheered and wet in



The *Elvira* under full sail on Great South Bay

a small sea." (Gaff Rig, John Leather, 1973.) The Long Island Marine Museum in Sayville has the largest collection of Gil Smith boats on Long Island. The Bellport/Brookhaven Historical Society owns the *Jealousy*, a Gil Smith boat on display in the Museum in Bellport.

Bob remembers sailing her all summer against such boats as the *Eskawaja*. Not an Indian name Bob reports; it was named after the owner Warren Leslie's children (ESther, KATHERINE, WALTER, and JAMES). She also raced against the *Kidd*, the *Pelican*, the *Constance* (the fastest of the class) and the *Edna*, one of the last "P" class boats built by Gil Smith and lost in a storm on Long Island Sound. Her last real race was a challenge

"match race" in 1982. Bayard (Bydie) Fenner was sailing against the *Senta*, a thirty-four foot sloop. Bob recalls there was a crew of five including the skipper and it was a "brisk south-west breeze" They went twice around for an eight-mile race off Sayville. She won that one, he remembers.

"She was an everyday boat and always sailed" said Bob fondly. The Foundation is very grateful for the family's donation of this beautiful wooden boat, a wonderful example of the fine tradition of wooden boat building here on the south shore of Long Island.



Fall in Brookhaven Hamlet



## ROBERT HALSEY PELLETREAU



The post and rail fence at 16 Bay Road, headquarters for the Foundation. The fence is decorated for a recent wedding held on Foundation grounds.



The Foundation was saddened by the death of Robert Pelletreau this fall. A long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation, he was instrumental in establishing the Post-Morrow Foundation as an operating foundation at the request of the Morrow family.

Bob Pelletreau came to know the family as they had many interests together. He was the solicitor for the estate of Jessie Post the youngest daughter of James and Louisa Post. The two families became fast friends and the firm of Pelletreau and Pelletreau in Patchogue handled all the family's affairs on Long Island.

He was also very active in the affairs of the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society, having served as a trustee and President for many years. In recognition of his devotion and years of service, the Foundation has issued a twenty-thousand dollar challenge grant to the Society which will assist them in expanding services to the Bellport and Brookhaven communities.

James H. Post was a well-known philanthropist both here in our community of Brookhaven as well as in Brooklyn. He held the post of president of the National Sugar Refining Company in Manhattan and served on many charitable boards including the YMCA, Brooklyn Children's aid Society, Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Adelphi College and Princeton Theological seminary. His interest in giving to his community was reflected by his family and in particular his daughter Elisabeth Post Morrow.

In a letter to Pelletreau and Pelletreau in 1969, Elisabeth Morrow wrote the following

"The intention is to leave our residual Estate in trust for the enjoyment of the people of the village of Brookhaven and vicinity. The house and other buildings to be used as a museum to exhibit various collections, and the real estate to be used as a park and Natural Garden and Sanctuary to preserve a bit of Brookhaven of mid-20th century against the time when the environs have become suburban and built up."

Bob Pelletreau was sensitive to the wishes of the Morrow family and was able to construct the Foundation as a means whereby they could continue to give to the community in perpetuity. We will miss his dry humor, his support of the Post-Morrow Foundation and his many contributions to our community.

## SAVE THE DATE

The December Seminar (Tuesday December 15th at 7:30pm) will feature Michael Bilecki who works for the Fire Island National Seashore. He will speak about how he came to work for the National Park Service and its role in managing projects that can be developed within National Parks. Leading off the seminar will be Atif Qadir and Marie Marks, students from SEQ, who will speak about their experiences as volunteers in the Student Conservation Association program last summer.

The January Seminar is titled: "Did Mary Shelly meet Michael Faraday?" Dr. R.C. Andersen, Retired, Brookhaven National Lab, will present a retrospective of the work of Michael Faraday, Wednesday, January 19, 2000, 7:30 at Bellport High School.



## CARMANS RIVER WOODEN BOAT SHOP



Tookers Boat Yard



Scoping out the boat yard: Charles Close, Michael Kortchmar, Mike Garlin and Bob Starke.

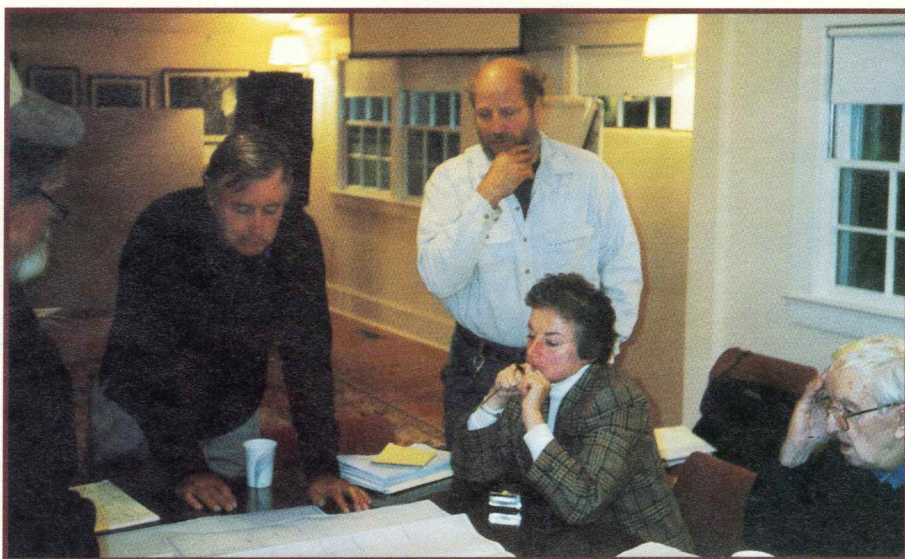
The Foundation has engaged Michael Kortchmar to assist in the development of the wooden boat building program at Tookers Boat Yard. Mr Kortchmar runs Kortchmar and Willner, Inc. of Greenport. He has extensive experience in wooden boat building and repair and has attended and taught at the Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, Maine. He has worked at the South Street Seaport where he was master of the schooner *Pioneer*, which was a part of the Pioneer Marine School providing training for ex-addicts in boat building, welding and engine repair.

The Foundation has convened an advisory committee consisting of interested residents who have assisted the Foundation in developing ideas for the wooden boat building program. Members of the committee include: Peter Clement, Charles Close, Gerry Damm, Edward Flagg, Bill Fritz, Mike Garlin, Steve Rant, Robert Sheppard,

Chairman of the Long Island Maritime Museum, Bob Starke, Bruce Tooker, and Brian Weeks, from Weeks Yachtyard. The committee has been looking at what programs to develop and how to configure the space for the boat building program at the boat yard. The program will operate in the middle shed of the boat yard. Plans are currently being developed to rehabilitate this area to make it more compatible for wooden boat construction and repair.

The remainder of the boat yard is being leased by John Taylor doing business as "S.N.1 at Tookers Boat Yard". He will continue to operate a full service boat yard. The yard will rent boat slips for the summer and haul and store boats for the winter, as has been the tradition at Tookers. He will also provide small boat and engine repair work and general maintenance. Anyone interested in contacting John Taylor at the boat yard may call 286-0599.

It is hoped that the repair of the sheds will be complete by the summer and the wooden boat building program will offer some programs in the late spring or summer of 2000.



Planning the wooden boat building center: left to right, Norman Nelson, director Post-Morrow Foundation, Michael Kortchmar, Diane Herold, architect, and Edward Flagg.





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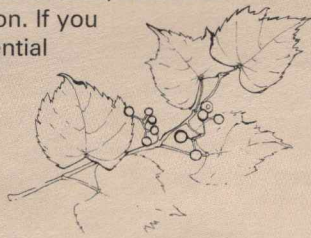
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**Thank you for your support**

Your contribution is important to us in showing community support and allowing us to preserve the Hamlet. Please return the form below, along with your gift, to: The Post-Morrow Foundation, Inc. We will mail you an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

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**Memorial gifts**- A gift in memory of a loved one or friend is a special tribute to someone who loved Brookhaven Hamlet. We would be happy to notify the family of your charitable gift.  
**Gifts of land and/or historic material**- as described in this newsletter, we welcome gifts which reflect the heritage of our community.

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