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#### Stewardship Saturdays - Volunteer Opportunity

Throughout the year volunteers work side-by-side with Park Rangers and Ecologists to protect the flora, fauna, and habitats found on the islands. Pulling invasive non-native weeds, protecting bird nesting habitat, monitoring seasonal changes in plants, and preserving the natural processes on the islands are

## Welcome

January 25, 2013

Dear Roma,

Welcome to our January-February Edition of Tidings. You'll notice an entirely new format, as well as stories of the past, and current events. Click on the "In this issue links" to go directly to the item, or just read the entire issue. ***[to print this, set your printer to portrait]***

While many think the "off season" means there isn't much going on in the harbor or the islands, you'll see that couldn't be further from the truth.

And, while there are many things happening this winter, please enjoy the stories of cold winters past!

Thank you for reading, and thank you most of all for your support. The Friends are primarily supported by your membership.

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### Volunteering on Georges Island

#### Volunteering on Georges Island 2012

My wife, Doreen, and I volunteered on Georges Island last summer. To compliment the Civil War history of Fort Warren, we were able to bring out some displays of Civil War artifacts to share with the visitors.

We set up a table on the parade grounds with a case of items and a couple of larger relics that the visitors could actually touch. With each display we included dropped and "mushroomed" (hit a tree or rock) Civil War lead bullets which visitors could hold. They were amazed at the size and weight of the bullets.

One display of relics ("If Only They Could Talk...") included a bayonet that has been bent into an "S" shape to be used probably as a hook for a cooking pot over a camp fire, a sword blade found in the walls of a smoke house in Gettysburg (did some little boy hide it there, or did his parents hide it there...from him?), and a section of body armor. The body armor is uncommon, but could be privately bought (2 sections that covered the chest area, like a vest), but often was discarded as being too heavy, too uncomfortable, or too hot. Plus, most of the time it would not work!

Another display theme was Civil War era medical items. Visitors seemed to really enjoy this, with nurses and even a doctor telling us some information on certain items. In addition to the expected scalpels, and saws, we had an opium bottle, cocaine bottle (this was a trick as it was not for the drug, but for hair oil made from cocoanuts. It tended to be a bit "aromatic" in warm weather.) We also had a bullet with apparent human teeth marks, probably used during surgery. This has had a dental mold made from the impressions and it does look like human teeth! (hence the expression "Bite the Bullet").

Larger items included a Civil War dated crutch and also a wooden leg, which is very heavy. For "Snow in

Total goods worth over **\$3500** as of this writing! Raffle tickets will be sold at the show.

The lucky folks that joined us on New Years Day will be entered into a special raffle drawn at the show. Thank you to the raffle donors, a full list will be posted on our web page in the coming weeks.

### Brrr it's cold outside



Fitz Hugh Lane, Ten Pound Island, Gloucester 1950's

#### This 'day' in history on Boston Harbor

February 22, 1904 (Taken from the NY Times)

Boston, February 21, - Not since the Winter of 1855 have citizens of East Boston been afforded the novel pleasure of walking or sailing across the ice between Jeffry's Point and Governor's Island, a distance of nearly a mile. All day people took advantage of the opportunity, hundreds of men and boys walking and skating across the vast field of ice.

In the afternoon two East Boston Boys made the trip in an improvised iceboat. It consisted of a sled, a fishbox filled with ice for balast, and a large sail, much the worse for wear. The boat raced over the ice without difficulty to and from its destination.

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Summer" the theme was "Things Every Pirate Should Have". I included the same wooden peg-leg, a cutlass, treasure coin and a mid-1850's telescope. "Old Ironsides" was making a trip under sail that day, and I was able to watch her thru the antique telescope, which was special to me.

Doreen and I both enjoyed displaying these items and sharing them with the visitors, and look forward to doing similar displays in 2013!

Bob & Doreen Hearsey



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### 2013 Boat Trip Schedule

The 2013 Boat Schedule can be found on our web



### The Great Blizzard of 1978

S.S. Peter Stuyvesant, a former Hudson River cruise ship, had been purchased by Anthony's Pier Four restaurant, for the purpose of converting it to a cocktail lounge and function area for the restaurant.

A foundation and mooring system had been built and designed for the ship. The concept of the design was that a foundation, consisting of wood piles sunk into the ocean floor, would support a timber cradle, and the cradle, in turn, would support the ship. Concrete ballast was to hold the ship down in the cradle against normal tidal forces. Two vertical pipes were connected by mooring attachments to the boat so that when it floated during severe tides, the mooring attachments would secure the boat and then guide it properly back into place on the cradle as the tide receded. The ship was floated into place in October, 1968.

During the Great Blizzard of 1978, extraordinarily high tides caused the Stuyvesant to float off its cradle. The mooring apparatus allegedly failed, and the ship capsized and sank.

### Upcoming

**The Harbor Islands-Boston's Unique Neighborhood:** One of Boston's most noted archaeologists, Ellen Berkland, presents the history of this very

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- Children 18 & over \$20

This trip to Fort V Island is truly one of the best experiences you can have during the winter. The fort was built during the Revolutionary War and is one of the few living pieces of history left in Boston. Visit the Visitors Center to learn more about the history. Remember to bring your own snacks, warm up your hands in the restrooms.

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page [www.fbhi.org](http://www.fbhi.org) . To learn about the individual islands we'll be visiting click on [ISLANDS](#) . In 2013 we'll travel to Long, Rainsford, Lovells, Little Brewster Islands, as well as the Northern & Southern Lighthouse Tours. We're also working on some additional island tours as well.

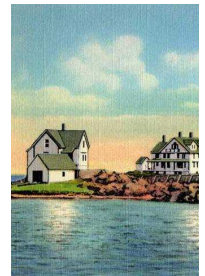


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Central Library, Orientation Room:  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
6:00pm

**Being a Genealogy Detective for Harbor Islands Stories:** Suzanne Gall Marsh will share stories of the Boston Harbor Islands including Portuguese fishermen who floated their homes from Long Island to Peddocks Island and other little known stories about the Harbor Islands. Central Library, Orientation Room: Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 6:00pm

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