



Friends of Herring River

Wellfleet and Truro, Massachusetts

FRIENDS OF HERRING RIVER 2018 UPDATE

- Martha Craig has been named Executive Director
- Lisbeth Wiley Chapman has been elected Chair of the Board

In addition, we have accomplished the following:

- Established an annual \$1000 scholarship for a college-bound Nauset High School student interested in Natural Science, Environmental Science/Studies or Engineering, in the name of our founding President, Don Palladino.
- Also in the name of Don Palladino, FHR established a \$3000 Fellowship that will be granted to a college student interested in original research that contributes to the scientific knowledge of the natural resources of the estuaries of Wellfleet Harbor that would support an otherwise unpaid internship.
- Both of the above initiatives were funded by gifts in memory of Don.
- Completed three new videos: "Herring River Estuary: Restoring an Ecological Treasure", "Herring River Estuary: Ecological Insights" and "Herring River Estuary: Community Voices."
- Celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the establishment of Friends of Herring River. We premiered our "Community Voices" video that featured Don Palladino, our late president and leader who died in May 2018.
- Applied for grant funding for Old Kings Highway and Patience Brook culverts, both outside the restoration boundaries and urgently in need of replacement. FHR will need to raise funds for these vital parts of the herring run. Funding decisions will be made in Spring 2019.
- Co-sponsored, with Climate Mobilization Outer Cape, a program about Blue Carbon and the ability of healthy salt marshes to combat climate change.

- Co-sponsored, with the Shellfish Advisory Board, a program on Shellfish Monitoring and Adaptive Management for the Herring River Restoration Project.
- Presented our newest video at the Annual Wellfleet Harbor Conference.
- Engaged 28-plus volunteers as Herring Counters in our annual citizen-scientist project. Volunteers spent 300 hours in Spring 2018 to assess the numbers of herring in our annual herring run.
- Continued to support youth environmental education in local elementary and high schools as well as Cape Cod National Seashore programs for teenagers.