



The Childrens' Tree....

Photo by David Winer

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## **President's Message**

By the time that you read this, Memorial Day will have passed, and spring will have passed into summer. I read a wonderful book slowly this spring, trying to match the pace of my reading with the changes of the season described in Spring in Washington by Louis Halle, published in 1963 and recommended to me by Jane Winer. Halle writes about Sycamore trees that:

*In winter the columnar trunk and branches of a full-grown sycamore, mottled with flakes and patches of dark, generally show lighter than the sky behind, giving the tree a fairy aspect in spite of its immensity. On moonlight nights it stands in bony whiteness against the sky. The branches, ramifying into stiff twigs, are like arms and fingers thrown out with vigorous abandon; they seem to have been struck motionless in motion. Few great trees have so much style. Its summer leaves are large, silvery, and spaced apart to show broad glimpses of skeleton.*

I loved the description of the trees at night, and the idea of being motionless in motion. Somehow the Island strikes me that way: Motionless in the middle of the flowing river, motionless as time rushes past.

It was wonderful to see so many people at the last meeting. The discussion and vote on the building options resulted in the selection of the plan that provides for a large room upstairs, a new kitchen and new bathrooms for the use of the membership. The caretaker's quarters will be changed to have the kitchen and bathroom upstairs where the club kitchen now is, and two bedrooms downstairs. This decision resulted in a very excited Building Committee. They are thrilled with being able to move forward with resolving the details of the design, and beginning to estimate costs. There is a separate report from the Committee in this *Islander* [p. 4]. A subcommittee will be meeting soon to discuss the financing of the project. At the meeting on Wednesday, June 8 at 8:00, there will be an update on progress from the Building Committee, but there will not have been sufficient time to gather cost estimates.

— Ann Marie Cunningham

## **Upcoming Sycamore Events**

June Meeting, Wednesday, June 8th, 8 p.m.  
At the Island.

Summer Solstice Sleepover, June 25– 26  
(p. 10).

July Meeting, Wednesday, July 13th, 8 p.m.  
At the Island.

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## Minutes of the May 11, 2005 Membership Meeting

The meeting was held at the Island.

**Present:** Ann Marie Cunningham, Jack Sanders, Lyle Blanchard, Norman Metzger, David Holdridge, John Matthews, Joe Belden, Sally Strain, John Membrino, Dick and Penny Doolittle, Bill Bays, Lisa Kliefloth, Bill Hill, Jane Winer, Warren Brown, Alan Gelb, Cindy Bertaut, Renee Dunham, Star Mitchell, Judy Lentz, John Lentz, Brad Coolidge, David Winer, John Noble, Faith Earll, Gerry Barton, Tryon Wells, Jim Drew, Johnna Robinson, Peggy Thomson, Jeff Komarrow, John F. Stapko, John G. Stapko, Ned Goddard, George Malusky, and Peter Winkler

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President Ann Marie Cunningham. On account of the large attendance, Ann Marie asked everyone to introduce him or herself.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April meeting as published in *The Islander* were approved.

**Communications:** President Ann Marie Cunningham reported that, under the sponsorship of David and Jane Winer and Bill Hill, the Sumner Garden Club had paid a visit to the Island to see the spring wildflowers. The Garden Club donated \$100 to the Club, and Ann Marie has written to thank them. Ann Marie also reported, to applause, that Tryon Wells, Gerry Barton, and Joe Hage have disposed of the old shingles from the roof. In addition, Ann Marie reported that she had approved the request of a WAMU-FM reporter to come to the Island to do a story. Among other things, Ann Marie stipulated that the story include the fact that we are not accepting any new applicants at this time. Finally, Ann Marie reported on the death of longtime member John Krasny. A sum of money has been donated to the Club in his honor and will be applied to kayak-related activity. Star Mitchell announced that the Down River Race would take place Sunday, May 15.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Alan Gelb reported that the new roof is paid for, and things are otherwise proceeding normally.

**Financial Report:** Financial Secretary Lisa Kliefloth reported that she is looking into ways of

improving the efficiency of our billing process. Lisa will share her thoughts in an upcoming issue of *The Islander*.

**Captain's Report:** Tryon reported on the roof replacement and the shingle disposal. Tryon expressed his thanks to Captain Emeritus John Matthews for his help with the project.

**Membership Report:** Membership Secretary Joe Belden presented seven applications for membership. Joe has spoken with references for all of them, and all applicants have attended the orientation for new members. After giving brief descriptions of each family or individual, Joe moved their admission. The Club approved all of the applications by voice vote. There is currently one more vacancy. [List of new members on p. 3]

**Large Party Report:** Large Party Supervisor John Noble asked that the Club approve a member's request to hold a large party on an upcoming weekday. The request was approved.

**Old Business:** The principal item for discussion and resolution at the meeting was to select one of the remodeling plans, the "Bedroom Upstairs" (Plan No. 1) or the "Great Clubroom" (Plan No. 2), which were discussed at length at the April meeting. [See *May Islander* for the two plans.] The Building Committee will then hire an architect and cost out the chosen proposal, which will then be presented to the Club for final approval.

Jim Drew spoke in favor of "Plan No. 3"—adding a second floor with bedrooms above the Caretaker's living room. He stated that it would get the bedrooms above flood level at a much lower cost. Ann Marie and Cindy Bertaut both stated that the Club representatives' meetings with county officials had persuaded them that this plan would not be approved, as it involved building outside the footprint, which is "vertical" as well as "horizontal." Jim countered that the Peoples' Counsel Klauber had said he could help getting it approved, and he asked that his proposal be included in the vote. Norm Metzger pointed out that, at a prior meeting, the Club had decisively rejected any "outside the envelope" proposal. Ann Marie stated that it would require a two-thirds vote of the meeting to overturn that earlier vote.

A question was raised concerning whether the Club has sufficient funds for either of the two

plans on the table. Ned Goddard of the Building Committee stated that we do, and Alan Gelb spoke concerning the Club's reserve fund, which is now about \$60,000. In response to a question concerning the difference in cost between Plans 1 and 2, Ann Marie stated that they were within 10 percent of one another, and the Building Committee did not view the relative cost as an important factor in choosing between the two. Ann Marie also stated that it was the intent of the Building Committee to be able to return to the Club with a final design and cost estimate at the June or July meeting.

There was additional discussion concerning the relative merits of the two plans. Among the arguments in favor of Plan 1: the Club undertook the remodeling campaign to raise the Caretaker's quarters above the flood plain; the "bedroom upstairs" will help the Club attract and retain caretakers; spending money for better caretaker's quarters is spending money for the benefit of the members; flooding may not be all that frequent, but threats of flooding are. Among the arguments in favor of Plan 2: the Club does not need upstairs bedrooms, as the Caretaker can simply use the entire upstairs during

high water, when the Club is closed; we should not do anything that would encourage the Caretaker to stay during a flood; the Club should spend its money principally for the benefit of the members, not the Caretaker; the "Great Clubroom" plan will provide the Caretaker with more space, and there will be greater separation between the members' spaces and the Caretaker's, to the benefit of both.

The meeting then voted whether to overturn the previous vote in favor of "staying within the footprint." The proposal failed to win a two-thirds majority. The next vote taken was between Plans 1 and 2. Plan 2, the "Great Clubroom" plan, received a majority. A third vote was then taken, between going forward with Plan 2 and not going forward with any remodeling at this time. Plan 2 received overwhelming support. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting will take place June 8, on the Island.

- Peter Winkler, Recording Secretary

### Elected to Membership at the May Meet-

| Name                                | References  | Application Date | Orientation Date       |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|
| Gregory Hitz and Mary Quigley       | John Membrino<br>Ed Mrocza  | 06/28/95         | 04/17/05               |
| Donna Mateski                       | Tammy and Joe Belden<br>James Fellows                               | 11/09/95         | 04/26/03               |
| Marc and Catherine Langer           | Amanda Cannell<br>Tom McEwan  | 11/10/95         | 05/02/04               |
| Kirk Renaud and Sarah Duggin        | Harvey Resnick<br>Meg Barry   | 11/21/95         | 04/14/02               |
| Andrew and Cary Umhau               | Bryan Waidman<br>Peter Kormilas                                     | 11/30/95         | 04/17/05               |
| Robert and Jody Benjamin            | Victoria Pickering and Arthur Aronoff<br>Dan Dozier and Martha Solt | 01/25/96         | 04/17/05               |
| Lauren Brandt and Jean-Louis Sarbib | Alan and Carolyn Gelb<br>Melina Wolff and Peter Gillon              | 04/16/96         | 10/19/02 &<br>04/17/05 |

## Building Committee: Moving Toward Bids

The Building Committee met Sunday, May 22, after the construction decision at the May membership meeting. [See minutes on pgs. 2-3.] It was agreed that, at this time, a full bid should be sought from several general contractors, instead of finding individual subcontractors ourselves. While a Club volunteer might come forward who could devote the time and energy required to oversee the three to six week intensive project, the Committee believes it would be best that the project be overseen by a professional whose insurance coverage would protect the Club from liability during construction. A licensed general contractor will have the responsibility - and the insurance coverage - to provide the reliability we need.

We will ask each contractor to break down his bid into components, including demolition, framing, electro-mechanical work, finishing and appliances/fixtures, in order to factor in Club labor and the feasibility of reusing existing appliances (or finding surplus/gently used fixtures and appliances) to help mitigate costs. The Committee has already reviewed the drawings with an architect who is a club member, and expects that in the next few weeks, Committee drawings will be further refined to make the plumbing and appliance placement as efficient (*i.e.*, simple and cost-effective) as possible, to show the details of floor and wall cross-sections, insulation requirements, etc., essential to an accurate bid by a contractor.

The timeline for construction was also discussed. If the Club approves, and if the funding—and the permit process—is not delayed, construction could take place as soon as this August during the Caretaker's vacation. Otherwise, construction would begin (and end) later in the year. Carrying out the project in late fall/winter might also help with the cost. While there is no longer an "off-season" for contractors, it was agreed the easier the project appears to be to accomplish, the more negotiable pricing can be, and if the Island could be closed for just 3 weeks or so during the cold season when use isn't so heavy, the Caretaker could vacate and allow the contractor to demolish and build as fast as possible, without interruptions/obstruction.

Ned Goddard and Chuck Pill,  
Building Committee Co-chairs

## The Historic Moment: Sycamoreans Debate and Vote on Construction



Photos by David Winer



## **From Holly Syrrakos, Archivist: 75 Years Ago At Sycamore Island**

### ***Selections from the June 1930 Sycamore Islander***

The June meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m., on the Island, with 15 in attendance.

The resignation of the Treasurer, Mr. E. Reese Thomson, became official. His illness prevented him from continuing in the office, but the Club was hoping he would recover and “again accept some office of responsibility in the Club so that his long chain of service as an officer at Sycamore will remain unbroken.”

In preparation for the onslaught of Summer, the minutes record the following: “The Captain of the Island reported that Mr. Boswell stated that the present ferry is worthless and had presented an offer to build a new one and paint it for \$140, the new ferry to be of cypress [!]. The Captain reported that he would investigate the matter of repairing the tin boat at a later date.

“Mr. Whipple, chairman of the House Committee, reported that Mrs. Whitman had cleaned the sleeping porches.

“The following motion was passed: No decorations will be permitted in the Clubroom or on the front porches unless approved by the club.” [Who knows what drew that motion.]

The Club elected four new members, one of whom was named Miss Marie E. Fisher. Another, Kalil D. Ackad, has been mentioned in the minutes previously. This meeting, he was not only elected to membership, but became the Acting Treasurer for the balance of the fiscal year.

“Moved that the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare a letter to the Building Fund subscribers explaining the conditions under which these loans are to be repaid, this letter to be sent out with the interest checks of July 15, 1930.

“Moved and passed that the Captain of Tennis be given permission to do such pruning of trees overhanging the tennis court as seems necessary and that he be authorized to draw \$30 from the treasurer for tennis expenses.

“Moved and passed that the Club have another supper during June.” [Next month’s report will tell.]

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

## A Sycamore Profile: John Lentz Paddles by Gerry Barton

John Lentz lives to paddle in the northern waters of Asia and North America. He has organized expeditions in the northern Canadian Arctic, in the Altai Mountains west of Mongolia, and in Siberia. Of course, he also paddles local waters in the Potomac area, and in Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, and West Virginia.

John grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and spent time during World War II in Toronto, Ontario. His water connection comes from the Canadian side of the family. He spent time in the summers at Camp Temagami in Ontario where he camped and paddled. He has a vivid memory of his first canoe trip at Camp Temagami. It was a hot afternoon and Hector Bellingham was the leader. "Lentz, keep in stroke." A little time passed and Bellingham said, "Told ya to keep in stroke," and whacked him with a paddle. Next year John wanted to use only rowboats.



John and Judy Lentz with Max. Photo by Norman Metzger

It wasn't until 1961 that he became an inveterate canoe person. He was working for the Export-Import Bank for only three months when he was invited by an old camping friend for a three-month trip in 1962 to the Back River in the Canada's North West Territories (now in the new Nunavut Territory). He requested and was given a three-months leave without pay to take part in the trip. There was only the third time that a party descended the river. Check <http://www.canoe.ca/che-mun/100back2.html> for a 1999 trip report that referenced an August 1963 article in *Sports Illustrated* describing John's trip down the Back River.

Arctic and far northern rivers have been John's preoccupation since then. He has an extensive library of books relating to exploration in Canada. The 2100 volumes lining the walls in his home provide information about the history of rivers he paddles.

He made two trips to Siberia. The first was difficult to arrange because of the bureaucracy of the USSR. He finally obtained permission for a trip in 1987 to the Altai Mountains on the western border of Mongolia. A few years later the politics changed and he paddled the Maymecha River located in Siberia west of the Yenisee River. There are descriptions of these trips in old editions of *The Islander*. In answer to the question of "Favorite River?" he immediately responded with the barren land and tundra of the northern areas. He enjoys the broad vistas and the animals, and recalls watching thunderstorms develop miles away. He also likes Pine Creek in north central Pennsylvania.

His best trip involves not only the canoeing but also the history of the river. An example is the 1983 descent of the Hood River in the Northwest Territories that resulted in an article in the January 1986 issue of the *National Geographic*. A party led by Sir John Franklin in 1820 descended the Coppermine River to the Arctic Ocean in two 32 ft. birch bark canoes. They went east in the Arctic Ocean and reached Point Turn, but it was late in the season so they turned inland and headed southwest. They found the Hood River, hit Wilberforce Falls a few days later, and stopped to make smaller canoes from the big ones. As time passed their situation became dire because of lack of food. Nine of the twenty members of the expedition died. One Englishman went on and found some Indians and food a week later. They left a cache of books and surplus supplies near Wilberforce Falls and a metal box on a sand hill. John contacted the National Geographic before his trip. It was interested in the idea of finding the cache of supplies and sent a photographer on the trip.

John took a small metal detector with him. Using it, they found some items at the tent area: ax heads, files, and nails. They looked for the tin box, but could not find it. When they returned to the town of Yellowknife, John talked with local museum curators. With their interest as backing, he was able to persuade the National Geographic to provide funds for an Otter airplane to fly researchers to the site. They found tools used to rebuild the canoes. They also found a bracket that seemed to be part of a chest. It had a bullet hole in the metal.

When asked about his worst trip, John responded that, "None were that bad." There was a trip in 1999 to the Harricanaw River in Quebec that ended up in James Bay. John carried the "spirits" pack on the portages. He didn't mind that until he discovered that it included "Lite Beer."

Searching the Web yields much information on our famous paddler. From the web page <http://canoekayak.com/whereto/CJ03tundrataiga/index.html> "Since 1962, John Lentz has logged 18 wilderness canoe trips in northern Canada and two in Siberia." This story appears in the 2003 issue of *Canoe Magazine*, published by Canoe & Kayak. On the Island's Web Page for Newsletter Articles there is an article by John, "Following A Fur Trade Canoe Route." It was printed in the September 2003 *Islander*. See <http://www.sycamoreisland.org/articles/sa200309c.htm>

John and wife Judy have been Island members since 1969. They live just above Sycamore Island. A co-worker of John's at the Export-Import Bank talked about the Island and Brad Coolidge, long time Island member, also lived nearby. John and Judy were only on the waiting list for six months: "It was no big deal." John's fondest memories of the Island include evening parties with a few good friends.

The evening party on Sycamore Island on his fiftieth birthday was special. Some of you must remember the white goose that lived on the Island for many years. John remembers that the white goose stole his hat.

Some Lentz Links:

<http://www.canoe.ca/che-mun/100back.html> [Article by John in *Che-Mun* magazine on the descent in 1962 of the length of the extremely remote and rugged Back River in the NWT by canoe. The trip remains a landmark..."]

<http://canoekayak.com/whereto/CJ03tundrataiga/index.html>. John's article on *Tundra and Taiga*, Originally appeared in *Canoe Journal* and reprinted in *Canoe & Kayak*.

## The 2005 Down River Race



Photos by Joe Hage



*Ruppert, Alas*

*Created by  
Johnna Robinson*

### Life Without Ruppert

Ruppert's Boswell informs us that "Ruppert is going away for the summer. I'll let you know if he will return in the fall..."

Ruppert gone. What's next? No more fighting about construction?  
We'll....



## In Touch With Joe...

The weather is cold and rainy as I write this, feeling more like the month of March than the end of May. I'm not complaining though, we made it through another spring without a major flood and there have been some absolutely glorious days down here during this past month. I try to drink in the warm and sunny days wishing I could bank them up for the days when the skies aren't so cheery. I do hope the weather begins to warm up. I've been swimming in the river only once this year and that was for the briefest of moments as the water is still only in the mid sixties, a little too cold for me.

Spring seems unwilling to give in to summer but the Island has started to bustle just the same -- weekends anyway. There were over a hundred people here during the Down River Race and it was really awesome to see the Island covered with race boats of all different colors, types, and sizes. I didn't run the race this time as I've done the last two years but stayed on the Island to help out. It was so cool to be eating fried chicken with Olympic gold metal winners and to listen to old stories from whitewater pioneers, local heroes you might say. I also met a young racer who had just made the U.S. national team. His time from the Gorge to Sycamore Island? Less than 58 minutes! We also had a large graduation party here and a troop of girl scouts stayed for a sleepover. The young scouts seemed to have a good time, commenting on the number of wild creatures they saw and heard. Judging by their expressions I think they were impressed most by the big black snake. There were two Saturdays this past month where no one volunteered for relief caretaker duty.

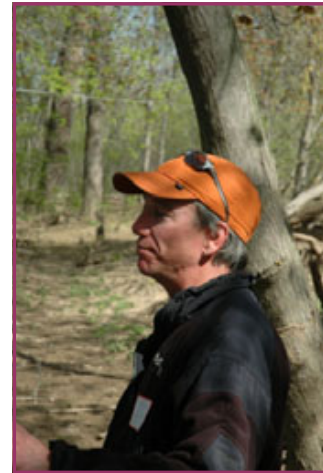


Photo by Norman Metzger

This spring seems endless but it has reliably worked its magic once again. What was but two months ago a barren mud plain covered with leafless trees has been transformed into a lush green jungle exploding with life from every crevice. The air is filled with the songs of exotic birds and the ground rustles with unseen reptiles. In the spring the Island is a nursery, not only for the geese that had eight nests and over twenty hatchlings, but for other birds as well. The phoebes successfully raised two chicks in a nest under the tool shed and a wren made her nest in the bow of an overturned canoe. The wood ducks have found a nest high in a sycamore, and the cardinal, robin and Prothonotary warbler call out constant reminders of where their nesting territory is. This spring has also brought us a new batch of ground hog pups. The little guys are cute and sometimes you can catch a glimpse of them near the outdoor shower as they cautiously venture out to look for food. One time I watched as the whole family crawled from their condo under the house — mom, dad and two little ones. They may be cute, but I worry about the well and the foundation of the house when it comes to the digging habits of a colony of ground hogs.

I'm looking forward to a busy June. School ends on the sixteenth and we're planning two weeks of Sycamore fun and friends before my kids head to their mother's in July. I hope the water will warm up soon so we can go swimming and maybe the fish will start biting. The big event this month is the Summer Solstice Sleepover hosted by myself and club members Whitney Pinger and Roger Pollak on the 25<sup>th</sup>. [See p. 10 for more.] Bring your tent and sleeping bag, and we'll see you there.

## THE ISLAND AND OUR CHILDREN

The good hard workers of the Workfest were gone. Sally Strain, Peggy Thomson and I lingered on the Island while Hillary Thomson checked out the swim raft ladder she helped to install. Hillary, who teaches high school science in Concord, New Hampshire, had returned home to visit, and that visit had to include the Island.

Hillary is the lively daughter of Peggy and John Thomson. John, our former Sycamore Island president and editor of *The Islander* for many years, died about six years ago. He is well remembered as one of the original CIA canoe commuters. He launched at least a thousand canoes on this Potomac River by the enthusiastic instruction he gave to beginning paddlers through the Canoe Cruiser's Association. His love of the river was clearly shining in Hillary today as she SWAM from the swim dock to the raft to "make sure that the ladder was safe to use." For Hillary, a visit to Sycamore Island was inconceivable without a swim. You who were at the Workfest know how breezy and chilly it was and how nice it felt to have a hot cup of coffee in hand with lunch.

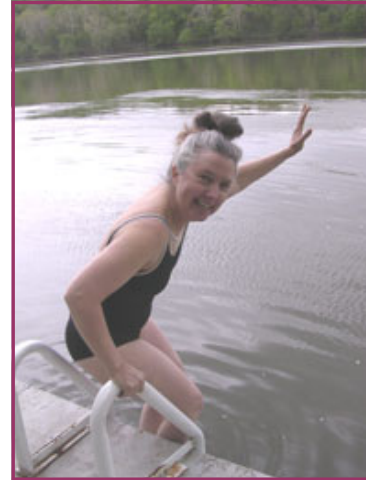


Photo by Renee Dunham

Happy memories are compelling. The Island is deeply planted within my now-grown sons, and probably within yours too – or germinating if yours are still young. It is the best gift we can give our children, besides our love. And when they leave, we can still have the Island.

-- Renee Dunham

### SUMMER SOLSTICE SLEEPOVER

Saturday, June 25th 3:00 p.m. to Sunday 10:00 a.m. Co-Hosted by Whitney Pinger and Roger Pollak (Club Members) and Joe Hage (Islander Caretaker). Bring your tents and sleeping bags and spend the night on the island.

BRING YOUR GUITARS AND ALL THE RIVER SONGS YOU KNOW! (Whitney has a list if you want to practice ahead of time). We will sing songs about the River, build a campfire, have a Solstice Celebration in honor of the longest day of the year. Bring food to BBQ and a side dish or two to share. Swimming! Canoeing! Sleepover hosted by Joe!



Come enjoy the Island together. No Alcohol.

No Dogs. RSVP to Whitney at [wpinger@verizon.net](mailto:wpinger@verizon.net) or Joe at [josephhage@starpower.net](mailto:josephhage@starpower.net)

## Saturday Relief Caretakers June — July

|               |                       |                               |              |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| June 4, 2005  | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Larry and Anne Heilman        | 301-657-3953 |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| June 11, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Mid and Peggy Tilghman        | 301-320-5846 |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| June 18, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | David and Katie Holdridge     | 301-657-8536 |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| June 25, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |                               |              |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      | Rosemary Hart and Craig Iscoe | 202-244-5967 |
| July 2, 2005  | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |                               |              |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| July 9, 2005  | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |                               |              |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| July 16, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |                               |              |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| July 23, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Mark Brenneman & Ann Kip      | 301-587-4919 |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |
| July 30, 2005 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. |                               |              |
|               | 3:00 p.m. - dark      |                               |              |

### \*\*\* Caretaker Volunteers \*\*\*

To volunteer, contact Candy Means 301-320-5270 or [candymeans@comcast.net](mailto:candymeans@comcast.net).

### Large Parties

| Date       | Time              | Who                              | What  |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| June 10    | Daytime           | Donna Messersmith Jones          | 40 Brownies, siblings, parents.                       |
| June 25—26 | 3 p.m. to morning | Whitney Pinger and Roger Pollack | 30/35 guests. Summer Solstice Sleepover. See page 10. |

A large party application form may be printed from the Club's web page at  
<http://www.sycamoreisland.org/systems.htm>

To request a form through the mail, call the Supervisor of Parties, John Noble  
e-mail: [johnoble@shs.net](mailto:johnoble@shs.net), phone: 240- 747-4810, fax: 301-320-4216



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