



EAGLE ISLAND NEWS

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

Wendy Cohen

Meet Wendy, camper 1958-64; and staff 1966 from Rochester, New York. For the past three summers we have affectionately named the volunteer kitchen "Wendy's kitchen". She starts planning in the spring to make sure that the kitchen is stocked with staples and necessary supplies for volunteers, and that everything is coordinated for their use. She is a master sale and coupon shopper.

Wendy is a retired Rehabilitation Counselor and volunteer and Board member for Asbury First Storehouse which provides free clothes, linens and housewares to individuals and families.

From afar she maintains inventory of all the real necessities like coffee and creamer and has researched and prepared make-ahead meals that are delicious and nutritious --AND that are easy to clean up. Who knew that pasta cooked and cooled travels well in a Ziploc bag for reheating or that a 13-min steamed egg makes the perfect peel-able hardboiled breakfast? Wendy always works with a smile on her face and rolls with the punches.



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DEDICATION DAY—SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

You are invited to join us for an exciting day on Eagle Island as we name our new sailboats. We will also be dedicating plaques honoring specific gifts that were given in memory or in recognition of others.

The ceremony starts at **2:00 pm** with boat runs beginning at 12:00 noon. Reserve your spot with our online form.

eagleisland.org/new-events/

Among the dedications will be the six Mercury sailboats donated by the family of Mimi Harrington, honoring her life and her love of Eagle Island. These boats and other recent donations to be named and dedicated will enable EI to resume its sailing program. We look forward to seeing you there.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Dan Berggren to perform for Eagle Island



Dan Berggren, Adirondack folk singer and storyteller, visited Eagle Island in July, and was given a special tour of the island by the Adirondack Committee. He treated the volunteers to an impromptu sing-a-long, including a couple of his own songs celebrating the Adirondacks. Please join us at **The Wild Center** in Tupper Lake on **Wednesday, August 15** for an evening of song (see information on pg 4 or [online](#)). A Hornbeck canoe will be raffled off too!



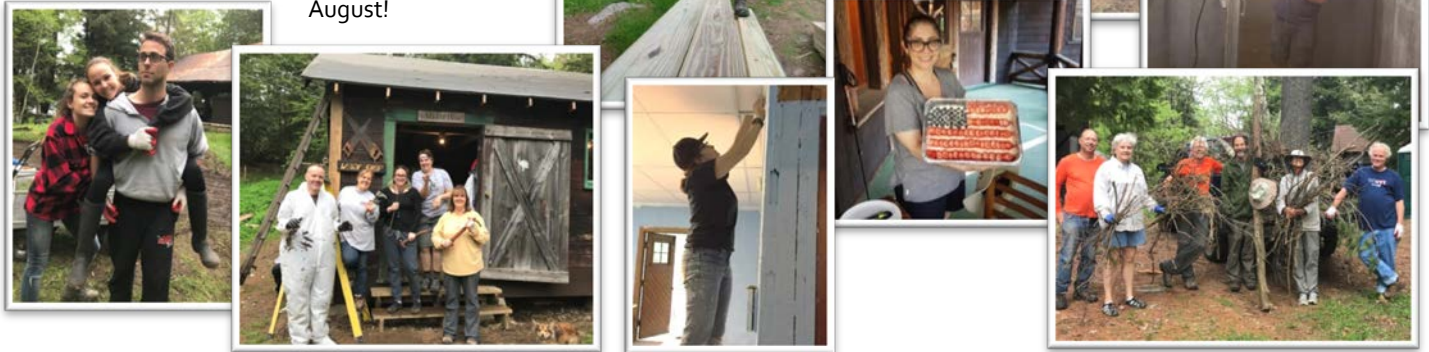
ISLAND VOLUNTEERS 2018

A wonderful note from Stephanie Guitard – after her FIRST time back on the island in 30 years:

I just wanted to take a moment to say that despite the horrible heat we had a very nice time volunteering! Kathy and LeeAnn are amazing! While Marina is a great friend, it was amazing the efforts she went to keep us hydrated! Michael and I were saying that while we've volunteered a lot over the years we have never worked with such a great group of people. It was refreshing to be with 12 folks from all walks of life working hard, getting along, and sharing some good times. When we left I think we all felt like we were family!

I'm so excited for the possibilities for Eagle Island and if there is anything that we can do remotely please let me know. We will be back to help again (hopefully during a snow storm and not a heat wave LOL).

We had very busy AND productive weeks of volunteering in June and July, and are looking forward to and planning for a large contingent for a week in August!



WORK ON RESTORATION & REPAIRS OF SIX BUILDINGS TO BEGIN

Eagle Island is excited to announce that it has entered into a contract with Adirondack Building Restoration, Inc. (ABR) for critical restoration and repair work on six key buildings (family cabin/administrative office, main lodge, dining pavilion, kitchen/staff building, laundry, and guide house/infirmary). EI sought competitive bids, and ABR was the lowest bidder. ABR has substantial experience working with historic properties in the Adirondacks.

ABR expects to start work in mid-August with two work crews of three men each. ABR will provide a third crew as needed. Work will include: repair and stabilization of the foundations and supporting members of several buildings; excavation and preparation work in the dining pavilion basement for the water storage and treatment system that will be part of a second contract; substantial work on the kitchen building, including readying it for the later installation of the refurbished kitchen as part of a separate contact; re-roofing of some portions of buildings; masonry repairs; and restoration of some historic architectural features. ABR will coordinate its work with that being done by volunteers and other contractors, and expects to complete all of the contract work by late fall.

Simultaneously, we now working on awarding a contract for the water and septic system reconstruction, with the goal of having a substantial portion of that work completed this construction season as well. These contracts will get us much closer to our soft reopening in the summer of 2019!



Todd Hall and architect, Randy Crawford discuss options for kitchen work



Some volunteers arrive on the pontoon boat, others prefer their own transportation



EI's "new-used" truck for the island making the journey

WHAT EIC DID FOR ME

Allie Grill

Ten years ago, a junior in college and summer rapidly approaching, I was feeling a little lost. I had just spent a semester abroad, I was feeling anxious about my place in the world, and I wasn't sure how to spend my time off from school. Suddenly, it hit me. I made a few phone calls, and less than a week later, my duffel bags were packed and I was driving north, heading back to my island home.

It is almost impossible to summarize the role Eagle Island played in my life. EIC was not only the place that I fell in love with sunsets, starry nights, and the sound of rain on a canvas tent, but where I learned to push myself out of my comfort zone in all elements of my life. At EIC I lived in a community that not only supported me, but challenged me. It is the place where I developed the confidence to hike mountains and lead backpacking trips, solo a Sunfish, and, more importantly, stand up for what I believed in. It is where I found my voice.

I am lucky enough to be writing this from the dining hall porch, hopeful that the sounds of conference calls and power tools will soon give way to the sounds of songs, laughter and learning. The rehabilitation of this island is grounded in the same sense of community that I hold so dear and that I know will continue for years into the future.

Camper 1996-2003; Staff 2004, 2008
University of the Pacific, Masters in Education, 2017
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Island volunteers enjoy a sunset cruise on Upper Saranac Lake after a long day of work



Join the "CAMPFIRE CIRCLE"

EI's Campfire Circle honors monthly sustainers. This is a great opportunity for YOU to help us meet our ongoing financial needs. For \$100 or more per month YOU will be given special recognition and receive a commemorative "Campfire Circle" silver pendant. It is easy to set up a monthly recurring credit card donation on the [DONATE](#) button on our website. Being a sustainer gives EI a steady stream of funding as we move toward **CAMP 2019!**

Campfire Circle members:

Anonymous, Christina Blythe, Pricilla Wagner Caskey, Wendy Cohen, Liz Crowell, Joanne Leonard, Marina & Ian Lowry, Jill Martin, and Terri Whitehead

WHY I GIVE TO EAGLE ISLAND

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Because it is one of my *HOMES*

good *MEMORIES*

Eagle Island provided me with deep-seeded, life-long memories of the beauty of Saranac Lake, the joy of camp songs, camaraderie, and the discipline of 5 summers spent in the sailing unit . . . to assist in the continuation of its intended legacy

It was and IS my Neverland

It helped create the woman and mother I am today

To be a part of carrying on the tradition of enabling our youth to enjoy a life-changing experience

SOCIAL MEDIA

Share Eagle Island happenings with your friends, **LIKE, JOIN, SHARE** us on your social media



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Friends of Eagle Island Inc.



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CALENDAR

Benefit Concert @ The Wild Center
Wednesday, August 15

Dedication Day / Visitor Day
Saturday, August 18

Close up Weekends
Labor Day
September 8-10

Wednesday, August 15th

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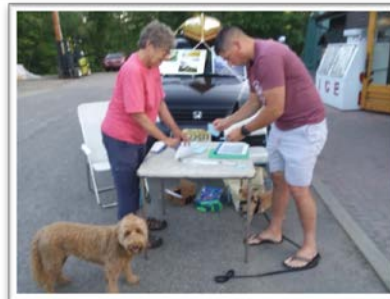
a concert for historic landmark

EAGLE ISLAND CAMP

7 pm Social | 7:30 pm Show
at
THE WILD CENTER
45 Museum Road
Tupper Lake, NY

TICKETS AVAILABLE
EagleIsland.org or The Book Nook in Saranac Lake, NY
\$10 YOUTH \$20 ADULT

RAFFLE: Win a Hornbeck Canoe!
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