

The Casemates

SPRING 2011

Fort Adams Trust

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Fort Adams Trust is to direct and support the stabilization, restoration, maintenance and operation of Fort Adams as a public historic site.

Open the Fort and Bay Walk Projects

Passage of the Open Space and Recreation Bond Issue last November provided \$1.5 million for the first phase of the "Open the Fort" project, and planning is now underway to complete the project in time for opening day 2012. "Open the Fort" will secure all of the openings and danger-

ous areas surrounding the Parade in order to allow self-guided tours for the first time. The idea is that many more people will be able to enjoy the interior of the Fort, and stay longer, than is now possible with the hourly guided tours. The Trust will develop a new menu of special themed guided

tours that will take visitors into various interior spaces in the Fort and into the outworks and tunnels. More visitors learning about and appreciating the Fort will translate into a broader base of support for the Trust going forward, and this is one of the major goals of the project. The project will also include some additional interpretive signs and outdoor exhibits to fill in some gaps in our current presentation, including a proposal for a scale model of the Fort outside the East Gate that would double as seating and be a terrific visual aid for understanding the enormous scale and complexity of the

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Artists rendering of a fully open Fort Adams

Fort Adams On Parade

It was a beautiful day to be Irish in Newport. Newport's 55th Annual Parade in honor of St. Patrick featured the premier entrance of the Trust's own "Irish connection to Fort Adams" float. Under the direction of Rob and Jack McCormack, over 100 hours of work went into the creation of this 9' x 6" traveling representation of Fort Adams. In addition to increasing the Forts visibility within the community, our float sought

to educate parade viewers about the significance of the Fort in creating the considerable Irish population still found in Newport today. As many of our members



Rob, Jack and Boone at the start of the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

would know, the first major influx of Irish immigrants into Newport came to fill the labor shortage needed for the building of Fort Adams.

Watch for the floats encore performances in Bristol on the 4th, Newport on Columbus Day and, dare we suggest, Macy's on Thanksgiving..?

Additional thanks are due to Arthur Shattuck and Scott Brickner for their skill and assistance in making this float possible.

Did you Hear?
FREE CONCERT
Air National Guard Band
of the Northeast
Friday, July 1, 5:30pm



Following the Concert
join us for an
Old Fashioned Clambake
Hosted by McGrath's
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SAVE THE DATE:

Fort Adams Trust's
Annual Fundraiser:



An Evening of Revelry

Friday, June 17th

7:00 pm to

10:30pm

Scrumptious Food

by McGrath

Clambakes

& Catering

LIVE & SILENT

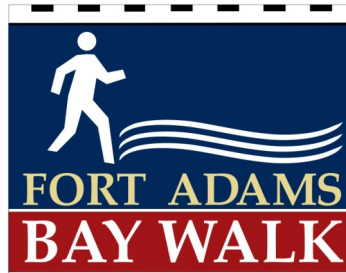
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Open the Fort, Continued

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Fort and its out-works.

A related project nearing completion is a new "Bay Walk" along the existing perimeter road of the state park. This 2.25 mile circuit will take visitors along the water and past the west wall of the Fort, gun batteries, post cemetery, Eisenhower



House, Sail Newport and other features in the park. The walk will be marked with directional signs and future

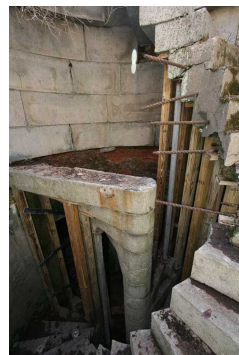
plans call for developing interpretive materials that will educate visitors about historical features such as the submarine nets.

Volunteer work parties and Southern Redoubt Stairway stabilization

Many Trust members following our continued efforts to clear and maintain the Fort's land defenses are likely aware of those efforts concentrated around the Fort's impressive Southern Redoubt. A formidable fortification in its own right, the Southern Redoubt is a small German style defensive tower designed to hold the high ground to the south of the main Fort, acting as its first line of defense against a land assault.

As they have for the last few winters, coordinated by our Site manager Jack, our usual contingent of dedicated tour guides, Coastal Defense Study Group (CDSG) members and general fort friends, have remained busy clearing brush. Supplemented with students from Salve Regina University, the Coast Guard, and with a special thanks to, Col. Jeff Jennings and LT. Scott Brickner from the Naval War College, this small party of volunteers has made

great progress in reclaiming much of the Fort from overgrowth. High points of the season include completion of our west wall cleanup, more work on the southwest bastion and the southwest terreplein. Progress on our outerwork includes the SW reentry-place d'arms, access to our Endicott batteries and, of course, the southern redoubt. These efforts have been additionally bolstered with the creation of a Building and Grounds



The newly stabilized dual spiral staircase in Fort's Southern Redoubt

committee, headed by new Board member Chris Zeeman. Chris, who has been a Fort enthusiast since childhood, brings an enormous amount of knowledge, skill, organization and energy to the committee. Through his connections with the CDSG, Chris was able to spearhead a campaign to raise funds to stabilize the Southern

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Redoubt's magnificent granite dual spiral stairway .

A matching grant from the CDSG has allowed the Trust to once again hire the Damon Company, of Newport, to complete this project which now provides safe access to both view and maintain the redoubts upper level.

During the Coastal Defense Study Group's Annual Conference this March, over 70 of its members were able to see these improvements first hand. All involved regarded Fort Adams as

a highlight and were so pleased with our progress that they may consider funding another small project.

For more information about their organization visit their website: www.cdsg.org



Recent brush clearing reveals the Southwest reentering place d'arms

As always, anyone interested in helping at future work parties, Scout projects or other community service opportunities is encouraged to contact Jack at jmccormack@fortadams.org



2011 Special Events Calendar



MAY

- 21st Fort Adams Guided Tours Open for the Season, Saturday, 10am – 4pm
Daily, 10:00am to 4:00pm, through Columbus Day.
- 22nd 6th Annual Newport Concours d'Elegance, Sunday, 10am – 4pm
A collection of elegant motorcars, motorbikes and haute couture.
- 27th Fortress of Nightmares: Summer Ghost Hunts Friday, 9pm-12am
4th Friday of the month May to September. See Article on page 5.



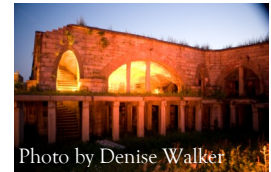
JUNE

- 4th Fort Adams Family Fun Day, Saturday, 11am – 4pm [rain date June 5]
This year's theme is health, wellness, nutrition & fitness.
- 14th Canine Cadet Adventure, Tuesday, 6pm – 8pm
A social gathering of dogs and their owners
Additional dates on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month through August.
- 17th Summer Solstice Fundraiser, Friday, 7:00pm – 10:30pm
An Evening of Revelry



JULY

- 1st Air National Guard Band of the Northeast Concert, Friday, 5:30-7pm
Free to the public.
- 1st McGrath's Public Clambake, Friday, 7pm – 10pm
Following the Air National Guard Concert. *Discount for Trust members.*
- 9th & 10th Civil War Living History Weekend, Saturday, 10am – 5pm; Sunday, 10am – 2pm
Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War! *Free to Fort Adams Trust Members*



AUGUST

- 20th 13th Annual Newport Storm Luau, Saturday, 4:30pm – 10pm [rain date August 21]
A Fundraiser for Fort Adams presented by Coastal Extreme Brewing Company.



OCTOBER

- 1st The Newport Antiques Festival at Fort Adams, Saturday, 8am – 5pm
The 3rd Annual Antiques Festival is a benefit for the Fort Adams Trust. Presented and managed by Ferguson & D'Arruda Antiques of Providence, RI.
ANTIQUES FESTIVAL PREVIEW PARTY Friday, September 30, 5pm-9pm
- 2nd 10th Annual Fort Adams in the Fall Car Festival, Sunday, 9am – 2pm
Presented by the Middletown Rotary Club.
- 8th Newport Oyster Fest, Saturday, 11am-6pm
Fun, games and tons of delicious food.
- 21-23rd
& **Fortress of Nightmares**, Friday-Sunday, 6pm-9pm www.fortressofnightmares.com
- 28-30th Featuring The Tunnels of Terror Haunted Maze & Fortress Ghost Hunts



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Summer Ghost Hunts Return...

Building upon the success of last year's ghost hunts, the Fort Adams Trust is proud to offer five more ghost hunts this summer. Longer than our Halloween Ghost Hunts that take place during the month of October, these 3-Hour Ghost Hunts will take place on the 4th Friday night of each month from May through September. The "Summer Ghost Hunt Series," ghost hunts are limited to only 40 guests per night



allowing us to make them lengthier and more intimate for those attending. While our Halloween Ghost Hunts offer guests less than one hour inside the Fort, our Summer Ghost Hunts give our guests three hours to investigate the Fort with The Rhode Island Paranormal Research Group as your guides. The summer hunts also allow you to investigate more areas of the Fort. Each evening groups will be subdivided into even smaller teams giving you a much more personal, one-on-one experience with the para-

normal research team that conducts the ghost hunts. These benefits allow you, the ghost hunter, to experience a longer, more personal experience at the Fort, which will increase your chances of experiencing and documenting activity. You can ONLY purchase tickets on line at the Fortress of Nightmares website.

www.fortressofnightmares.com

These events WILL sell out quickly, and it is advised that you buy your tickets early.

Join the Trust

Membership Benefits

- Free unlimited general admission for one year
- 10% discount on all products at the Gift Shop
- Free subscription to the Fort Adams Newsletter
- Invitation/discounts to special events
- A tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law

Members of the Garrison: four guest passes & History of Fort Adams.

Captains of the Garrison: all benefits plus print of Fort

Commanders of Fort: all benefits plus two tickets to the Newport Jazz or Folk Festival

(Detach and mail)

Membership Levels

(circle one)

Individual \$25

Family/Household \$50

Members of the Garrison \$100

Captains of the Garrison \$250

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Fort Adams New Corporate Membership Drive

The Fort Adams Trust is creating a new way to get involved in saving the nation's largest historic fortification. Focusing on Newport and Bristol counties, the corporate member drive will seek to broaden the Trust's base of support with business owners who will enjoy special benefits for themselves and their employees while contributing to the preservation of a community landmark.

"Fort Adams is good for business," according to Ray Berberick,



Vice President of the Trust and coordinator of the member drive. "Every year hundreds of thousands of people visit the Fort for recreation, concerts, tours and special events. All of

this activity stimulates the local economy while helping to preserve a National Historic Landmark." A recently completed master plan for the Fort envisions more visitors and more activities with the goal of enhancing the Fort as a destination for Newport and for the state.

More information about the new Corporate Membership Drive may be found on the Fort Adams Trust website www.fortadams.org.

*Welcome
New Board Members!*

Brett Allen
Bill Cardinal
Anne Hamilton
Ted Hayes

*A Special Thank You
to our Departing
Board Members!*

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