

The Bullard Memorial Farm Association Newsletter



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Since 1658

Happy Spring!!!



I'm not sure about everyone else, but I feel like the winter of 2019 was L-O-N-G, and am happy to see spring arrive!

Enjoy this issue of the newsletter—a wee bit late in its compilation and distribution, thanks to the editor [sigh]. Inside you will find an intriguing story of a rock rescue from Hovey Bullard's garden in California, photos of the barn outbuilding, and a flyer about the upcoming event about understanding women in New England prior to the Revolutionary War (very timely, given March is Women's History Month).

Please send along articles and photos for future issues of the newsletter to me (Jennifer MacDonald, Editor) at: cemacd@maine.rr.com. I am always looking for content to share!

Thanks, and happy reading!

A Message From BMFA President, Jay McFarland

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring from the directors.

First and foremost, we hope to see you at the 2019 meetings on June 1 and September 28!

It continues to be busy times for the Bullard Farm, the caretakers, your directors and committee members.

The new building is getting closer to completion thanks to the many hours of effort by Scott Hills, Tara Hathaway, Doug Hathaway, Suzanne McFarland, and, of course, the construction crew. We expect everyone will be very pleased at the June meeting.

The directors have chosen a contractor, Richard Mecke, to repair the farmhouse's main chimney. The roof and chimney have been leaking for some time now and is in serious need of repair. You may recall this work was investigated several (10+) years ago but between difficulty finding someone to do the work and the expense involved, it was taken off the list. The repairs will hopefully be done very soon!

The Artifacts and Collections Committee has invested several more days' worth of work and continues to catalog items in the house. Thank you also to this committee.

Tim and Bridget are keeping the property and house tidy and neat with the help of the house and grounds committee. We will have a lot of

spring cleanup as you can imagine—yet another reason to attend the June meeting!

Lastly, please continue to help the BMFA by renewing your membership and making a donation, if you haven't done so already. Along with the many man-hours donated by members, we need your financial help to ensure the many physical assets of the property are looked after. Please encourage family and friends to become members, make contributions, and consider helping with the many available volunteer opportunities. Through the magic of email and the Web, we have many ways everyone can help. I assure you, you will find it very rewarding!

Hope to see you June 1st!

Reminder: it's time to renew your BMFA membership!

To reiterate Jay's message above, it's time to renew your BMFA membership, if you haven't already.

BMFA Clerk Meredith Flynn sent a reminder on February 11:

Members of the BMFA voted in an operating budget of \$120,080 for the year of 2019.

Please consider a gift above your dues to help meet this budget. The Free Standing Barn Addition project has been moving forward; contributions are needed to meet our fundraising goal and pay back the loan from the Association's investment account. Please consider giving an extra \$100 to the Farm for the barn; if 100 members do this, we will be able to offset the loan amount for the current year.

Consider becoming a SUSTAINING MEMBER of the Farm with a monthly contribution. Sustaining members can give by direct deposit or credit card.

The BMFA Board of Directors and Members are very grateful and appreciative of time and expertise donated to the Farm. We continue to encourage those who participate in this capacity and will acknowledge them each year. Please visit www.bullardmemorialfarm.org or contact a director to find out ways in which you can contribute with your time and energy.

There are three ways to pay your dues and make a donation:

1. Online at <http://www.bullardmemorialfarm.org/pay-membership-dues.html>;
2. by check payable to BMFA or Bullard Memorial Farm Association; or
3. Via direct deposit from your bank account to the BMFA account

Please renew today!

Hovey & Frances Bullard Rock Rescue

*Submitted by Durinda Wood,
Bullard News West Coast Correspondent*

Big news from the California beat with the tale of the Hovey Bullard Rock Rescue Caper !

Growing up, I remember my mother telling me about the amazing rock and cactus garden Hovey and Frances Bullard had in California in the 20s. We got a glimpse of that from the movies my grandparents, John E. Rice and Helen Ellis Rice, made when they visited California during that time. When Hovey's son, John Anson Bullard, moved to Beverly Hills, he took many of the rocks and cacti with him.



Originally a black-and-white photo of Hovey's cactus/rock garden overlooking Echo Park Lake in Los Angeles, it was hand-colored by his wife Frances.

The rocks are special because Hovey, Frances, and a young John Anson frequently drove into the California desert around the turn of the century and hand-picked the many volcanic and mineral rocks to bring home.



Andy Alison, grandson of John Anson and great grandson of Hovey, got wind that the old Bullard house in Beverly Hills had been sold and was being renovated. So,

last fall, he asked the new owners if they'd be interested in trading old family photos of the Bullard Home for some of the strange rocks and boulders. His wish was granted, and he and his wife, Natalie, loaded the rocks into a U-haul and brought them to their home in Laguna



Beach. Natalie is a marvelous gardener who shares Frances Bullard's passion for growing succulents. She has arranged the rocks into a meandering garden path like Hovey and Frances' garden at Echo Park.

It's incredible how a little bit of Bullard history and a few old photos helped bring these special desert rocks back into the Bullard fold to create a new "Bullard Succulent Garden" for the family to once again enjoy a century later.

Background notes (provided by Andy Allison):

- FRANCES BULLARD - I think it is only fair that we include Hovey's wife Frances Bullard into the title and story, as she was a highly recognized horticulturist in her day and one primarily responsible for creating the Bullard Garden at the Echo Park residence on an adjacent lot next to the home between 1903 and 1933. Frances always traveled with Hovey and quite often you John Anson on every auto adventure leading the way into the desert to collect specimen cacti, rocks, soil, etc.
- TRADING PHOTOS FOR THE ROCKS - We bartered with the contractor and new owners of the Beverly Hills home for the desert rocks and boulders by trading historic photos of the Bullard Home that I scanned from Johnnie and Lucile Bullard's photo albums. Click on the link below to view the

photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/a2k39y02o7kdkxw/AADiCeOMnmZSFD8DZBUUhRba?dl=0>

- THE NEW BULLARD SUCCULENT GARDEN - Natalie has added the desert rocks and boulders into our home's newly remodeled landscape, reuniting them with another small group of the same desert rocks collected by Hovey and Frances, that were given to me by Lucile Bullard when I helped John Anson (Grandpa) move the rocks in the trunk of his car from the Beverly Hills house to their Corona Del Mar House back in 1968. As Durinda mentioned, Natalie is a marvelous gardener who shares the same passion as Frances Bullard for growing succulents.

A Huge Thank You from the Barn Committee

The Barn Committee and Board would like to thank these members who donated to the barn outbuilding project. Through your donations, we were able to raise \$12,000, with another \$6,000 (1:2 match) donated by a very generous anonymous donor. This project and improvement to the farm would not have been possible without your support:

Andrew and Natalie Alison
Melissa and Philip Audier
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Barn Outbuilding Donation List (cont'd)

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Daniel Wood
Jeffery B. and Katherine Wood
Kenneth Wood
Lucy and Robert Wood

**Many, many thanks to all for your support!
This project/improvement/addition is a
game-changer for the BMFA!**

Speaking of the Barn Project...

...It's so exciting to see the progress of the barn outbuilding! Please (re)enjoy these photos that BMFA Clerk Meredith Flynn sent back in December. I, for one, can't wait to see the finished product!



More News from California:

Celebrating John Hovey Bullard's Birthday

—Submitted by Andy Alison



What a wonderful day our California cousins had celebrating James Hovey Bullard's Birthday on Friday, March 1, 2019! Durinda Wood, John & Barbara Bullard, and Andy Alison gathering together for an afternoon "field trip" to visit

Hovey's grave at Forest Lawn in Glendale. Durinda provided wonderful hospitality at her beautiful home in Silver Lake in celebration of Hovey's 163rd birthday. The lunch she served included delicious salad and sandwiches, followed by a very tasty birthday cake accompanied by the singing of a joyous "Happy Birthday" to Hovey. Durinda's home is an absolutely beautiful classic 1920s Hollywood Bungalow that she has decorated with the most amazing collectibles.

John, Barbara, and Andy had a lot of fun that morning driving together from Anaheim to Durinda's home in Los Angeles. Thanks to Barb's excellent navigation, they were able to arrive on time, despite the usual L.A. traffic. During their road trip they talked about growing up as cousins, shared memories about their Bullard parents and grandparents, previous family gatherings, and where on the West Coast and in Arizona their other siblings are now residing.



The California cousins had so much fun spending the afternoon exploring the Forest Lawn Grand Mausoleum where the Bullard, Schmidt* and Alison family crypts are located. Forest Lawn Cemetery is huge and the





Grand Mausoleum is a marvel of marble architecture, statues and fabulously adorned and glorified crypts. Barb and Durinda brought beautiful cacti that they arranged into the fluted vases fixed on the Bullard and Schmidt vaults. Amazingly, the cacti that

Durinda placed nearly a year ago was still there and obviously cared for by Forest Lawn.

After the excursion to the Grand Mausoleum, we returned to Durinda's home to enjoy an evening fire-side chat. Four Bullard cousins sitting together in the living room, sharing their thoughts and stories, just as their Bullard ancestors had 100 years before at the home of Hovey and Frances Bullard in Echo Park. When asked, we all felt the presence of Hovey, Frances, and Hattie celebrating with them in spirit, consciously enjoying the simple gathering to share their Bullard legacy, Hovey's birthday, and creating new family memories of our own.



**Theodore Schmidt is Frances Bullard's father who is interred below the Bullard crypt. Theodore is credited for naming the City of Anaheim, California in 1857. Stay tuned for more about the California Bullard legacy in the next issue of the newsletter!*



Calling all Bullards

Reminder: As always, please send any and all member news items and photos to Jean Hood. Be sure to include a date. She will include them in the BMFA scrapbooks. Jean's address is: 1 Oaknoll Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52246. Thank you!

Visit the BMF website

Take some time to peruse our website:

www.bullardmemorialfarm.org. Ken Wood updates the website frequently and encourages and welcomes any feedback to improve the site.

If you have any news items, photographs, etc., please submit them directly to Ken at: woodk@norwalkps.org

Mark your calendar!

2019 Farm Meetings:

Saturday, June 1, and

Saturday, September 28

Please join us!



The Bullard Memorial Farm 1777

Domestic Women:

**Gain a greater understanding of what it meant to be a woman in
New England prior to the American Revolutionary War.**

Presentation by Gail White Usher

Saturday, March 30th, 2019

1:00pm

Bullard Memorial Farm

7 Bullard Lane

Holliston, Massachusetts

Step back in time to an 18th Century New England Farm and enjoy some
history and refreshments

Tickets are \$10/person, children free. To reserve your tickets, please email

bmfaprograms@gmail.com or call (508) 429-1638

and note the # of people in your party. For more information visit

www.bullardmemorialfarm.org



Gail White Usher