

# BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST

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2017 Annual Report





# OUR MISSION

*“To protect and preserve Bermuda’s natural and architectural heritage, for everyone, forever.”*

*The Bermuda National Trust is :*

a registered charity created by an Act of Parliament in 1970 and dedicated to the preservation of Bermuda’s historic and environmental heritage.

Bermuda’s largest environmental conservation group responsible for dozens of historic buildings, gardens, nature reserves, farm land, undeveloped islands, coast-line and military cemeteries.

We own and protect 82 properties spread across 277 acres of land and advocate for Bermuda’s places of natural beauty, plants and wildlife.

We are reliant on public support and a small army of volunteers to ensure that the important structures and buildings in our care have a viable future.

We are committed to protecting and promoting Bermuda’s unique and natural cultural heritage forever, by acquiring and conserving land, buildings and artefacts and inspiring appreciation and stewardship through advocacy, research, education and participation.



## ALANA ANDERSON

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with much pride and pleasure that I present my first report as President of the Bermuda National Trust. Carrying on the legacy of the Trust is no easy feat. My initial goal was merely to stay the course, but with the encouragement of Council, the hard work of the staff and the dedication of our many supporters and volunteers this year went from merely ordinary to extraordinary!

As stewards of Bermuda's unique natural and cultural heritage the National Trust embarked on innumerable activities to ensure that our environmental and historic treasures remain "For Everyone, Forever". From our time honoured traditional events, such as the Christmas Walkabout and the Auction & Jumble Sale, to newer innovations such as the Live History and Farm Fest there was never a dull moment.

Amidst all of these events, the staff also manages the upkeep and maintenance of our immense portfolio and is dedicated to the education of future generations. Clearly the undertakings of the Trust are diverse and it could not be done without the support of our members, volunteers and donors.

I am most grateful to all of those persons who contribute to the Trust, whether it is financially, with gifts in kind, time or expertise. Every contribution no matter how big or small is meaningful.

I implore you to continue reading, to celebrate in our successes, but also to recognise the challenges that we face. It is my hope that we will continue on the journey together and that you feel encouraged by our commitment and inspired by our passion.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alana Anderson".

## BILL ZUILL

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Further on in this report, you will read in detail about the extraordinary number of events the Trust undertook in 2017, the steady work of preservation and restoration of our man-made and natural heritage that went on every day, the effort that went into our role as an advocate for conservation and preservation of the environment and our engagement of the public in educating thousands of people, both young and old, about the importance of conservation. This work would not be possible without the dedication of our 16 full time staff and the voluntary contributions of hundreds more people.

To meet our statutory objectives of conserving our man-made and natural heritage for the benefit of Bermuda, the Trust must be financially sustainable. Our income from our own properties makes an enormous difference, but we cannot do it without the help of our members and supporters and we are profoundly grateful to you for your support.

We also recognise that if we are working for the benefit of Bermuda, we must represent this island in all of its wonderful diversity and we must reflect that same diversity in our work.

We all share in our heritage and it is our job to ensure no voices are ignored.

The Bermuda National Trust is also part of an international network of 70 conservation organisations from around the world. One of the highlights of 2017 was being named as the host of the next International Conference of National Trusts, which will take place in March 2019. We look forward to introducing conservation leaders from around the world to Bermuda, and learning much from them.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Zuill".

## PRESERVATION

### HISTORIC PROPERTIES

2018 began with many new tenants moving into our properties at Springfield, Mangroville, Reeve Court, Stokes Point and Bridge House. Leases were renewed for Vermont Cottage, Lammermuir, Tivoli South and Palmetto House. 50% of the Bermuda National Trust's revenue is generated from its properties, primarily from letting 36 units in our historic buildings as apartments, shops, museums and more. The average length of a tenancy for a National Trust building is seven and a half years.

We value the role that our tenants play in the care of the buildings they occupy and strive to build lasting relationships to reduce turnover of occupiers and minimise empty units. At the end of 2017, our tenant at Stokes Point Barn, Michael Cauchi, left the unit due to ill health after 18 years. We were sad to see him go and wish him all the best.

In all, we care for 51 buildings and 23 outbuildings. Of the building we care for, 37 pre-date 1900 and 28 are listed, designated as being of special architectural and historical interest under Section 30 of the Development and Planning Act 1974.

Our first responsibility is looking after what we own. Conserving what makes our buildings significant is a huge task every year.

Taking care of the exterior of our buildings and carrying out preventative maintenance is paramount. In 2017, Devondale, Bridge House, Mangroville and Locust Hall had their roofs, exterior walls and millwork prepared and painted. Davenport and Fanny Fox Cottage had their roofs painted.



#### Bridge House, repaired and readied for the new tenant

At Palmetto House we replaced two windows with cedar ones, strengthened a wooden floor and carried out large masonry repairs to restore a significant section of a tray ceiling on the second floor that had failed. A similar repair was also carried out at Waterville, our Headquarters. New windows were milled and installed in the dining room of Bridge House.

At Stewart Hall, two thirds of the cottage roof was replaced entirely, including the rafters. Stewart Hall is one of the oldest intact properties in St George's. It was built in 1707 or perhaps as

early as 1700. It was a grand mansion and it served as a residences up to the 20th century when it became a library and then a shop. The property consists of a house, a small cottage, a domed tank and outbuildings.

The section of the cottage's roof replaced was relatively new, but because it is flat, any imperfections are exacerbated and a small depression had allowed water to collect and sit causing, over the years, a number of lathes and timbers to rot.



#### Roof repairs made at Stewart Hall

At Reeve Court, masonry repairs were made due to damage caused by an Indian Laurel tree. Repairs included re-plastering of damaged interior walls.

Indian Laurel trees are a threat to Bermuda's historic buildings. This pervasive member of the Fig family can sprout anywhere including in walls, window frames, roofs, tanks and gutters. The seedling grows rapidly and quickly develops an impressive root system that is incredibly damaging to buildings and stonework.

On a day to day basis the Trust tackles an extensive range of repairs and emergencies at our many buildings and rental units. We carried out plumbing repairs at Locust Hall Cottage, Reeve Court, Tivoli South and the Old Rectory. Electrical repairs were made at Mangroville and Waterville. A new kitchen floor was laid in Vermont Cottage and new cedar garden gates installed. Water tanks were cleaned and lined at Bridge House and Reeve Court. New air conditioning was installed in Waterville's boardroom. The roundabout at Tivoli was repaired and asphalted together with a host of repairs to appliances and security systems. One of the most challenging tasks of 2017 was the safe removal of a bee hive and bees from a chimney at Devondale.

In May, the bathroom of the Government House Royal Suite was retiled and upgraded under the guidance of our Government House Furnishings Committee for the visit of Anne, Princess Royal during the AC35 in late June.



Regarding our longer leaseholds, we approved the installation of sensitively placed solar panels on the south section of Pembroke Hall, rented to Fidelity. At Belair in Paget, we approved a two-storey addition on the south east of the building in keeping with the historic features of this iconic home.



#### Buildings Manager, Allan Van Putten at Tivoli

At Springfield, work continued to return the rear cottage back to a residence. Two offers were received to use the main house as a business but could not be accepted due to Department of Health requirements. As a result, we decided to draft plans and seek permission to return the building back into a residence; a two-bed, two-bath house. At the end of 2017, Planning Permission had been received and the building permit was being drafted for submission to the Department of Planning.



#### Plans to turn Springfield into a residence have been submitted

## ARCHAEOLOGY

In the summer of 2017 Dr Michael Jarvis and a field school from the University of Rochester returned to Bermuda to excavate Smith's Island in St George's Harbour.

This year's investigations focused on the continued excavations at an 'Oven Site' and Smallpox Bay on Government-owned land towards the east of the island. The project has helped to further our understandings of these two sites. The oven is thought to date from the 1600s and may have been a detached kitchen/outbuilding that served in an unlocated main house. The Smallpox Bay ruin dates to the mid-18th century but sits atop a complex array of postholes and may relate to 17th century wooden structures.



#### Michael Jarvis giving a tour of the Smith's Island Smallpox Bay

The 2015 season exposed the full extent of the ruin's interior and revealed 14 post holes, while excavations to the south yielded 19th century material related to military occupation of the site by soldiers and their families during successive yellow fever epidemics.

Work during summer 2017 recovered additional materials that shed light on the mixed-use occupation of the site and revealed additional postholes that show distinct architectural patterning.

The findings of the 2017 excavation are consistent with previous interpretations that the ruin may have been occupied by mid-19th century regimental soldiers and their families as a quarantine base during yellow fever epidemics. Furthermore, the post holes at the site containing early 17th century ceramics and worked English flint support the theory that the site was occupied earlier.



## CONSERVATION

### OPEN SPACES

Our battle with invasive species in Bermuda's open spaces continued in 2017 with the implementation of Conservation Management Plans and volunteer events. Along with the removal of invasive plants, the Trust is tasked with raising awareness on these issues. One of the ways we have accomplished this is through the installation of interpretive signage at many of our Nature Reserves. Signage installed at Spittal Pond Nature Reserve has helped to raise awareness, informing visitors about native and endemic plants and birds, as well as invasive species. The signage also adds to visitor enjoyment.

Work has continued at Paget Marsh to tackle invasive growth. Endemic plants and grass have been planted to re-colonise the area, with continued culling and planting scheduled for 2018.



#### Culling of invasive growth continues at Paget Marsh

This year, in conjunction with Buy Back Bermuda, we have finalised the Conservation Management Plan for Eve's Pond in Hamilton Parish and are hoping to begin work to create a newly restored pond with walking trails and interpretive signage.

The Trust continues to support local agriculture through the clearing and leasing of arable land. We support more than 20 farmers on a variety of properties across the island. This year, two historic arable plots were cleared, with two new tenants put in place. Along with these new tenants, the Trust has developed a policy on beekeeping on our properties. A Beekeeping clause has been added to all new arable leases to ensure adherence to the Agriculture (Control of Animal Diseases) Regulations, 1947, and to further promote beekeeping. This also promotes an organic and ecosystem-friendly approach to farming practices.

The Trust has had much success this year with the help of volunteers including corporate groups, schools and other organisations. We continued our revival of the ANTS programme for a second year. The ANTS programme aims to utilise volunteers monthly to cull invasives, clean up waste and make repairs to signage at Trust properties. In 2017, volunteers helped to maintain several properties including Spittal Pond, Rebecca Middleton and Scaur Lodge Nature Reserves.

During 2017, the Trust held several corporate volunteer sessions with local businesses. BeSolar volunteered at Paget Marsh, helping to clear invasives and introduce natives and endemics. Lancashire Re continued their adoption of Butterfield Nature Reserve to cut back invasive growth and enact a Conservation Management Plan. Butterfield Group was able to help us at Sherwin South Nature Reserve to re-open a walking trail. Volunteers at Verdmont cleared the trails surrounding the property. The Trust also teamed up with KBB to host a clean-up of waste uncovered by the works at Paget Marsh. In addition, the Trust took part in a clean-up of Spittal Pond along with BHS students for their annual Round-Square Day.

### CEMETERIES

The Trust continued the preservation of memorials and masonry work within Bermuda's historic cemeteries including all Commonwealth War Graves Commission gravestones.

At our largest historic cemetery, the Royal Naval Cemetery on Ireland Island, the masonic Lodge of Loyalty erected a new memorial commemorating its 200th anniversary. The Trust also welcomed a visit from members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Wave Knight* ship who helped to clean their predecessors' graves.

This year, the Trust teamed up with several prisoners from the Farm Facility in St. George's to carry out grounds work at Secretary Lane Cemetery. Work with the prisoners has allowed us to ensure the preservation of the memorials within the cemetery, whilst keeping access to the site for members of the public.



Prisoners from the Farm Facility at Secretary Lane Cemetery

# ADVOCACY

## **The Trust remains a vocal environmental advocate, promoting education and enjoyment of Bermuda's natural and historic environment.**

We have been involved in several consultations for major developments such as the Tucker's Point Special Development Order, Riddell's Bay Golf Course and the solar plant proposal at the airport finger. We review all advertised planning applications and have submitted several objection letters to the Department of Planning for applications deemed to have a significant negative environmental or historical impact.

The Trust was included in early consultation regarding the new Bermuda Plan. We have reviewed over 200 requests for re-zoning and have prepared feedback and input for the New Plan in a report submitted to the Department of Planning. The Trust objects to the removal of protective zonings whilst outlining key hopes and objectives of the new Bermuda Plan. Included in the Trust's feedback were several suggestions for policy to alleviate and / or prevent further environmental damage.

The Trust believes that a 'net gain' policy should be included in the new plan. We believe that mitigation should ensure that there is a net gain of natural habitat, open space and recreation land. The new plan should aim to prevent the fragmentation of large bands of open space whilst allowing the possibility for existing open spaces to connect, increasing the biological carrying capacity of these conservation areas. Coastal developments should be restricted to preserve biodiversity in both marine and terrestrial environments. Coastal environments also provide shelter for marine life, nesting habitats for seabirds and support for a large variety of native flora and endangered fauna. The Trust also suggested that a review of conflicting zones should be performed to identify and prevent incompatible adjacent zonings. Where conflicting zones are present, steps should be taken to mitigate the adverse impacts or restore sensitive areas that have been damaged by neighbouring developments.

Particular attention was drawn to the protective measures for Devonshire Marsh, which is a proposed Ramsar site. Ramsar Sites are wetlands designated of international importance. The largest threats to this area have long been identified as industrial encroachment, pollution, and sea level rise. The plan should actively seek to restore this land and gain full certification of Devonshire Marsh as a Ramsar site. It was observed that many re-zoning requests cited the historical use (or lack thereof) and quality of the Woodland/Agricultural Reserve to justify the removal of conservation areas. The New Bermuda Plan is still in the early development stages, with a Draft Plan to be published this year before a public consultation and objection period.

The Trust is an objector to the All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) proposal and submitted a response to the Department of Parks following a public consultation period. The Trust objects to National Parks being accessed by motorised vehicles as it would be wholly incompatible with the quality, character and function of these natural and historic sites. The proposal would allow ATVs on the Railway Trail, Hog Bay Park, Fort Scaur Park and the Heydon Trust. It would also run alongside the National Trust's Gilbert Nature Reserve for part of the route. The proposal directly conflicts with the specific objectives of protected areas laid out by the Parks Act 1986.

Hog Bay Park is one of Bermuda's largest and most peaceful parks and a vital amenity for neighbourhoods in the area while thousands of people use the Railway Trail for walking and relaxation. The disruption from the proposed tours including noise, erosion to unpaved walking and nature trails and disturbance of wildlife would have a detrimental impact on surrounding nature reserves, parklands and historic sites and conflict with their function as places of respite, amenity, education, recreation and conservation. The implementation of this proposal would further exacerbate the problem of illegal access by motorised vehicles of these parks. Hog Bay Park has suffered from an entrenched problem with scramblers for years without any effective solution – damaging the paths, endangering users, negatively affecting the agricultural land and disturbing neighbours.

The Bermuda National Trust supports the active enjoyment of our parks and open spaces and encourages their enhancement and new uses for them. We support the walking and bicycle tours that currently showcase this area. We also welcome innovative thinking to revitalise our tourism industry and to enrich our visitors' experiences in Bermuda.



## EDUCATION

### OVERVIEW

For the past ten years the Trust's Education programme has supported teachers and students, island-wide, with engaging field trips to BNT's historic properties and nature reserves and by the development of curriculum-linked teacher resources. The programme has developed excellent working partnerships with teachers and schools. The programme is linked to the school curriculum and provides valuable and inspiring support to traditional lessons offered at schools. For the period of January through December of 2017, the team reached 3,333 children and 647 adults.

Three-part learning experiences and experiential field trips reached 2,231 students. Social Studies field trips focused on the settlement of Bermuda in the early 1600s, life in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Victorians, migration, black history and slavery. Trips to nature reserves focused on habitats, the value of open space, environmental pollution and its impact on plant and wildlife biology and foodwebs. Topics are tailored to current classroom studies and teachers' objectives, enhancing the students' learning experience.

To capitalise on the visit from the Canadian team, Live History, and their skills in imparting history through mystery building and storytelling, the Trust invited Bermuda schools to sign up for free workshops delivered on school campuses. A total of 200 students and 13 teachers from BHS, T.N. Tatum Middle School, Bermuda Home School Network, BNT camp and Somerfield Academy's drama class took part in this special offering. Jasmine Bowen performed the opening part of 'Mary's Odyssey', (an interactive theatre performance held at Verdmont) and then engaged the students in mystery building and clue-finding team work. The feedback was excellent.



Activities during "Wild Thing" camp

### SENIOR STUDENTS

Since January 2014, students and teachers from S3 Cedarbridge Academy and Environmental Science students from Bermuda College have partnered with the Trust on the 'Environmental Impact of the Marine Debris on our Mangrove Habitats' initiative. Students learned about mangrove biology, mangrove ecosystems, threats to this habitat and the problems of marine debris. The students collected and recorded the debris they found during clean ups of Waterville mangroves and compared the results with data from collections during the previous year. In January 2017, the group collected and sorted 566 items including plastic debris, glass bottles, boat gear, non-plastics and other items, most of which was land-based plastic items found along the mangrove fringes.

Our goal is to continue these clean-ups and then to see if there are trends or correlation with weather and local social behaviours. Involving the same group of students in repeated clean-ups allows a young population to gain a more in-depth understanding of data analysis and the threats to our mangrove ecosystems. Data will be shared with the Bermuda Marine Debris taskforce.

### ADULT LEARNING

Another facet of the programme is adult education in Bermuda's history and natural heritage as well as conservation and sustainability. New offerings including Live History Theatre, Moongazing and Trust Talks connected people of all ages to the Trust's properties and collections in direct and engaging ways. Thirty-eight teachers from across the island also received training in three workshops at Verdmont and Spittal Pond during professional development days. The workshops provide a platform for teachers to go beyond their textbooks and offer strategies to connect students with their environment and history.

### CAMPS

Two spring holiday camps and seven summer holiday camps were held in 2017. The Education team also held three one-day filmmaking workshops in February to facilitate the creation of Earth Day videos for the Trust's annual competition. In Spring, Mr. Eugene O'Connor provided instructions in kite making and campers enjoyed a field trip to St. George's and the Children's Nature Walk at Spittal Pond. The summer camp season opened with "Wild Things" – a camp which emphasised Bermuda's most beautiful nature reserves and focused on facts about wild animals and plants. "Go Green: Creative Upcycling" camps showed 11-14 year olds how to reuse old materials and to create fun new things.

Campers explored Somerset Long Bay Nature Reserve, kayaked above green turtles and learned how to make recycled jewellery in St. George's. The "Pirates, Boats and Forts" camp showed how pirates and privateers lived, how catapults were made and forts in Bermuda were built. A treasure hunt through Fort Hamilton was a highlight taking the children through the entire historic site.



## MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS

### OVERVIEW

In 2017 we hosted two exhibitions highlighting art from the Bermuda National Trust collection. We opened an Edward James exhibition at Waterville in celebration of Elfrida Chappell's generous donation of a Blockade Runner watercolour, painted by Edward James in the 1860s. Sixteen additional James watercolours from the Trust's collection in the Bermuda Archives accompanied the work. The second exhibition was our annual collaborative exhibition with Chubb in celebration of Heritage month. The show featured a selection of images from the recently donated Elliott Collection of antique watercolours and all had a maritime theme.

Another addition to the collection was a family tree from Wendy Tucker, who donated a beautiful reproduction of a hand painted tree in a Cedar frame.

We have started entering collections into the database Filemaker Pro, which will help us manage research and inventory requests. Macy Aicardi, a student volunteer, has started overseeing the input, scanning images and documents as well as adding any relevant information to object files.

There was some minor shifting around of permanent collection in the Museums. We moved the blockade runner model from the Rogues and Runners exhibit downstairs to the ground floor level of the Globe Hotel in order to help engage visitors into conversations on the exhibit.

### RESEARCH

We had several interesting image and research requests in 2017. A law professor, Mrs Jessica K. Lowe, who is writing a book entitled *Murder in the Shenandoah: Commonwealth v. John Crane and Law in Revolutionary Virginia*, was granted permission to use a portrait of St George Tucker who presided over the murder case in 1791.

A research request came in for information about Bermuda Silver belonging to J.C. Yates. With the help of Margie Lloyd, we were able to address the request and trace the silver back to Joseph Yates of Stoneleigh, which was later the RHDC. We also had a request for information on the John Green Miniatures which are displayed in the Hall at Verdmont. The request came in from Pamela Elrich who is doing research on Early American Miniature Portraits.



Works from the Elliott Collection at the Chubb exhibition

### CULTURAL TOURISM

We had a very successful year with cultural tourism, having repeat visits from the Road Scholar group and the International Women's Club of Bermuda. We also launched a new weekly walking tour giving visitors access to both of our museums in the east end. One of the major highlights was hosting the United States organisation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, as they explored Bermuda for five days during the Christmas Walkabout. We managed their itinerary with private home and garden tours as well as museum and walking tours.

Verdmont has been a great venue for various special interest groups and cultural tours. We hosted a group of interior designers from Rosewood Tuckers Point, who enjoyed cocktails and an evening tour. Birthday Parties were held for Kim Wilkerson and Molly White. The biggest party of the year was held for a group from AFAR magazine. Guests were treated to a gombey experience, ghost stories by John Cox, rum tasting with Andrew Holmes and live music by reggae band 'The Kings'. Guests also walked through the house where a ghost was lurking to add to the experience.



A Gombey troupe performing for the AFAR Magazine visit

### TRUST TALKS

A series of Trust Talks was held in 2017. Robert Koenig gave an interesting talk and presentation on 'St. George's and the U.S. Civil War'. Conchita Ming presented research for her new book *Dance Bermuda*. We discussed the origins and evolution of the Bermuda Gombey with Gary Phillips and Irwin Trott of Warwick Gombey. They discussed how the Bermuda Gombey has evolved, the diverse use of semiotics across the troupes and what it means to be a Gombey now. Michael Jarvis and his students hosted two events in relation to his Archaeological field school and their Smith's Island dig. The first being a lecture titled 'Smith's Island Rebooted: Continuing Archaeological Investigations on some of Bermuda's Oldest Sites'. The lecture was attended by members from both the St. George's Foundation and the BNT in this collaborative effort. Dr Jarvis' second event was a sold-out field trip out to the dig site on Smith's island. It was a fascinating look into this important archaeological project.

## COMMUNITY

### PALM SUNDAY WALK

The 2017 Palm Sunday Walk was a great success, with over 2,000 people in attendance to explore the 5-mile walking route around the Paget & Warwick area, highlighting environmental and historical features. We also hosted the Children's Walkabout at Spittal Pond Nature Reserve, with students from multiple age groups exploring the area and learning from resident experts interspersed throughout the Nature Reserve.

### CHILDREN'S NATURE WALK

More than 285 children, teachers, camp leaders and parents had a whale of a time when they flocked to Spittal Pond to learn about Bermuda's environment and history through the Trust's annual Children's Nature Walk. Many of the schoolchildren had the added experience of seeing - often for the first time in their lives - humpback whales breaching and playing off the South Shore in Smith's Parish. Taking in the sights of one of Bermuda's most spectacular open spaces, walkers experienced nature firsthand with help from BNT volunteer guides, local experts and an inspiring group of Bermuda College Environmental Science students. The Governor, Mr John Rankin CMG, Minister of Youth Development and Sport Nandi Outerbridge, JP, MP and Minister of Environment and Planning, Sylvan Richards, JP, MP, joined the walk and interacted with the participants.



At the Checkerboard for the Children's Nature Walk

### EARTH DAY VIDEO COMPETITION

The Trust, along with our sponsor Marshall, Diel and Myers, hosted the Earth Day Video Competition at the BUEI on April, 21, 2017. The competition encourages our youth to put modern technologies into play as they create environmental videos expressing their concerns for today and their vision for tomorrow. Themes for 2017 were 'Remarkable Trees', 'Local Food', 'What Does Earth Day Mean to You?', 'Getting Out Into Nature or 'The Ocean Around Us'.

### FARMFEST

October 2017 saw the return of 'FarmFest' to Devondale. This ten-acre property in Devonshire features beautiful open spaces, farm fields and a historic building which was accessible for a day of family fun which included game stalls, a haunted house, arts and crafts, food stalls, tractor rides, three-legged races, a fortune teller, pony rides, a Halloween costume parade and a scarecrow competition! Going forward, FarmFest will be an annual addition to the Trust's calendar of events and we would like to thank Debs and Dave Norman, Devondale's tenants, for their hard work in preparing for the day.

### CHRISTMAS WALKABOUT

The Christmas Walkabout is one of the best-loved events in the Trust's calendar with over 5,000 people in attendance for the 2017 event. Our historic buildings were decorated and lit for the occasion and crowds were entertained by an exciting lineup of musicians, dance troupes and the Regiment band. Due to last year's overwhelmingly popular response, we put on a Walkabout ferry service which shuttled passengers from Hamilton to St. George's - this service offered transportation to those who otherwise might not have been able to attend.



Bridge House during the Christmas Walkabout



## INSPIRING SUPPORT

The Trust's 2017 fundraising events were hugely successful and we would like to thank our volunteers and friends for their hard work throughout the year. We also give thanks to all our donors for their generosity.



### Making sales at the Plant and Bake Sale event

February marked the beginning of the Trust's calendar of special events. The Plant and Bake sale, organised by David O'Neill, raised \$9,792 while the Auction and Jumble Sale, chaired by Hugh Davidson, made a net of \$66,505. A highlight was the sale of the Gladys Morrell table, a key symbol in the fight to get the vote for women in Bermuda. The table was purchased by the Bermuda Historical Society for \$6,000 and is now on public view. We are very thankful for our team of more than 50 volunteers who come together every year to make this event an extraordinary success.



### Auctioning the Gladys Morrell table

In May we brought the party home for our Fundraising Dinner, set in the grounds of Waterville, our Headquarters in Paget. The theme for the evening was a Secret Garden Party, with decor managed expertly by our event co-chairs Louisa Swayne and Darlene Phillips. Kicking off with cocktails provided by Bacardi, our guests dined before dancing the night away to live band, The Go Down Berries. Thanks to the generosity of everyone who came down on the night we managed to raise funds which will go towards our continued efforts to protect and preserve Bermuda's natural and cultural heritage for generations to come.



### Cocktails and a view of Hamilton Harbour for the opening of our Secret Garden Party fundraising dinner

The 2017 raffle included top prizes including an electric car, a \$5,000 travel voucher and much more. This year we made fantastic sales thanks in part from the help of MarketPlace Ltd. who allowed us to sell in their locations across the island in addition to making generous prize donations. The raffle generated a net profit of \$30,000 for the Trust's operations.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

**The Trust's leadership has continued to focus on reducing costs and increasing fundraising to preserve built and natural heritage for everyone, re-invest in properties and promote awareness through education and advocacy.**

As a result, we are pleased to report a surplus in the general fund of \$49,000 for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared with a loss of \$79,000 in 2016.

Total revenues in the general fund declined slightly by 0.67% to \$1,858,000 from \$1,870,000 in 2016, as other income and government service grants were lower. However, there were encouraging signs with increases in gifts and membership and rental income. Cultural, publications and retail were also up as the museums benefited from additional visitors during the America's Cup and the increase in cruise ship visits to St. George.

Our strategy of investing in our rental properties continues to improve rental income which represents 47% of the Trust's total revenues (2016: 46%). The additional rent was mainly due to the Springfield property which was returned to the Trust when its long-term lease was surrendered.

We were pleased to see continued support for our education programme in 2017 with the Argo Group, Arch Re, Hannover Re and Bank of Bermuda Foundation all making significant contributions. The Trust's education programme is widely respected, supports the national curriculum and reached over 3,500 students last year.

General Fund expenditures decreased by 9% in 2017 to \$1,981,000 from \$2,185,000 in 2016, due to lower administrative, preservation and development expenses. Administrative costs were down by 10% as 2016 included higher consultancy costs while development expenditures for special events were also down.

Preservation costs amounted to 43% (2016: 43%) of our total expenditures in the general fund, and represents the cost of upkeep of our nature reserves, farmlands, cemeteries and the maintenance of our gardens and historic buildings. The Trust's portfolio includes 82 properties and 277 acres of land. Preservation expenses for all funds amounted to \$936,000 in 2017 compared with \$1 million in 2016. An additional capital outlay of \$72,000 for renovations at Springfield was capitalised during the year compared with \$193,000 in 2016.

Income from Restricted Funds of \$197,000 includes a generous anonymous donation of \$50,000 along with donations to assist with capital fund projects. It also includes the Architectural Heritage Series which continues to be graciously sponsored by Bacardi International Limited. The final two publications are in progress and will cover Warwick and Southampton parishes.

The Trust's total fund balance amounted to \$18.38 million (compared with \$18.21 million in 2016) and includes \$13.2 million of properties held in perpetuity (2016 - \$13.1 million).

Although we have unrestricted capital funds of \$592,000 and a general fund balance of \$746,000, significant funds will be needed to finance the growing number of capital projects.

One of our immediate challenges is to attract additional sponsors to secure the long-term future of our successful Education programme which has enormous outreach in the community, develops Bermuda's future stewards and promotes our natural and cultural heritage.

The Trust is confident that with prudent management and the strong support of donors and members, we will continue to meet our core objectives.



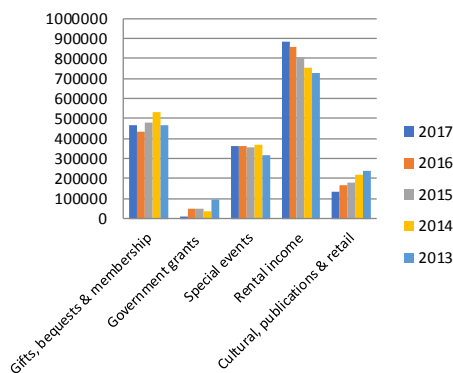
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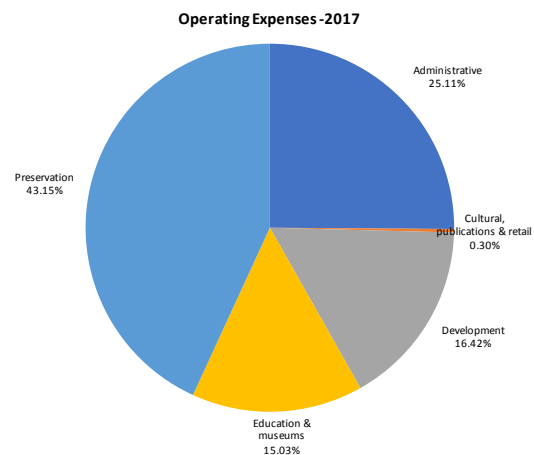
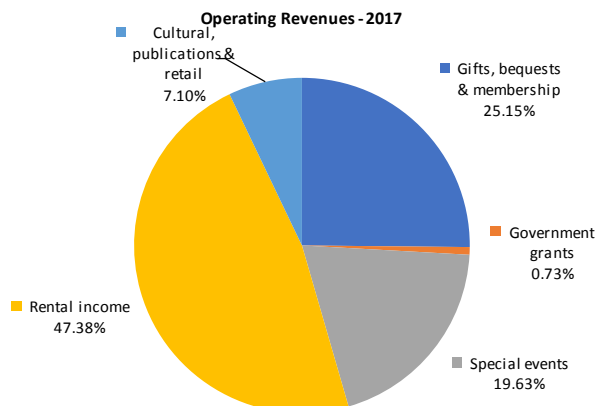
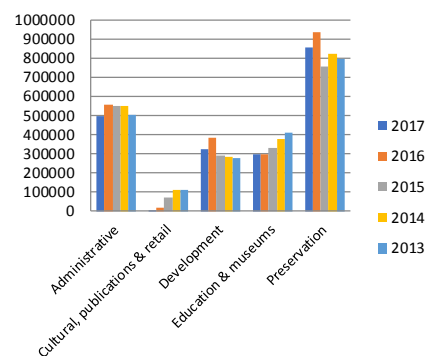
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	2017			2016		
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Revenues</b>						
Gifts, bequests & membership	\$467,377	\$197,580	\$664,957	\$435,214	\$447,737	\$882,951
Government grants	13,602	-	13,602	50,846	-	50,846
Special events	364,826	-	364,826	359,869	-	359,869
	845,805	197,580	1,043,385	845,929	447,737	1,293,666
Rental income	880,463	-	880,463	858,029	-	858,029
Cultural, publications & retail	41,084	8,095	49,179	29,853	32,780	62,633
Interest	1,264	41,517	42,781	485	69,432	69,917
Other income	89,552	-	89,552	136,498	-	136,498
Net unrealised gains (losses)	-	166,409	166,409	-	31,964	31,964
	1,858,168	413,601	2,271,769	1,870,794	581,913	2,452,707
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administrative	497,611	12,795	510,406	555,224	14,612	569,836
Depreciation	-	53,600	53,600	-	53,827	53,827
Cultural, publications & retail	6,017	-	6,017	14,218	16,009	30,227
Development	325,321	-	325,321	385,013	-	385,013
Education & museums	297,769	-	297,769	295,450	-	295,450
Preservation	855,094	81,445	936,539	935,815	64,570	1,000,385
Realised (gains) losses on investments	-	(34,433)	(34,433)	-	(10,522)	(10,522)
	1,981,812	113,407	2,095,219	2,185,720	138,496	2,324,216
<b>Net (loss) income before interfund transfers</b>	(123,644)	300,194	176,550	(314,926)	443,417	128,491
Grants for education program	148,400	(148,400)	-	195,750	(195,750)	-
Endowment contribution to operations	24,651	(24,651)	-	39,893	(39,893)	-
Other appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	\$49,407	\$127,143	\$176,550	\$(79,283)	\$207,774	\$128,491

Revenues by Source, General Fund, 2013-2017



Expenses by category, General Fund, 2013-2017



# AWARDS 2017

We present these annually to individuals, organisations, groups and schools who have worked for the benefit of Bermuda and its people, to preserve places of beauty or historical interest, buildings, artefacts, lands and animal and plant life, and to promote their appreciation.

## School Programmes Certificates

Saltus Grammar School for For the KBB "Adopt-A-Spot Initiative" at John Smith's Bay

Somersfield Academy for the dedication and progress to achieving three Eco-School Pathways: Grounds, Energy and Waste

## Wee Environmentalist Award

Southampton Preschool for the installation of a Square Foot Garden

Lyceum Preschool for school-wide involvement in the creation of an outdoor classroom and their outdoor learning programmes

## Young Environmentalist Awards

Evie Hackett for initiating the restoration of natives and endemics in the sensory garden trail at Windreach

Bradley Stewart, Lily Crofts & Sophia Papadopoulou for the "End the Plastic Bags" awareness campaign

Tyler DeCouto, Jaden Smith & Marco Sterling for their involvement in the removal of Casuarinas at Cooper's Island and the preservation of Diamondback Terrapins and Longtails

## Awareness Award

Hugh Gillespie & Catherine Kennedy for highlighting the traditional skill of the use of lime mortar

Geoff Parker Jr. for highlighting the traditional skill of the use of lime mortar

Kent Bean - Kent's Construction for their informative and well-designed website

11th Hour Racing's #Eat Lionfish Chef's Throwdown for raising awareness of the Lionfish invasion and encouraging its consumption

Butterfield Bank for the Butterfield Post-Graduate Scholarship

Justin Lewis and Michelle Stauffer for producing a short film entitled "A Plastic Sea" showcased by National Geographic

## The Deforest Trimmingham Award

St George's Historical Society and St George's Foundation for the conservation and interpretation of the Verpilleaux murals

## Environmental Awards

Marco and Andriea Borges for transforming Lemon Moor Farm into a Bermuda National Trust showpiece

Reid Selley for his exemplary management of Ocean Blown Farm

Lionel Thompson for the care and upkeep of the public space at the Spurling Hill bus stop

## The Patsy Phillips Bermudiana Award

Bermuda Lionfish Taskforce for the creation and implementation of the Bermuda Lionfish Control Plan

## Architecture Award

Bill & Carol Outerbridge for the renovation and sensitive modern addition to Gospel Hall, Paget

## Preservation Award

Bermuda Government Ministry of Public Works for the sensitive restoration of the Cabinet Building

Penny Watlington, Travis Lewis, Jonathan Gray, Jacob Hocking and Dave Ramrattan for the new roof on Casa Rosa, 104 Harbour Road, Paget, that preserves the lines and proportions of the historic building

## The Clipper Award

Flora & Peter Goodall, Linberg and Simmons and JM DaSilva Ltd. for the extensive restoration of Harnett House, 33 Pitts Bay Road, Pembroke

## Silver Palmetto Award

William White for his excellent stewardship as President of the Bermuda National Trust and continued support



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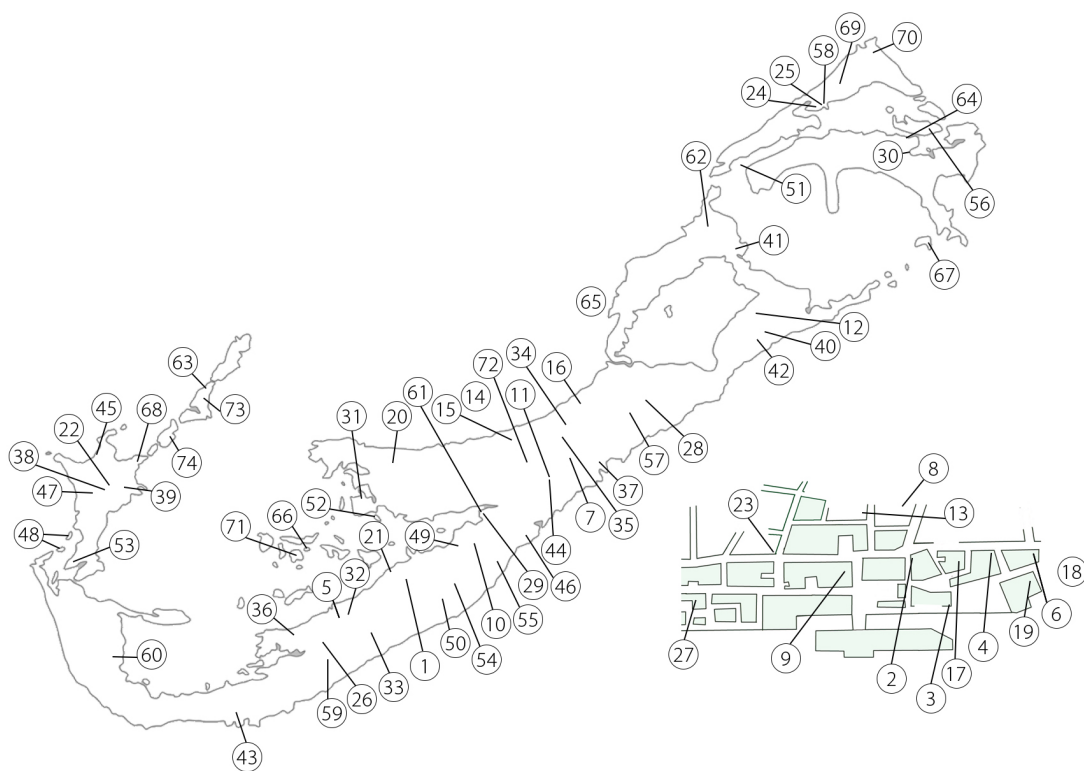
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# | OUR PROPERTIES







This map represents just some of the properties we protect and preserve

### Historic Buildings

1. Belair
2. Bridge House
3. Buckingham
4. Casino
5. Cluster Cottage House
6. Davenport
7. Devondale
8. Fanny Fox's Cottage
9. Globe Hotel
10. Lemon Moor
11. Locust Hall
12. Mangroville
13. Old Rectory
14. Palmetto House
15. Pembroke Hall
16. Pond House
17. Reeve Court
18. Samaritans' Cottages
19. Samaritans' Lodge
20. School Lands
21. Ship's Inn
22. Springfield
23. Stewart Hall & Cottage
24. Stokes Point
25. Stokes Point House
26. Tivoli
27. Tucker House
28. Vermont
29. Waterville

### Open Spaces & Nature

30. Bee Hive Farm Nature Reserve
31. Butterfield Nature Reserve
32. Chaplin O'Neill Nature Reserve
33. Dennis Sherwin Nature Reserve
34. Devonshire Marsh E. Nature Reserve
35. Devonshire Marsh W. Nature Reserve
36. Elm Lodge
37. Gibbons Nature Reserve
38. Gilbert Nature Reserve
39. Gladys Morrell Nature Reserve
40. HT North Nature Reserve
41. IW Hughes Nature Reserve
42. JHM Cooper Nature Reserve,
43. Lighthouse Hill Nature Reserve
44. Locust Hall Farm
45. Long Bay Nature Reserve (East)
46. Chartwell Orchard
47. Marjorie Jackson Nature Reserve
48. Morgan's & Palm islands
49. Paget Marsh Nature Reserve
50. Rebecca Middleton Reserve
51. Rogue Island
52. Saltus Island
53. Scaur Lodge Nature Reserve
54. S-Hill Nature Reserve
55. Shorty's Patch

56. Smith's Island Reserves
57. Spittal Pond Bird Sanctuary
58. Stokes Point Farm Nature Reserve
59. Tivoli Estate Nature Reserve
60. Vesey Nature Reserve
61. Waterville Park
62. Wilkinson Nature Reserve

### Historic & Military Cemeteries

63. Convict Cemetery
64. Hayward Burial Ground
65. Jennings Lane, Burial Ground
66. Long Island Boer War & Yellow Fever Cemetery
67. Mariner's Cemetery
68. Military Cemetery, Somerset Island
69. Military Cemetery, Secretary Lane
70. Military Cemetery, Grenadier Lane
71. Ports Island Cemetery
72. Prospect Garrison Cemetery
73. Royal Naval Cemetery
74. Watford Island Cemetery

# A TRIBUTE

This report is dedicated to our former President, Wayne Jackson, who sadly passed away in 2017.

Wayne was President of the Trust from 2002 to 2005, having previously served on the Trust Council and as Fundraising Chairman. He presided over the successful launch of Buy Back Bermuda in conjunction with the Audubon Society of Bermuda, the further expansion of the Trust's portfolio of own open spaces and nature reserves and the recovery from the devastation caused by Hurricane Fabian in 2003.

During his tenure, the Trust also expanded its book publishing activities, continuing the publication of volumes of Bermuda's Architectural Heritage, and releasing "Rogues and Runners" on Bermuda's role in the American Civil War. The period 2002-2005 were also years in which the Trust's fundraising efforts were highly successful, putting the organisation on a sound financial footing for the more difficult economic years after 2008.

After stepping down as President, Wayne remained an enthusiastic supporter of the Trust, and was a frequent attendee and participant in Trust events.

We will miss Wayne's continuous support and enthusiasm for the Trust and are deeply saddened to lose a member of the Trust family.

