

# BERMUDA NATIONAL TRUST

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## Annual Report **2024**



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with humility and gratitude that I present my first President's Report to the members of the Bermuda National Trust.

Since being elected in June 2024 I can assure you that taking on this role has been a "never a dull moment" experience and one that I am enjoying very much! I find myself in constant amazement at the breadth of responsibilities that BNT has in its mandate.

It's easy to recite the statistics: 35 historic buildings, 263 acres of nature reserves and open spaces, three museums, and just 14 staff. But that doesn't begin to describe the diversity of exciting projects, community programmes, member events, volunteer activities, and the occasional unanticipated challenges and opportunities that this 52-year-old organisation has on its plate each and every day.

I must start by expressing my sincere thanks to the BNT staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment to the Trust, to Bermuda's environment and to serving the people of our wonderful island. The BNT team passionately delivers the hard work required to protect and promote our heritage "for everyone, forever".

Outreach and education are key components of delivering on that goal and we continue to offer popular events, fascinating Trust Talks and tours, student field trips and holiday camps to ensure that we engage the widest possible audience with our precious heritage and all that we hold in trust. The 2024 Christmas Walkabout in St George's was undoubtedly one of the biggest and best; I am thankful for our strong partnership with the Corporation of St George's and other heritage organisations and businesses in the Old Towne, as well as the incredible diversity of musical and performing arts groups that took part.

A robust social media presence is also critical for successful engagement with the public, particularly the younger generations. BNT now boasts more than 8,000 followers across Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn and we are keen to keep growing that number. I urge you to like and follow our online channels and share our posts to help spread the word about BNT's activities and our positive impact on Bermuda.

Advocacy is a critical component of raising awareness about threats to our limited green spaces and unique built heritage. In 2025, we are excited to partner with the Bermuda Audubon Society in the opening of Bermuda's newest public open space – the High Point Nature Reserve in Southampton – but it is painful to see so many significant buildings continue to degrade, and we fear that if not restored and returned to economic utility, many of these architectural gems will be lost for all time. As a community, we must not sit by and let this happen.

Looking forward, I am excited about what the future will bring for our museums. 2024 saw the development of a plan to reimagine and revitalize them. We have started to see this implemented in 2025, but it will take time and money to realise our long-term ambitions for Tucker House (which will be renamed the Tucker-Rainey Museum to celebrate the achievements of Joseph Rainey), Verdmont and the Globe. Central to this plan is an awareness that whatever we do must engage with and be relevant to the younger generation, as that is where our future lies.

I end by thanking all of you for your continued support in whatever form. Your contributions enable this important organisation to flourish and execute on all the key components of its strategic plan.



**Mark Orchard, President**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2024 was a very busy year that saw some major initiatives successfully completed, such as the Paget Marsh boardwalk and the Spittal Pond Darwin Project, while new projects were conceptualized or began to make headway. One important milestone was the subtle rebrand of the Bermuda National Trust logo for a simpler and bolder look, with a fresh, modern font that better reflects the BNT of today.

On the natural heritage front, the Trust's open space saw record biodiversity gains during the year, with over 2,000 native and endemic plants introduced thanks to community and corporate partnerships. Myles Darrell and Ronald Burchall were kept flat out managing volunteer days. It was also a busy year for Myles on the international front. In May, he participated in a Small Islands Incubator Programme run by INTO (the International National Trusts Organisation) and in October he presented at a UK Overseas Territories Invasive Species Workshop in Anguilla, paid for by a Darwin grant.

In the realm of cultural heritage, 2024 brought exciting developments. Charlotte Andrews focused on shaping a long-term vision for our three museums and we hired Chris Davies to handle museum operations. The need to close Tucker House in 2024 due to safety concerns prompted a full assessment of the building; restoration plans are now well underway and we look forward reopening in 2027 with a fresh and more engaging museum.

We also saw growth in our education programming, with Anna Stevenson delivering learning experiences to students from every public primary and nearly every private school in Bermuda. Programmes ranged from nature explorations to Black History Month initiatives at Verdmont. Our term-time field trips and fully subscribed holiday camps created joyful and lasting connections to our island's history and ecology.

This year also saw continued advocacy in action. We stood strong in opposition to the Southlands events lawn proposal and successfully campaigned for the reinstatement of the Parks Commission. Meanwhile, the RISE (Re-imagining International Sites of Enslavement) initiative brought critical community voices into our ongoing work of inclusive interpretation and conservation.

Our fundraising and community events in 2024 were all very successful – congratulations to the Development team of Dörte Horsfield, Jordan Smith and Lauren Simons. The highlight was the fabulous 'Bermuda in Bloom' gala dinner at Orange Valley under the leadership of volunteers Mariette Savoie and Syrine Rajeh, which surpassed all expectations.

Meanwhile our Properties team - Duane Symonds and Jeremy Smith under the management of Karen Franks in 2024 - worked hard throughout the year to keep the many historic buildings in our care in good order and our tenants happy. A major capital project was carried out renovating buildings on the Locust Hall farm estate.

Good governance is a keystone of any successful organization and BNT works hard to keep abreast of its responsibilities with appropriate policies and practices. Several members of Council and staff attended a governance course offered by Nonprofit Alliance of Bermuda. We ensured that we were ready for the implementation of the Personal Information & Protection Act (PIPA) from the start of 2025 and reviewed and updated our Safeguarding Policy for Children & Vulnerable Persons. As always, the finance team of Vincent Chaves and Donella Perinchief ensured we passed our audit with flying colours.

Our 2023 strategic plan remains our compass, and we are steadily working toward our vision of a sustainable Bermuda where heritage is protected and valued by all. My heartfelt thanks goes to our volunteers, members, donors and collaborative partners for your vital support.



**Karen Border, Executive Director**

# ABOUT THE NATIONAL TRUST



## OUR VISION:

A sustainable Bermuda where our natural and cultural heritage is protected and valued by the whole community

## OUR MISSION:

To protect and promote Bermuda's unique natural and cultural heritage, for everyone, forever

Today, we care for 267 acres of land comprised of 82 properties that represent much of the best of Bermuda's heritage, including historic houses, nature reserves, islands and coastline, farmland, gardens and historic cemeteries. In addition, three museums display an outstanding collection of antique furniture, artwork and artefacts owned and made by Bermudians. By telling the stories behind our properties and collections, we enable the community to understand their relevance to our current lives and their significance to our future.

## HERITAGE EDUCATION

The Trust's heritage education programme aims to inspire Bermuda's children with a love of their natural and cultural heritage and create a passion for life-long stewardship. Our nature reserves, historic properties and collections enable us to provide enriching learning experiences to students of all ages. We are grateful to the Garden Club of Bermuda and Renaissance Re for providing funds for transportation, enabling us to provide more students with out-of-class learning adventures.



### SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

In 2024, we engaged with all public primary schools and most of the island's private schools, delivering 6,209 learning experiences to students and supporting 245 teachers and educators. As well as the P4, P5 and P6 Learning Journeys, we ran two new whole-year group experiences: all public preschoolers visited Waterville to learn about mangroves and all P2 public primary students visited Paget Marsh. We welcomed students from Whitney Institute and Cedarbridge to Verdmont in February as part of their Black History month curriculum.

### CHILDREN'S NATURE WALK

The annual event in April, sponsored by Arch, was well-attended with over 200 children and accompanying adults coming out to learn about the natural and cultural features of Spittal Pond. In 2024, Andrew Stevenson joined the team of volunteers who generously share their expertise; he manned a popular whale-watching station.



### HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our holiday camps were again fully subscribed and covered many fun themes. Campers travelled the length of the island trekking through nature reserves, scavenger hunting, and visiting historic sites and buildings. Crafting with nature, upcycling clothing, model-making, building shelters and creating treasure maps were amongst the activities provided. During two camps, we were delighted to link up virtually with the Bahamas National Trust for campers to learn about their mangrove forests.



### SOMPO STUDENT ART CONTEST

In its fourth year, the Sompo student art competition received nearly 150 entries on the theme of "Worth Protecting". The fabulous winning entries were exhibited in the lobby of Sompo for two weeks.

### COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

We continued to work with Bermuda Centre for Creative Learning (BCCL) students weekly, exploring the theme of Forts. A highlight was a visit to Fort Hamilton to tour the archaeological site and finds. We also partnered with the Friends of St Peter's Church, who provided funding to transport all P5 public school students to visit the church and surrounding African Diaspora Heritage Trail sites.

### TRUST TALKS AND TOURS

We hosted seven Trust Talks in 2024, starting with Diana Chudleigh's presentation on her new book on the history of Globe Museum. Other topics included changing language in relation to slavery; links between colonial Virginia and Bermuda; and Dr Michael Jarvis's latest archaeological finds from the dig on Smith's Island. Dr Jarvis also led a tour of the Smith's Island project.

## NATURAL HERITAGE

Protecting Bermuda's natural heritage is a core part of our mission. We advocate robustly for protection of Bermuda's open spaces and for sustainable development. We hold in trust for the community 263 acres of open space - places where people can enjoy time in nature for their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. We also offer many opportunities for children and adults to learn about and engage with our natural heritage while enjoying time outdoors.



### NATURE RESERVES

With 13 publicly accessible nature reserves and some protected land which is not open to the public, the Trust is the largest private owner of open space in Bermuda.

Our focus is on improving biodiversity in these nature reserves to enhance their vital ecosystem services and with the help of volunteer groups and corporate funding, great strides continued to be made to transition several reserves into strongholds of native and endemic flora. A remarkable 2,147 trees, shrubs and ground covers were planted in 2024.

We are particularly grateful for the support of Appleby at Sherwin Nature Reserve in Warwick, Clarien Bank at Scaur Lodge Reserve in Sandys, Aspen Re at Paget Marsh in Paget, PwC at Eve's Pond in Hamilton Parish and the Steinhoff Family Trust at Gilbert Nature Reserve, Morgan's Island and Palm Island in the west end. Community volunteer groups and teams from several other companies further helped us care for and improve these and other nature reserves during the year.

We are striving to make the reserves more valued amenities for our community, with good trails, interpretive signage and places to sit and enjoy the peace. The completed restoration of the Page Marsh boardwalk early in 2024 was an important milestone. Restoration work at Marjorie Jackson Nature Reserve in Somerset, sponsored by the Centennial Bermuda Foundation, was also part of this process. We repaired the beach access stairs (see photo above), created a parking layby, installed a bench, removed many

large casuarinas and other invasives, and replanted the area with natives and endemics.

The completion of the first phase of the Spittal Pond Pollution and Invasive Species Management Project, supported by a Darwin Plus Local Grant, was one of the most significant achievements of 2024. It was inspiring to witness the enthusiastic participation of numerous individuals in this collective effort.

## FARMLAND

BNT owns 36 acres of agricultural land which is leased to tenant farmers, representing just over 10% of the Bermuda land currently in active production. The Trust is deeply committed to food security and preserving Bermuda's farming heritage, actively promoting environmentally friendly and sustainable agricultural practices.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The success of community engagements through the year highlights the power of collaboration in preserving Bermuda's natural heritage. The biggest such event was a BioBlitz at Spittal Pond in November. A BioBlitz brings together public participants and scientists to document the biodiversity of a specific location over 24 hours. Partnering with BUEI and a Duke of Edinburgh team, over 80 participants contributed hundreds of observations of diverse species. Afterwards, over 150 people joined us for a tree planting event at Spittal Pond. Other collaborations included a bicycle tour organized with Greenrock which explored Bermuda's natural heritage from Waterville to Dockyard, and a couple of projects with the Somersfield Rotary Interact group.

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The Eco Club thrived in 2024, surpassing previous years' efforts at propagation of native and endemic trees, and contributing significantly to the planting of more native and endemic species in our nature reserves than ever before. We are deeply grateful to Her Excellency the Governor Rena Lalgie for graciously allowing us to use the grounds and potting sheds at Government House.

The young participants of our "Waterville Wednesdays" garden club worked diligently to enhance the gardens and enjoyed developing a hydroponic garden.



## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH

Environmental advocacy remains a priority for the Trust. We work with other environmental organisations as part of the Planning Action Review Team (PART) to scrutinize planning applications and where necessary submit objections to ensure protection of the environment in accordance with the Bermuda Plan. In 2024 the most high-profile objection was to the development of an events lawn on the coastal portion of Southlands Park, and we also filed formal complaints about the inappropriate use of agricultural land, highlighting the detrimental effects on food security. The same collaborative group produced educational videos and podcasts to raise awareness of environmental issues.



In conjunction with the Bermuda Audubon Society, we successfully fought for the reinstatement of the National Parks Commission, a statutory body on which BNT and Audubon each have a seat, which had been dismissed by the Minister responsible for parks.

In 2024, BNT agreed to participate in a significant new project focused on Bermuda's invertebrates, in collaboration with Buglife UK and other UK Overseas Territories. This study of our smallest species will be completed in 2025.



## BUY BACK BERMUDA (BBB)

Since 2004, BNT and the Bermuda Audubon Society have been partners in the Buy Back Bermuda (BBB) initiative, purchasing open space to save it from development. Four public nature reserves are now owned by Buy Back Bermuda. At Somerset Long Bay East (Pitman's Pond) a Centennial Foundation grant funded repairs to the fencing and the dock, and removal of invasive species. At Vesey Nature Reserve, repairs to fences, railings, stairs and signage were carried out, ensuring continued safe access. At Eve's Pond in Hamilton Parish, a pollinator garden was created in memory of Eugene Outerbridge who formerly owned the land. In 2024, a Conservation Management Plan was approved for High Point, the most recent BBB acquisition, and preparations began for its public opening on Earth Day 2025.

For more about the Buy Back Bermuda initiative and properties, visit [buybackbermuda.bm](http://buybackbermuda.bm).



## CULTURAL HERITAGE

BNT's commitment to the cultural landscape of Bermuda, including archaeology, built heritage, historic cemeteries and our museums and collections, was evidenced by amount and range of activity through the year.

### MUSEUMS & COLLECTIONS

Trust Museums moved into a new gear from July 2024, with the hiring of a dedicated Museums Manager, Chris Davies, to oversee operations and support our wonderful museum volunteers: Peter Barrett, Anna Finkbeiner, Peter Frith, Marian Jones, Louise Roberts, Melissa Stambaugh, Barbara Wylie, Wendy Young. We said a special farewell to Tiffany Banner (below) who gave so much of her time and energy to BNT over the last several years, including as a member of the Museums and Collections Committee.



The 2024–2030 Trust Museums Plan was drafted based on focus groups and open houses at the museums designed to engage key stakeholders and the wider community in shaping their future. As the plan was being drafted, a series of ceiling collapses at Tucker House led to the decision to fully close the museum until major restoration works are carried out, along with a re-curation of the whole museum experience. The museum is expected to be closed until 2027.

At the Globe, the early settlement exhibition on the ground floor that includes scale ship models of the Sea Venture, Deliverance and Patience and a series of settlement paintings by Christopher Grimes, was enhanced with a significant life-size portrait of Sir Thomas Gates (photo right) painted in 1617 by Dutch master Jan van Ravesteyn. The portrait, on loan from the Government, formerly hung in the Cabinet office but had been in storage since 2018.

Our vision for Verdmont as an active cultural hub was boosted by a number of events in 2024 including a Joy Barnum concert

in the gardens in April, Nannini's Fashion Show in October, and the installation of StoryWalk through the grounds, in partnership with the Bermuda National Youth Library. Over a hundred families attended the pirate-themed launch of the StoryWalk featuring *Abigail's Dream Adventures*.

A notable new acquisition to the Collection was the Ingham Family cedar chest from Mark & Tina Nash, which relates to the enslavement of National Hero Mary Prince. The BNT auction raised \$2,700 for collections care, some of which was spent on furniture conservation by Andrew Mello.



### RISE

BNT continued its commitment to Re-imagining International Sites of Enslavement under our care. We established a local RISE advisors group comprised of expert volunteers including Dawn Simmons and Maxine Esdale of ADHT, Stacey-Lee Williams of CURB, Rashida Godwin of Titan Tours, Melodye Micére Van Putten of Ashay University, Conchita Ming and Dr Angela Barry. BNT and ADHT provided tours of Portuguese Rock and Jeffrey's Cave at Spittal Pond Nature Reserve and co-curated a Black History Month exhibit with the Corporation of Hamilton. Our participation in the International National Trust Organisation's RISE programme included seminars on curating sites of enslavement for young people and the interpretation of outdoor spaces.

### ARCHAEOLOGY

In 2024 significant progress was made in archaeological research, collections management and advocacy, supported by the expertise of the Archaeology Research Committee (ARC) which welcomed Bermudian PhD student Xander Cook as a new committee member.

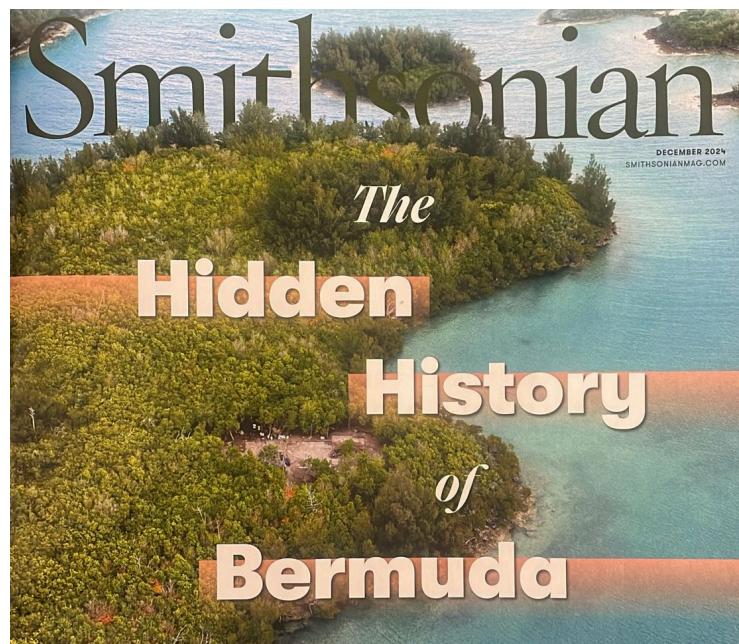
The Smith's Island Archaeology Project (SIAP), led by Dr Michael Jarvis of University of Rochester, had a highly successful 2024

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season with excavations yielding valuable insights. The team used Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to survey Smith's Island and other local sites. The international importance of their discoveries was recognized when SIAP was in *Smithsonian Magazine*. Daub samples were exported for analysis and Ty Tempalski conducted extensive faunal analysis.

BNT's archaeological collections were transferred to the evolving archaeology lab in the cellar of the Globe Museum. A \$25,000 UNESCO World Heritage Fund grant from the Corporation of St George's enabled the purchase of new shelving, archival storage boxes and higher-tech equipment for processing archaeological finds. An industrial dehumidifier, generously donated by Annette and Adrian Cook, has stabilised the lab climate.

In advocacy, ARC provided a watching brief for an Archaeological Assessment at 1 Nea's Alley, St. George's, during excavation and continued to advise on archaeological impacts related to development projects, including Lot 2 Whitecrest Hill.



### BUILT HERITAGE

BNT remains a passionate advocate for preservation of Bermuda's built heritage. Planning application objections and representations were submitted for several listed properties from St George's to Somerset, including demolitions or changes to historic (but still unlisted) buildings in the City of Hamilton. Linda Abend and Margie Lloyd continue to advise and write Heritage at Risk articles; Duncan Simons and Larry Williams also provide invaluable built heritage advice, all on a volunteer basis.

### HISTORIC CEMETERIES

The Chubb Foundation's continuing support enabled significant conservation work, including memorial and boundary wall repairs and improved signage at several of the eleven historic cemeteries

under Trust management. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission renewed BNT's contract to monitor and oversee conservation of CWGC memorials across a dozen local cemeteries. At the Royal Naval Cemetery, a new CWGC-funded headstone was installed for Armourer W.G. Emmerson. Our growing relationships with a variety of cemetery stakeholders includes working with the Jewish Community of Bermuda to understand their active burial practices at Prospect Hill Military Cemetery.



### WORLD HERITAGE SITE

BNT played an active role in UNESCO Advisory Mission events and meetings in March 2024, with the resulting report tabled in November. Professors Emma Waterton and Jason Dittmer of the Heritage for Global Challenges Research Centre continued their research on World Heritage Sites, engaging east-end residents through focus groups at Globe Museum. Dr Andrews provided curatorial support for the *Unsettled Freedom* mural in King's Square, St George's by Bermudian artist Shanna Hollis (see photo above).

### PUBLICATIONS

Diana Chudleigh (below) completed her fourth and final BNT History of a House book, this one on the Globe building, which she launched with a Trust Talk held in the museum in early 2024.



## INSPIRING SUPPORT

The Bermuda National Trust's 2024 calendar of events was packed with exciting fundraisers and friend-raisers, bringing together members and the broader community in the hundreds. We are deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and loyal sponsors who made this success possible.

Our fundraising year began with the **Annual Plant & Bake Sale** in February, once again exceeding our target. This fun-filled event drew a diverse crowd and was made possible through the generous support of professional and individual plant growers, farmers, and bakers.



The **Auction & Jumble** was another highlight, eagerly awaited by the community. Thousands of donated items made for a bustling jumble sale, expertly managed by Al Spearing and his team, while the Treasures section was skillfully overseen by James Decker and Robert Clubbe, and Eldon Trimingham took charge of the hardcover books. The auction itself featured stunning items, and we extend heartfelt thanks to Mariette Savoie, Peter Heberd, James Ryland, Chris Davies, and Linda O'Shea for curating a fantastic showroom and catalogue.

On 24 March, around 800 participants took part in the annual **Palm Sunday Walk** held in Warwick. The route showcased Bermuda's rich natural heritage, winding through Sherwin Nature Reserve. The walk also included Southlands Park and access through the WindReach property.



For our 2025 BNT Wall Calendar, we once again invited the public to participate in a photo competition celebrating Bermuda's Natural Wonderland. With over 200 entries, the calendar features the work of 32 talented local photographers, curated by Peter Heberd. The People's Choice Award went to Laurie Zuill for her stunning photography.



Our 2024 Gala Dinner, "Bermuda in Bloom", was truly magical, hosted at Orange Valley House, the historic home of John Cox. With 300 guests enjoying an exquisite dinner, an exciting auction, fantastic raffle prizes, and entertainment by the Wallstreet Band, the evening was a tremendous success. The overwhelming generosity in support of our heritage programmes was heartwarming. A huge thank you to our Gala Event Committee, led by co-chairs Mariette Savoie, Syrine Rajeh, Robin Mayor, Tiffany Banner, Kathryn Smith, Dörte Horsfield, and Jordan Smith, and our auctioneer Raj Tolaram.



## INSPIRING SUPPORT

The **BNT Raffle** once again proved popular, offering sustainability-themed prizes, including an electric Mini from Bermuda Motors and an electric motorcycle from Scooter Mart. Additional support came from BELCO and BermudAir, which generously provided vouchers.

In October, Sharon Nannini hosted her **third annual Fashion Show at Verdmont**, with a special addition—Vincenzo Della Valle, showcasing his exquisite custom-made sandals and handbags (see right). The event featured Bermudian models presenting part of the 2024 European designer collection, with all ticket proceeds and a portion of sales generously donated to the Trust.



In December, we held several seasonal events to spread holiday cheer. For four weeks leading up to Christmas, visitors to our **Holiday Pop-Up Shop at Waterville** browsed a delightful selection of seasonal crafts, art, cards, gifts, and delicious food items.

The **Christmas Walkabout in St George's** was bigger and better than ever, and for the first time live-streamed by Bermuda Broadcasting. Thousands gathered to celebrate the festive season, enjoying beautifully decorated historic houses, live entertainment in King's Square, and local food vendors. Special thanks to our sponsors: Butterfield, Gosling's, HSBC Bermuda, Butterfield & Vallis, BELCO, and the Department of Culture. The free shuttle service and pre-paid parking at Penno's Wharf continue to ensure that we can handle the numbers coming to the old town for this popular event.

Our final event of the year was the **Christmas Cocktail Party at Verdmont**, an appreciation evening for our volunteers and major donors, which featured beautiful guitar and violin music, bringing a joyful close to our 2024 calendar of activities.



## VOLUNTEERING

Our work is only possible thanks to the incredible support of our dedicated volunteers. From students to adults, individuals to corporate teams, our volunteers represent a wide spectrum of our community and contribute meaningfully to every aspect of the Trust.

In 2024, 445 adult volunteers contributed an impressive 5,950 hours of their time. They served on our Council and committees, assisted with events such as the Plant & Bake Sale, Auction & Jumble, Palm Sunday Walk, Gala 24, and the Christmas Walkabout. Many also staffed our front desk reception and kept our museums and shop open to the public. Others participated in our monthly Community Volunteer Days, helping to maintain and restore our nature reserves. In addition, our Publications and Research Team contributed thousands of hours behind the scenes.

We were also fortunate to receive enthusiastic support from young people completing their community service through our AIM (Activate, Inspire & Motivate) programme. Myles Darrell engaged 53 students in his weekly Eco Club, teaching them about nature conservation, horticulture and plant propagation. Collectively, these students provided 541 hours of service. In addition, school groups, Bermuda College, Somerset Brownies, and Duke of Edinburgh participants brought 74 students to our nature reserves, contributing 319 hours by planting trees and assisting with conservation efforts.

Corporate volunteering remained strong in 2024, with 12 corporate team days held throughout the year. We are grateful for the incredible support from staff teams at Appleby, Elementum, Legal & General Reinsurance Company, Orbis, Hamilton Re, Howden, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Bermuda Monetary Authority, Vantage and Athene. These teams made a significant impact at Spittal Pond, Eve's Pond, Sherwin, and Paget Marsh Nature Reserves—planting trees and shrubs, maintaining trails, and removing invasive species. Altogether, 265 corporate volunteers contributed 1,068 hours of service.

In total, 837 volunteers gave an extraordinary 7,878 hours of their time to support our mission in 2024. We are deeply grateful to every one of them for their generosity, dedication, and commitment to the Trust.

## THANK YOU!



## PROPERTIES



The Bermuda National Trust owns 35 built properties, of which three operate as museums (Verdmont in Smith's Parish, Tucker House and Globe in St George's), one as our office (Waterville in Paget), eight are on long leases and the rest are rented for residential or commercial use. Twenty-six of these properties are on the Historic Buildings Register.

Caring for and conserving these buildings is a huge job, carried out by our in-house maintenance team and external contractors. Most of the properties have gardens that are maintained by contract landscapers.

A series of ceiling collapses at Tucker House led to the decision to close the museum while a property condition assessment was carried out. This revealed a number of issues to be addressed in addition to the ceilings, and it was resolved to keep the museum closed until a comprehensive restoration of the building can be completed – hopefully reopening in 2027. At the same time, a property condition assessment was carried out for the Globe Museum; recommended actions will begin in 2025, particularly in the cellar.



During 2024, preventive maintenance and conservation was carried out on many of the buildings. Several roofs and tanks were repaired and painted, and millwork repairs were completed at Buckingham, Samaritan's Lodge and Stewart Hall. With preservation as our first concern, a new fire system was also installed at Stewart Hall, home to the Lili Bermuda Perfumery. With BNT overseeing the process, the new tenants at Springfield completed a high-quality internal restoration of the main building, now reopened as the "Gotta Go Green" eco-store.



At Waterville, the two public rooms – the dining room and drawing room – were painted in vibrant historic colours chosen from the Colonial Williamsburg palette, giving them more character and beautifully offsetting the ornate moldings and antique furniture in the rooms. The two upstairs restrooms were also refurbished.



The largest capital projects of the year were renovations to the farmhouse and cottage on the Locust Hall Farm estate in Devonshire. The farmhouse was fully rewired and the sagging roof was reframed and repaired. The cottage was also rewired and rotten wooden floors were replaced with concrete and tile.

# AWARDS 2024

Bermuda National Trust Awards are presented annually to individuals, organisations, groups and schools that have worked to protect and promote Bermuda's natural and cultural heritage, or whose work has enhanced Bermuda heritage awareness or understanding.

## Natural Heritage Awards

Patrick Cooper & Steven DeSilva, Corporation of Hamilton for the creation of Donleigh Park tree farm.

Christ Church, Warwick for adopting environmentally friendly landscape methods in the church grounds.

## The Bermudiana Award for Natural Heritage Impact

The Bermuda Zoological Society for the Micro Forest Project.

## Cultural Heritage Awards

Guy and Annabel Cooper (owners), Geoff Parker (architect) and F. Lewis Maintenance (contractor) for the sensitive renovation of Grade 2 Listed "Southcote", 12 Southcote Road, Paget.

Butterfield Bank for the thoughtful renovation of the historic Front Street banking centre to its 1923 design, for the building's 100th anniversary.

Holy Trinity Church for the thoughtful celebration of its 400th anniversary involving many cultural and community partners and the T400EX exhibition.

Cecille Snaith-Simmons for researching and writing many articles on a broad range of cultural heritage topics.

The Friends of St Peter's Church for the restoration of St Peter's Church clock and training two Bermudians to maintain it.

Manuel Lopes for restoring old Bermuda carriages.

## Young Heritage Leadership Award

Alexander (Xander) Cook for commitment to Bermuda archaeology.

## Cultural Heritage Impact Award

Department of Culture for the Cultural Apprenticeship Programme.

## The DeForest Trimingham Award for Heritage Awareness

Diana Chudleigh for the "History of a House" four-book series, completed in 2024 with the publication of the Globe Museum book.

## Staff Long Service Award

Myles Darrell, Lauren Simons, Jordan Smith and Anna Stevenson for 5 years of service and commitment to the Bermuda National Trust.

## Service to the Trust

Peter Frith for dedicated volunteering for Trust Museums.

## Honorary Life Membership

Tiffany Banner for dedicated volunteering, especially for Trust Museums, Trustworthy and Fundraising Dinners.

Beryl Bartlett for dedicated volunteering at BNT for over 25 years.

Linda O'Shea for over a decade of voluntary service on the Museums & Collections Committee and exceptional support for the annual Auction.

Alana Anderson for 16 years of exemplary voluntary service on Council including serving as President from 2017 to 2024.

## The President's Award

John Cox for decades of exceptional support for BNT in many ways.

## The Palmetto Award

Mariette Savoie for decades of exceptional service to the Trust as a Council member, Finance Committee member, Governance Committee member and Chair of the Fundraising Dinner Committee for three years.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

The consolidated financial statements, audited by KPMG, show a positive result for 2024 and reflect the continued financial stability of the Trust.

The Trust maintains four funds: Property, General, Capital and Endowment. Total fund balances grew from \$19.71 million to \$19.92 million, reflecting an overall surplus of \$212,000 for the year. This surplus was primarily driven by a very successful fundraising dinner, an increase in gifts and grants, and good performance by our investment portfolio.

## Property

Property comprises the bulk of BNT's assets. While nominally valued at \$14.4 million, most of these assets – historic buildings, open space, collections – are held in trust for the Bermuda community. They require expensive conservation and maintenance: BNT's total operating expenses of \$2.8 million reflects our commitment to the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage in our care. Many of our historic buildings are rented, generating 45% of our general fund revenues.

## General Fund

The General Fund, which supports operational activities, closed the year with a fund balance of \$618,000—an increase of \$55,000. Once again, we saw an increase in both operating revenues and expenses year on year, with revenues up 9%, slightly more than expenses (8%). This reflects the growing volume of fundraising and preservation activity at the Trust. There was a very small surplus of revenues over expenses of \$5,000 (\$26,000 deficit in 2023) before our annual appropriation of interest from the Endowment Fund (\$50,000).

The increase in General Fund revenues was largely thanks to the extremely successful fundraising dinner 'Bermuda in Bloom' which made a net profit of \$192,000. Gifts and grants were up by \$75,000. Rental income was up 3% in line with market increases as leases renewed. An \$8,000 drop in membership fees year on year is due to the fact we did not secure a Life Membership (priced at \$10,000) in 2024.

General fund expenses were up by \$189,000. Preservation expenses rose 6% reflecting increased building maintenance costs and more spent on nature reserve maintenance and planting. Education and museums expenses were up 9% - this included the spending of grants to transport students for fieldtrips and hiring of part-time museum staff for the summer season. Development costs rose by 16% partly due to the larger than usual fundraising dinner. Administration rose 3% with the largest cost increase in health insurance.

## Capital Fund

The Capital Fund saw a modest decline of \$58,000. Total donations to the fund were \$219,000 compared with \$403,000 in 2023. These included bequests totaling \$77,000, a \$65,000 gift for Tucker House renovations and a gift of \$23,000 to complete the Paget Marsh boardwalk. Capital income also includes the Trust's 50% share of funds raised by Buy Back Bermuda (BBB) (2024- \$15,000; 2023- \$17,000) and a grant for works at BBB's Somerset Long Bay East Nature Reserve.

Capital expenditures of \$407,000 (2023- \$609,000) reflect final spending of funds received for the completion of the Paget Marsh boardwalk renovation and the project at Spittal Pond, plus major renovations to the Locust Hall farmhouse and cottage (\$204,000).

## Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund grew from \$3.39 million in 2023 to \$3.62 million, bolstered by \$276,382 in investment income and gains.

## Cash Flows and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents decreased to \$778,516 from \$1.02 million, reflecting strategic reallocation of assets into longer-term investments.

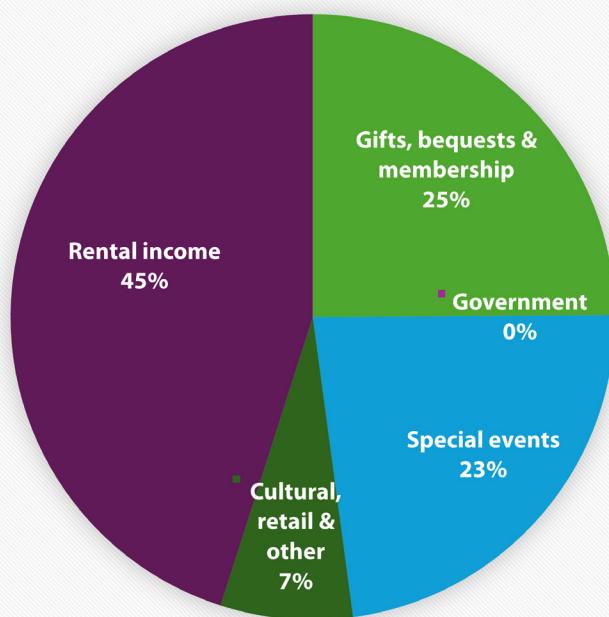
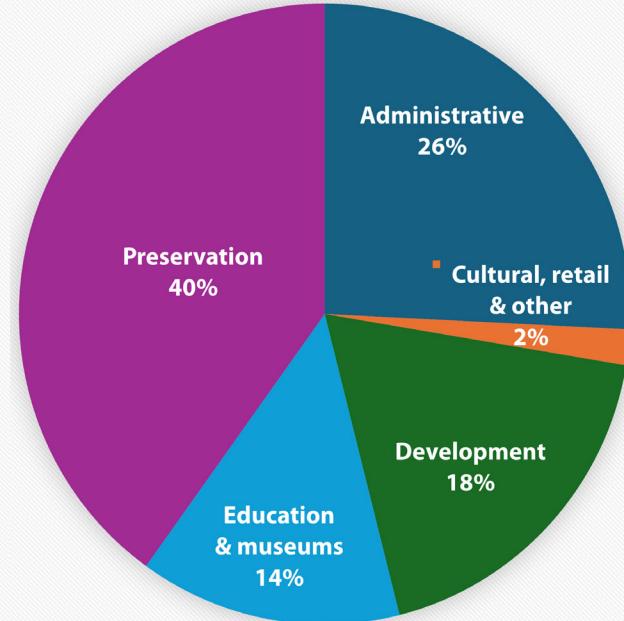
During 2024 the Trust's investment portfolio (comprising the Endowment Fund and the majority of the Capital Fund) adopted a 60/40 investment weighting to conservative fixed income securities and risk assets respectively. The fixed income portfolio, a self-directed 'laddered' portfolio of US Treasuries, ended the year with a total gain of \$110,557 or 3.7%; this comprises changes in market values, coupons received and changes in accrued interest. The risk portfolio, comprising equities and non-traditional asset classes, ended the year with a total gain of \$251,193 or 14%; this comprises changes in market values, realized gains and losses, and dividends received. The weighted investment return across both portfolios in 2024 was a pleasing 7.5% net of fees.



**Andy DeGregorio, Treasurer**

**Summary Financial Information**

	2024			2023		
	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	General Fund	Restricted Funds	Total
<b>Revenues</b>						
Gifts, bequests & membership	\$607,632	\$219,454	\$827,086	\$540,910	\$403,474	\$944,384
Government grants	-	-	-	4,805	-	4,805
Special events	561,172	-	561,172	453,573	-	453,573
	1,168,804	219,454	1,388,258	999,288	403,474	1,402,762
Rental income	1,100,280	-	1,100,280	1,068,129	-	1,068,129
Cultural, retail & other	71,025	7,425	78,450	64,818	13,461	78,279
Interest	-	90,884	90,884	-	99,802	99,802
Other income	101,602	3,000	104,602	88,651	11,544	100,195
Realized loss ((gain) on investments, capital assets	-	123,047	123,047	-	18,968	18,968
Net unrealised gains (losses)	-	180,903	180,903	-	237,242	237,242
	2,441,711	624,713	3,066,424	2,220,886	784,491	3,005,377
<b>Expenses</b>						
Administrative	628,320	20,991	649,311	609,003	27,520	636,523
Depreciation	-	4,000	4,000	-	12,109	12,109
Loss on FIDNAT Investment	-	7,098	7,098	-	-	-
Cultural, retail & other	45,240	7,111	52,351	22,474	19,027	41,501
Development	448,598	10,000	458,598	384,370	-	384,370
Education & museums	337,871	30,697	368,568	310,878	43,872	354,750
Preservation	976,180	332,994	1,309,174	919,969	519,030	1,438,999
	2,436,209	412,891	2,849,100	2,246,694	621,558	2,868,252
Net (loss) income before interfund transfers	5,502	211,822	217,324	(25,808)	162,933	137,125
Endowment contribution to operations	50,285	(50,285)	-	59,904	(59,904)	-
<b>Net (loss) income</b>	<b>\$55,787</b>	<b>\$161,537</b>	<b>\$217,324</b>	<b>\$34,096</b>	<b>\$103,029</b>	<b>\$137,125</b>
<b>Net (loss) income - Prior year</b>	<b>\$34,096</b>	<b>\$103,029</b>	<b>\$137,125</b>	<b>\$4,522</b>	<b>\$242,231</b>	<b>\$(246,753)</b>

**Operating Revenues - 2024**

**Operating Expenses - 2024**


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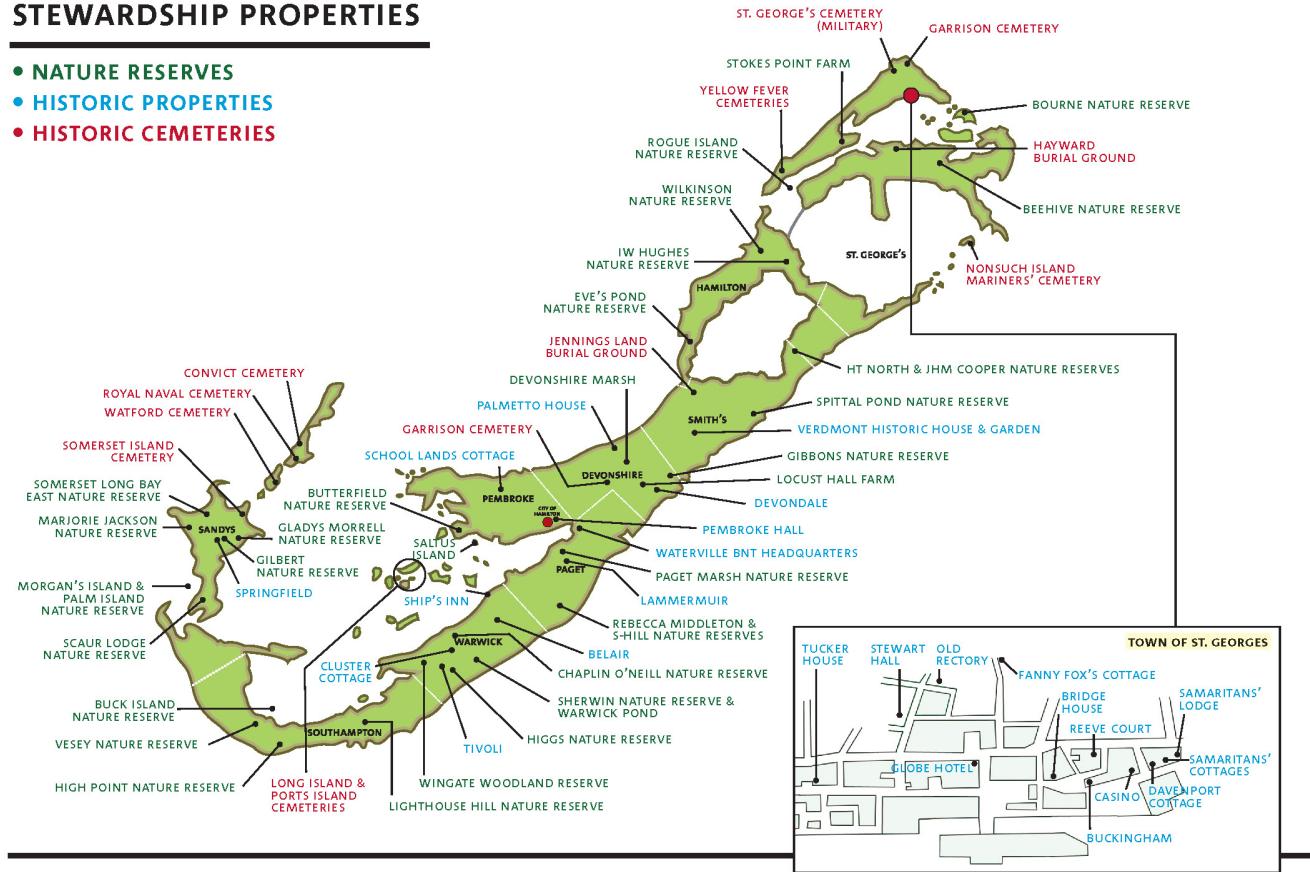
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- Cluster Cottage
- Davenport
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- Globe Museum
- Lammermuir
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- Mangroville
- Old Rectory
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- Samaritans' Cottages
- Samaritans' Lodge
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- Springfield
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- Stokes Point House
- Tivoli
- Tucker House
- Verdmont
- Waterville

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- Chaplin O'Neill Nature Reserve
- Chartwell Orchard
- Devonshire Marsh East Nature Reserve
- Devonshire Marsh West Nature Reserve
- Eve's Pond Nature Reserve
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- Saltus Island
- Scaur Lodge Nature Reserve
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- Somerset Long Bay NR (East)
- Spittal Pond Bird Sanctuary
- Stokes Point Farm & Nature Reserve
- Tivoli Estate Nature Reserve
- Vesey Nature Reserve
- Waterville Park
- Wilkinson Nature Reserve
- Wingate Woodland Reserve

## Historic & Military Cemeteries

- Convict Cemetery, Sandys
- Hayward Family Burial Ground, St David's
- Jennings Land, Burial Ground
- Long Island Boer War & Yellow Fever Cemetery
- Mariners' Cemetery, Nonsuch Island
- Military Cemetery, Somerset
- Military Cemetery, Secretary Lane
- Military Cemetery, Grenadier Lane
- Ports Island Cemetery
- Prospect Garrison Cemetery
- Royal Naval Cemetery, Sandys
- Watford Island Cemetery
- Yellow Fever Cemeteries, Ferry Reach

# IN MEMORIAM: MICHAEL DARLING

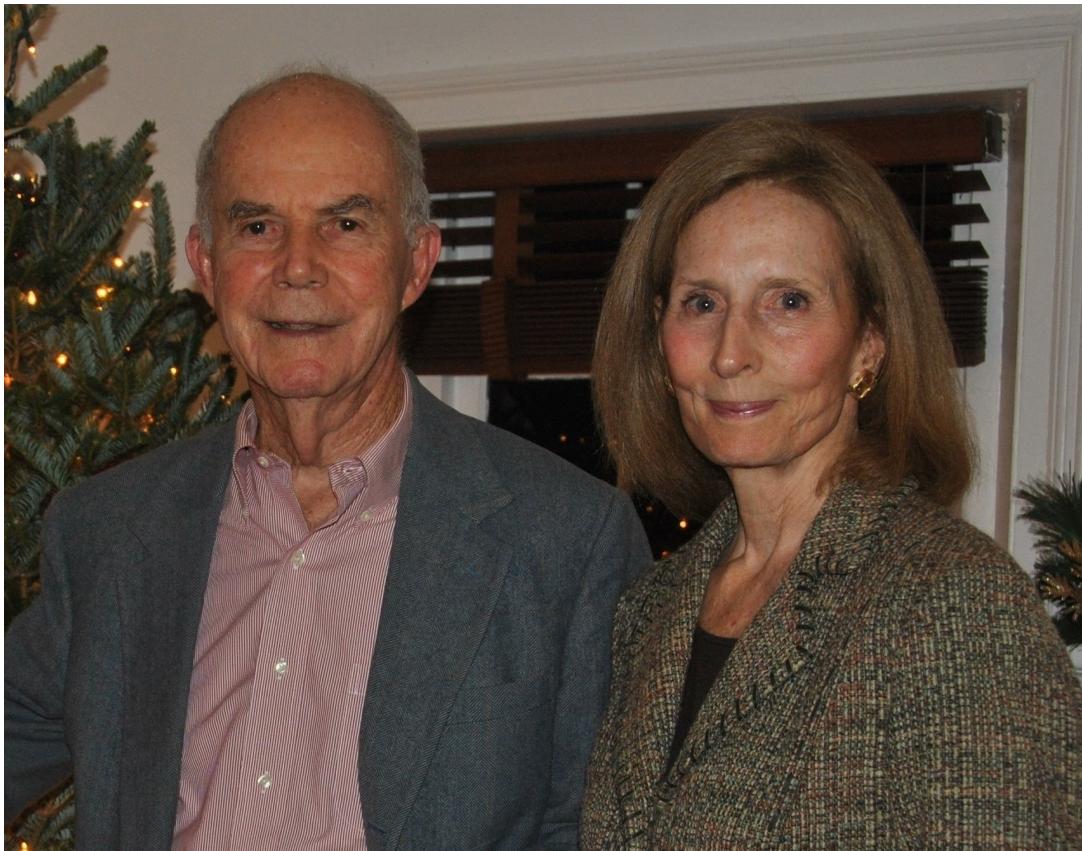
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In 2024, the Bermuda National Trust mourned the passing of Lieutenant Colonel Michael Darling, who died on 17 April, aged 93. Michael was closely involved with the Trust since its inception, serving for two terms as President from 1977-1979 and 1982-1984. He was a passionate advocate for conserving and growing Bermuda cedars, saving Bermuda's open space, and historic buildings.

During Michael's terms as President, the Trust acquired several important properties through purchase, gift and bequest. These included Palm and Morgan's Islands in Ely's Harbour, farmland on Smith's Island, the Butterfield Nature Reserve in Point Shares, East Devonshire Marsh and Pembroke Hall on East Broadway, presently the headquarters of Fidelity. In 1985 he played a key role along with David Wingate in facilitating the bequest to the Trust from Gloria Higgs of the large Tivoli estate in Warwick. The property includes 11 acres of open space and the historic buildings that now house the Adventureland Nursery School and the Eliza Dolittle centre.

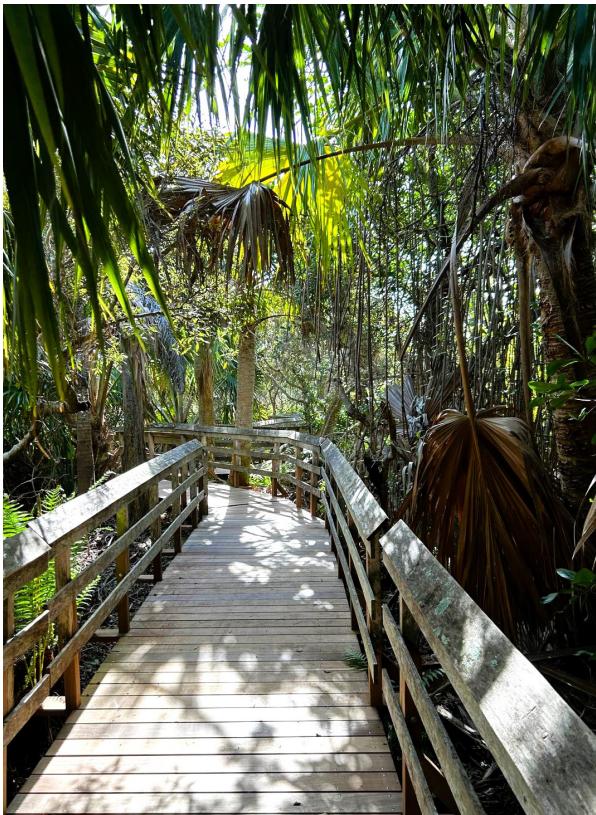
Michael was first elected to Council in 1973 and continued as a stalwart of the organisation over the next three decades in various roles in addition to President, including at various times chairing the Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee. He stood down from Council in 1985 but remained involved in Trust business as a member of the Past Presidents Committee and the Gifts Committee until the mid-1990s.

One of his lasting legacies at the Trust is the award he introduced in 1980 for schools making a significant contribution to protecting and promoting Bermuda's natural and/or cultural heritage. The Michael Darling Shield continues to be presented annually as the top Heritage Education award.



Michael Darling and his beloved wife Elaine

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