



Biography

Soules – George John Soules

George Soules was born and raised in Southern California, but has lived most of his life in New England. In 2013 he moved to Southwest Harbor, Maine, a village on Mount Desert Island (MDI) that is surrounded by Acadia National Park and the Atlantic Ocean. He says “I live in a photographer’s paradise and am blessed to be here.”

George has been passionate about photography since the early 1970’s when he started shooting black and white film for his high school newspaper and yearbook. After graduating from Escondido High School in 1973, George took a job delivering newspapers along a 110 mile motor route in Ramona, California. That seven day a week, 2 a.m. job was motivation enough to go back to school. He studied geology at Palomar Junior College in San Marcos, California where he earned a two year Associate’s Degree.

Not knowing what to do next, George spent the next year working the parts counter at Courtesy Chevrolet in San Diego to save money for an extended solo road trip in his VW van named Amazing Grace. In 1977 he and Gracie “discovered” Maine and decided to stay awhile. He spent five months that summer, and three months the following summer baking popovers at the original Jordan Pond House.

George spent the winter of 1977 living in Boulder Colorado before moving to Santa Cruz in 1978 to once again go back to school. After graduating from UC Santa Cruz in 1980 with a degree in Information Sciences, George opted for a career in the Boston high-tech industry as a software engineer. In 1990 he and his wife Janice Kenyon started their own consulting company in Vermont. Today he works as a consultant for software projects in the railway industry from his home in Southwest Harbor.

George’s two passions, photography and history, combined with decades of experience developing software, led him to the Southwest Harbor Public Library where he eventually became a trustee. There he met Charlotte Morrill (see Riebel - Charlotte Helen (Riebel) Morrill) who along with others had developed a database of historic photographs. George took on the task of making the images available online and from that effort the Digital Archive was born. George, with much help from his wife Janice and invaluable input from Charlotte, conceived, designed, and implemented the software.

It is interesting to note that some of the pictures that George took on MDI in 1977 are now in the Digital Archive as historic photographs. Though the images are only 40 years old (as of this writing in 2017), they depict scenes that no longer exist. Examples are the Jordan Pond House which burned to the ground in 1979, and wooden lobster traps stacked on a wharf in Bernard.

Father: James George Soules

Mother: Anna Maria

Birth Date: October 4, 1955

Born at: San Fernando, California

Significant Education: University of California, Santa Cruz, BA Information Sciences 1980

Spouse Name: Kenyon - Janice Lorraine Kenyon

Wedding Date: September 6th, 1986

Wedding Place: Pickity Place, Mason, New Hampshire

Occupation: Software Architect

Home:

1955: Granada Hills, California

1965: Escondido, California

1976: San Diego, California

1977: Seal Harbor, Maine

1977: Boulder, Colorado

1978: Santa Cruz, California

1980: Lexington, Massachusetts

1982: Pelham, New Hampshire

1984: Nashua, New Hampshire

1990: Fayston, Vermont

2013: Southwest Harbor, Maine

Death Date: TBD

Death Place:

Cemetery: