



## **The Friends Network 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award Recognizing Virginia Scharfenberg, Waquoit Bay Reserve Foundation**

**Nominee: Virginia Scharfenberg, Board of Directors, Waquoit Bay Reserve Foundation;  
Co-Chair, Fundraising**

**Nominated by: Laurie Tompkins, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and  
Recreation Event Coordinator, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**



The Waquoit Bay Reserve's Friends group is only two years old. Ginny Scharfenberg (along with Mead Sommers) chaired the first successful major fundraising effort this summer.

Ginny's tireless efforts getting donations, selling tickets, organizing media, volunteers and hands-on approach made the Reserve's Art and Estuaries Event a huge success!

Virginia Scharfenberg (right) with Waquoit Bay Reserve Foundation Board Members Julie Bannister (left) and Dana Gerlach at the Friends' Anniversary event celebrating 25 years of the Waquoit Bay Reserve. Photo by Laurie Tompkins.