



# The Wickie

Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

Spring 2012



## *President's Message*

*From my desk to yours...*

Hello Friends,

We are in full stride of sharing the Concord Point Lighthouse and Keeper's House with Citizens of Havre de Grace, Harford County, State of Maryland, visitors from all over the world. It is always enjoyable speaking with our visitors before they climb the Lighthouse to learn where they live. It is especially fun to find those who have traveled thousands of miles to be in Havre de Grace on this particular day. It is usually a very interesting story. Apparently, the love of lighthouses is shared all around the world.

Our endeavors to make improvements to the grounds of the Lighthouse/Keeper's House property continue. We have permission to create wooden walkways around the Keeper's House, signage and a fence around the property. There are still some issues that must be settled before we can start taking actions. The demand by the Maryland Historical Trust to have easement control of the Lighthouse property like they do for the Keeper's House property is still under consideration by the City of Havre de Grace. Since the Historical Trust indicates that the grant awarded to us in 2010 is contingent on this, spending money must wait until this is settled. I am confident that by fall when we will be able to do most of the work, this will all be settled.

It was great to hear from Beth Fleming who schedules volunteers that she has "Lighthouse Keepers" signed up through the month of June. There are still some openings for Keepers of the Gift Shop in June. Please contact Beth if you can serve in these needed roles.

Jim Dryden, President



## *2012 Volunteer Briefing and Planning*

### *Meeting*

Our Volunteer meeting was a success! We had 31 in attendance with our devoted regulars and some new faces! We are looking forward to a great 2012 season and hope to bring more new volunteers on board!

If you are interested in volunteering, have volunteered in the past or if you have an idea for our organization, please contact us! If you have any questions, please call the office at 410-939-3213.

*Many Hands Make Light Work (English Proverb 1300's)*



*Special Exhibit in the Keeper's House*

We are pleased to have a special temporary exhibit at the Keeper's House, courtesy of Dallas Kane. Dallas is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Harford Christian School and recently completed a project on the Lighthouse. He did the research and built the model all by himself! Dallas' presentation advanced and won third place in the competition. Thank you, Dallas, for sharing your hard work with all of our visitors!

Stop by soon and see his wonderful model!

*Annual Membership Reminders*

We have had many members renew for 2012 and look forward to hearing from both past members and those interested in joining. Please support the Lighthouse and Keeper's House by renewing your membership and tell a friend! Every dollar contributes to preserving and maintaining this historic Havre de Grace treasure. Remember, as a "Friend" you will receive discounts in the gift shop, a newsletter subscription and annual recognition at our membership event, as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to preserve the Lighthouse for future generations.

**Membership fees are:**

	<b>Individual</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Organization</b>
<b>Annual:</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Lifetime:</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$1000.00</b>
<b>Lifetime</b>			
<b>Benefactor:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		

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2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar



Obverse



Reverse

*War of 1812 Coin*

The US Mint has issued several coins commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. We are pleased to announce that a limited number of these coins will be available for purchase in the Keeper's House gift shop. The silver coin proof is \$54.95 to purchase. There is a mintage limit of 500,000.

The Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Coin Act was signed into law on August 16, 2010 in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of our national anthem. \$10 of each purchase will go to the MD War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to support its activities, educational outreach and preserving and improving the sites and structures related to the War of 1812.

Visit the gift shop to buy your coin before they are all gone!

## *Upcoming Concord Point Events*

### *Member-Donor Reception*

We are excited to announce that our 2nd Annual Member-Donor reception will take place on June 3, 2012 at 5:30pm. We will be meeting near the Lighthouse grounds. Look for the big tent!

This is a chance for us to recognize and honor our members and donors and welcome new faces to the group.

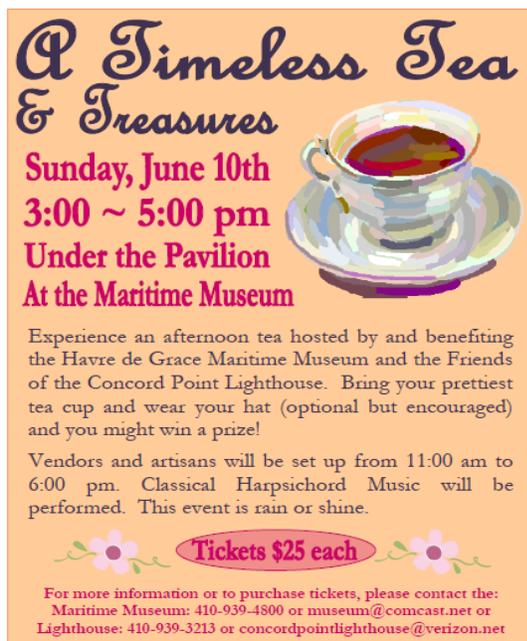
Members are free to attend and visitors pay \$20, which includes a one-year membership to the Friends of Concord Point and all the benefits that membership includes. If you haven't renewed your membership, feel free to join us and renew then.

Refreshments, program & entertainment.

Invitations to be sent out soon!

### *A Timeless Tea and Treasures*

The Friends of Concord Point and the Maritime Museum are having an afternoon tea and you are invited!



**A Timeless Tea & Treasures**  
**Sunday, June 10th**  
**3:00 ~ 5:00 pm**  
**Under the Pavilion**  
**At the Maritime Museum**

Experience an afternoon tea hosted by and benefiting the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum and the Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse. Bring your prettiest tea cup and wear your hat (optional but encouraged) and you might win a prize!

Vendors and artisans will be set up from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Classical Harpsichord Music will be performed. This event is rain or shine.

**Tickets \$25 each**

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the:  
Maritime Museum: 410-939-4800 or [museum@comcast.net](mailto:museum@comcast.net) or  
Lighthouse: 410-939-3213 or [concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net)

## *Memorials*

Former longtime Havre de Grace resident Ralph B. Mason died suddenly at his home in Jacksonville, FL on March 24, his family said. He was 88.

Mr. Mason served on the Havre de Grace City Council in the early 1980s and almost upset incumbent Mayor Charles Montgomery in the 1983 city election; however, he may best be remembered as the modern day defender of the city's signature Concord Point Lighthouse.

The Mason family owned the property on Concord Point and the lighthouse foundation was on the verge of collapse from shore erosion in the 1950s, when Mr. Mason and his brother, Roger, built a bulkhead to protect the structure from being undermined.

Mr. Mason worked at Aberdeen Proving Ground as an electronics technician in the early days of computers and was involved in a number of business ventures, including a restaurant in the city in the 1950s and 1960s called Lighthouse Galley.

Survivors include his three children, Marlise Mason, Ralph Mason Jr. and Rikki Bennington.

- Baltimore Sun, March 29, 2012



*The Mason house to the left of the Lighthouse circa 1950's*

*Many Hands Make Light Work (English Proverb 1300's)*

### *'Lovers of the Lighthouse'-Justin and Susan Dixon*

"Like this Lighthouse, will you help guide me safely through both good times and bad"? Coming up from bended knee and hearing that magical word "yes"! I instantly became the luckiest man in the world! She was stunning in every way!

We loved the lighthouse and this wonderful town and it only seemed fitting that I should propose to Susan here. It has been such a wonderful gift to be able to return to the lighthouse time and time again to remember that beautiful May afternoon when we said "I do".

We are both long-time residents of Harford County and I was actually born here at Harford Memorial Hospital. We had just purchased one of the oldest historic homes in town and have busily restored her to her former glory. We were going to grow very old here.

Susan had been diagnosed at the age of 16 with a life threatening disease, although you would never have known it. It never defined her and she defied every odd to become incredibly successful in life.

The past 4 years, however, became the hardest of Susan's life. I saw her do amazing things and survive a couple very close calls. She is my hero. I could never have done the things that she did, day in and day out. We often left the hospital and all Susan wanted to do was drive slowly through the town we loved and past the lighthouse that gave us our inspiration. Susan would always say, "I'm so glad we got married here"!

So when my beautiful Angel closed her eyes on a cold February night to take a nap, little did I know she would never wake. Sadness on an unparalleled level. I know it was God's wish to take her so peacefully but I miss her terribly.

Susan was more full of life than any 10 people put together. She always saw life as an amazing gift not to be wasted. Susan was all about celebrations. And this May at the lighthouse we are going to give her just that. A celebration!

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To those couples and lovers of this beautiful lighthouse, live every day like it could be your last. Susan certainly did. Stop and smell the roses and hug everyone you love, and make sure to tell them so.

This would make Susan very happy.

There is a saying that goes "Life is not measured by the number of breaths that you take, but by the number of moments that take your breath away". Susan will always take my breath away!

Thank You - Justin Dixon

Thank you, Justin, for sharing your story with us.

Susan Dixon's memorial will be held the morning of May 19 on the lighthouse grounds.



# Mark Your Calendars and Take Note...

## *Board of Directors Meetings*

Our Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Board Room in the Keeper's House. Our meetings are open to the public and we encourage anyone interested in the activities of the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse to please attend our meetings.

## *E-mailing our Newsletter*

If you would like to help the Friends reduce the cost of printing and mailing out *The Wickie*, please send an email message to [concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net) to have your email address added to our email database. Thank you!

## *Important Contact Information*

For more information on Weddings, Tours or Events – please call the office at 410-939-3213 or send an email to: [concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net)



*Spring Cleaning Day – Larry Dobson hard at work!*

## *Calendar of Upcoming and Local Events*

### May

- 4-6 Decoy Festival at the Decoy Museum
- 5 War of 1812 Re-enactment on the grounds of the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House, 10am-4pm.
- 6 HdG Arts Commission Lyric Opera Concert – United Methodist Church, 3pm.  
● Call 410-939-5544 or tickets for sale at the door
- 15 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm.
- 17 Shank Lecture Series “Havre de Grace and the War of 1812” City Hall, 7pm.
- 19 Maritime Museum 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Secret Garden Tour, 12-5pm.

### June

- 2 Upper Chesapeake Hospice Regatta
- 3 Concord Point Annual Member-Donor Reception, park grounds near the Lighthouse, 5:30pm.
- 10 A Timeless Tea at the Maritime Museum Pavilion, benefitting both Concord Point and the Maritime Museum, 3-5pm. Vendors will be there 11am-6pm.
- 10 Steppingstone Museum Celtic Festival, 12-5pm.
- 19 Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm.
- 21 Shank Lecture Series, “Damned if You Do, Damned if You Don't” City Hall, 7pm.

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Become a Friend of the Concord Point Lighthouse!

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Membership \_\_\_\_\_

\$20.00 Annual Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 Annual Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Annual Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\$200.00 Life Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$400.00 Life Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000.00 Life Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\$500.00 Lifetime Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_

*Please detach and mail along with contribution to:*

*Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.*

*PO Box 212, Havre de Grace MD 21078*



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