



The
Wickie

Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.
Newsletter

Summer 2009

Can I TOUCH It?

Yes, Yes you can. In the backroom of the Keepers Dwelling are several items for touching.

The room has been designed to stimulate learning. We have 2 large panels related to happenings that created the United States and three panels discussing the life of keepers. Various types of lighting and lighthouse lore used by lighthouses tells a story of how sailors knew where they were.

For "**TOUCHING**" we have information on several exhibits like the "**BOX LOCK**", the "**WICKIE CHALLENGE**", the "**FLY SWEEP**" and the "**CANNONBALL CHALLENGE**".

It is for "KIDS" of all ages, so come one come all, and enjoy.

Flower Sale/Flea Market Update

Our Annual Spring Flower Sale/Flea Market Sale on May the 2nd was a huge success in spite of the rain. We want to thank everyone who participated in our annual event. Our Fall Flower Sale/Flea Market has been cancelled.

10% Discount for Members at the Gift Shop

Shop for new Concord Point tees, hats and scrimshaw bracelets. The new Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses maps are a must-have for lighthouse lovers!

www.concordpointlighthouse.org

Construction of our website is underway. By mid-August we hope to have a partially completed site up and running. The website features the FCPL organization and the historic buildings. Watch for it and let us know what you think!

John Donahoo Speaks!

"HELP ME KEEP THE LIGHT STATION GOING. Visitors come from all parts of the world to visit this beacon that I built on the Chesapeake. It is a proud part of Havre de Grace. BUT, I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP MY LIGHT STATION OPEN TO VISITORS. Please help by giving just a couple of hours a month at the Tower or Dwelling so that I can rest in peace."

Why not help Mr. Donahoo by volunteering. Have fun and learn about our history at the same time.

For more information call:

Marsha (All volunteers) 410-939-3213;

Inge (Gift Shop) 410-942-0741

Beth (Tower volunteers) 410-937-4014

Contributions

Thank you to everyone who has made monetary or in-kind contributions to the Friends of Concord Point during the last three months. Our projects happen because of you!

“Save The Cannon” Update!

On July 7th, the O’Neill Cannon was taken to the MAC lab in Jefferson Park. A City DPW crew assisted the conservators in hoisting and packing the cannon in Jim Dryden’s truck for the ride to the lab. Conservator Howard Wellman cleaned the base onsite and repaired the Lighthouse upper deck during the rest of the week. The cannon treatment will take about 2 months. We’ll keep you informed of the progress.

The Maryland Archeological Conservation Lab in Jefferson Park will be highlighting the work they are performing on the cannon in September, for more information – go to www.jefpat.org/2archeology.htm.

Rededication of the Cannon Memorial and Dedication of the Founders Garden will take place on November 1st at 2:00 PM. More information will follow in our next edition of *The Wickie*.

Thanks to all who sent in donations. Over \$1300 has been donated so far for the cannon. Please mark donations “Save the Cannon” and send to FCPL, Box 212, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

Look at Our Light Station!

The Keeper’s Dwelling has new paint and the Lighthouse has new vents on the front door and stairway windows. Both buildings look great thanks to the expert work of painter, Tom Vincenti, and carpenter, Mike Boyd.

Corporate Membership

Board member Helen Cayer has been working very hard promoting our Anniversary Corporate Lifetime Memberships for 2009. We welcome our newest corporate “Friends,” **Stack and Store Corporation of Towson, MD and A & M Properties of Havre de Grace, MD.**

7th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge

Concord Point Lighthouse is once again participating in the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge this year. The Challenge will be on the 19th and 20th of September. We will open the Lighthouse and Keepers Dwelling at 8:00 AM each day and will close at 6:00 PM. Other lighthouses participating in the Challenge are: The Chesapeake Lightship, Cove Point, Drum Point, Fort Washington, Hooper Strait, Piney Point, Point Lookout, Seven Foot Knoll and Turkey Point. This years bonus lights are: Blackistone Lighthouse Replica and Sandy Point Shoal. For more information on the Challenge go to: <http://www.cheslights.org/challenge.htm>

Happy Birthday to Us

This year marks the 182nd birthday of the Lighthouse and Keepers Dwelling. So in honor of this occasion we had a cookout at the Lighthouse on the evening of May 31st. Everyone who attended had a good time. Many thanks to John Gallagher and Jim Dryden for manning the grill.

In recognition of all his hard work for the Friends, Mr. Bill McIntyre was honored at the cook out with a certificate and lifetime membership.

Memberships

A heart felt thank goes out to everyone who recently renewed their annual memberships and to all the new members – WELCOME. A special thanks to Diane Smith for becoming a Benefactor of the Friends

Happy Anniversary to Us

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse. Stop by the Keepers Dwelling and see the display celebrating this milestone of our organization.

Mid-Season Orientation

If you are interested in seeing what volunteering is all about – stop by the Keepers Dwelling or tower any Saturday or Sunday between 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM – let the volunteer on duty know that you are interested in volunteering and ask if they could they provide you with some hands on training.

The Keepers Garden & Founders Garden

Several garden maintenance dates are still open. If you are interested in helping, please call Floyd Dobson @ 410-942-0741 for more information. Mark your calendars to help plant Daffodils at the lighthouse on Saturday Oct. 17, 2009 @ 10:30AM.

Photos of the Lighthouse

Do you have any photographs of the Lighthouse or Keeper's Dwelling taken over the years that you would like to share with us? We are in the process of designing and setting up our very own web page and we would like to try to include different pictures. Email your picture to ConcordPointLighthouse@verizon.net and please indicate you grant us permission to use your photo. Thank you.

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 Beth Fleming @ secretaryfcpl@comcast.net to have your email address added to our email database. Thank you.

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 Keepers Dwelling. 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.

Important Contact Information

For more information on Weddings, Tours or Events – you can send an email to the office ConcordPointLighthouse@verizon.net or call 410-939-3213. We are always in need of more sales persons for the gift shop and keepers at the lighthouse - so if you have a few hours free this season please call one of these numbers for more information:

Docent Volunteers – 410-939-3213
Gift Shop Volunteers – 410-942-0741
Lighthouse Volunteers – 410-937-4014

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July

21 Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30PM

August

18 Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30PM

September

15 Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30PM

19-20 7th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

October

17 Planting Daffodils at the Lighthouse @10:30 AM

20 Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 PM

31 Raffle Drawing @ 5:15 PM