



# The Wickie

Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

Summer 2012



*Greetings*

*Keepers of the Light:*

July finds us in the middle of our summer season and the 100 degree temps assure us we are certainly there. We continue to have excellent visitor turnout to see the lighthouse and with our free giveaways we are seeing record numbers visiting the Keeper's House as well. The exhibits created by Executive Director, Bethany Baker, and the Exhibit committee are our best ever and we have big plans for future improvements.

The BIG STORY these days is that we WON 1<sup>st</sup> place for best Sr. Organizational Float in the FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. A twelve foot replica of the Concord Point Lighthouse was constructed by Stu Shane and mounted on a wagon provided by the Stepping Stone Museum. I hope you got a chance to see it in the parade on Sunday, July 1, 2012. If not, here are some pictures for your enjoyment.

Jim Dryden, President



**Check out more photos of the parade on our blog:  
[concordpointlighthouse@blogspot.com](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@blogspot.com)**

*Havre de Grace Independence Day Parade*

Thanks to everyone who participated in the construction and in the parade. Many thanks to: Lilma Huntley, Stu Shane, Jamie Smith, Tom Fitzpatrick and Teresa Yost, Rick McGregor, Shawn Saez, Lynda and Anna DeWitt, Bethany Hicks; Sandra, Ray and Mike Baker; and the board members for all of their hard work!!

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

## *2012 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Donor Reception*

The reception was a success and it was wonderful to see everyone! We had over 60 in attendance and several new faces as well as our dedicated members. Thanks to the board and volunteers for making sure that everything went smoothly!

**See more photos of the reception at our  
blog:  
[concordpointlighthouse.blogspot.com](http://concordpointlighthouse.blogspot.com)**

It isn't too late to renew your membership!  
Contact us today.

### *Annual Membership Reminders*

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.

Complete and mail back the form at the end of this newsletter today.

### *Contributions*

Special thanks to Allen Fair for donating new flags for the lighthouse flagpole! We are now proudly flying the War of 1812 flag and it looks great!

We wouldn't be able to do what we do without all of our generous members and donors. Thanks to all of you!!

## *Reception Highlights*



Entertainment by the talented Dr. David Jaffe



Many thanks to Dr. Jaffe for all of his support and to Joseph Harter for his dedication to the Keeper's House gardens!



It was a beautiful evening and we wrapped everything up right before the storm.

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We are an official partner of the Star Spangled 200!

Governor Martin O'Malley issued an Executive Order on September 8, 2007 to create the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission. The Commission is planning a multi-year cultural tourism and educational initiative to commemorate Maryland's unique contributions to the defense and heritage of the nation including the pivotal clash that ensured American victory, an iconic flag, and our national anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner. The kickoff for these events was the Sailbration at Ft. McHenry, June 16-17.

Events like this will be happening all over Maryland and throughout Havre de Grace as well. A committee has been created through the city and we are planning events for next year's anniversary of the burning of Havre de Grace, May 3-5, 2013. More information to come.

**In the meantime, buy your commemorative coin and flag from the Keeper's House Gift shop before they are gone!**



2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar  
Obverse



2012 Star-Spangled Banner Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar  
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.

**Get your Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail brochure at the Keeper's House today! The trail highlights the many significant places along the Chesapeake affected by the war, including Concord Point and Havre de Grace.**

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### *Events at Concord Point*

Everyone knows that the lighthouse is a popular wedding venue, but we have other events on the grounds as well. On Friday June 15, Sgt. David Houlihan held his re-enlistment ceremony at the lighthouse. Congratulations David and thank you for your service!



If you are interested in having an event at the lighthouse, please contact us at 410-939-3213 or [concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net](mailto:concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net)

### *National Lighthouse Day*

August 7<sup>th</sup> is National Lighthouse Day!

It was on this day in 1789, that Congress approved an Act for the establishment and support of lighthouse, beacons, buoys and public piers. In Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the Act and the commissioning of the first Federal lighthouse, Congress passed a resolution which designated August 7, 1989 as National Lighthouse Day.

Celebrate Concord Point today!!

### *Other Events of Interest*

Each year, the Maryland Humanities Council presents a Chautauqua. This year's theme is *Maryland and the War of 1812*. These lectures take place across the state. July 6-8, performances will be held at the Elkton Methodist church in Elkton. There will be music at 4pm and the performance begins at 4:30pm. Actors will portray Francis Scott Key, Rosalie Stier Calvert and Mary Pickersgill. For more information, visit their website: [www.mdhc.org](http://www.mdhc.org)

This is just another opportunity to learn about Maryland's involvement in the War of 1812!

#### *Lecture on Women Lighthouse Keepers*

There will be a presentation on Women Lighthouse Keepers at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Wednesday July 25 at 7pm.

Women keepers have a long history throughout the United States and especially along the Chesapeake.

Our own Concord Point Lighthouse had a female light keeper for several years. After John O'Neill Jr. passed away in 1863, his wife Esther became the official keeper with a substantial raise to \$500 annually. It is not clear how long she remained keeper. Her son-in-law, Gabriel, is listed as keeper in the 1870 census; however, it is likely that she was still performing the duties as keeper, and the census taker just assumed that the male in the house was responsible. Esther is again listed as keeper in the 1880 census at the age of 83!

Attend this lecture to learn about other female keepers on the Chesapeake.

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# 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)



**War of 1812 Flag for sale now  
in the Keeper's House Gift shop!**

## *Calendar of Upcoming and Local Events*

### July

**9, 16, 23, 30** Summer Concert Series, Maritime Museum, 7pm

**14-15** Pirate Fest Weekend, Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House

**17** Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm

**25** Lecture on Women Light Keepers, Maritime Museum, 7pm.

**29** Shakespeare Festival, HdG Arts Commission, city grounds near the lighthouse, 5pm.

### August

**7** **National Lighthouse Day!!**

**10-12** Havre de Grace Annual Seafood Festival

**18-19** Annual Art Show, Soroptimist International, Tydings Park

**21** Board of Directors Meeting at the Keeper's House, 6:30pm

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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:*

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