



The Wickie

Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

Winter 2014



*Greetings
Keepers of the Light:*

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone loving Concord Point Lighthouse!

I believe and have heard from many citizens of Havre de Grace that the Concord Point Lighthouse and Keeper's House were BEAUTIFUL during the recent Christmas season. Certainly our efforts during the summer to improve the grounds of the Lighthouse were very evident. Also playing a role in its beauty were the endeavors of Larry Dobson and his family who placed holiday decorations on the tower and the efforts of our Executive Director, Bethany Baker. Special thanks go to SBGS for hanging our banner! Christmas at the Lighthouse would not be the same without it. GREAT JOB GUYS!!!

Another highlight to the Christmas season was the special holiday opening of our Gift Shop offering unique gifts and decorations for the holidays. The Keeper's House was beautiful and the products offered were great.

Currently we are preparing for participation in the Mardi Gras parade where we show off our parade float. Hopefully you can attend the parade and view our offering with pride.

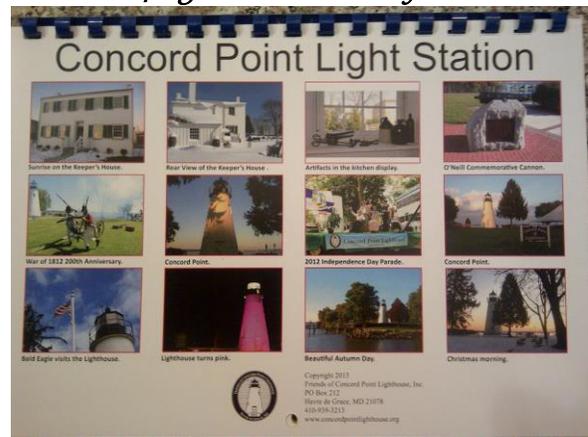
We are also making plans for St. Patrick's Day fund raising cocktail party. This year we will be holding this function at the Vandiver Inn on Thursday, March 13th from 6 to 9 PM. Please make plans to be with us. Its success is critical to

our continued viable program. We are also considering other activities associated with the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Havre de Grace. More details will be coming.

We will be sending out our Annual Report soon with new information regarding opportunities to support Concord Point. Please take time to review this information and consider how you can help preserve this exceptional treasure of Havre de Grace.

Jim Dryden,
President

2014 Lighthouse Calendars for Sale



There is still time to get your official Concord Point calendar!

Display your pride of Concord Point with a 2014 calendar filled with images taken by locals who love the lighthouse!

Calendars are for sale at the Keeper's House, HdG Visitor Center and the HdG Maritime Museum or by calling 410-939-3213 and emailing concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net.

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Recent Events at the Lighthouse



*A rare site for the past couple of years –
Concord Point in the snow.*

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Our volunteers are amazing and we couldn't offer so many people the opportunity to visit the Lighthouse and Keeper's House without them. The annual dinner is a time to honor our volunteers and to spend time with people who share a common passion.

There is always room for new volunteers! Join us and become a part of the history of Concord Point – the icon of Havre de Grace and Harford county.

Call 410-939-3213 or email our Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Fleming at Elizabeth.L.Fleming@comcast.net for more information.

Volunteer Orientation

Speaking of new volunteers – our annual orientation and volunteer briefing is fast approaching. Join us to learn how you can help be a part of Concord Point!

**Volunteer Orientation and Briefing -
March 29, 2014 at 9-11am
Havre de Grace Police Station meeting room**

Bring a Friend!

Christmas Open House and Gift Shoppe



We had a wonderful turn-out at our 1st Christmas Open House and Sale. Thank you to everyone for supporting our efforts and we look forward to having another successful event in 2014! Weather aside, we had many comments on how nice it was to be able to come to Havre de Grace and visit several places for Christmas events. Havre de Grace is a wonderful community that is best served by combined efforts to showcase our treasures – the most important of which is Concord Point! Whether you are local or somewhat local, the next time you are out and about, stop by and visit some of HdG's resources and remind yourself what a culturally rich area this is!

Special thanks to all of our volunteers – especially Jackie Hoover, Melissa Fetzer, Darlene Perry, Beth Fleming, Helen Cayer, Brittney Gaudino, and Pat Anderson! We wouldn't have been so successful without your dedication and hard work!

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Eagle Scout Project



The crowning touch on all of the improvements around the grounds is the finished fence.

Luke Lapointe, a Boy Scout with Troop 965 of Webster, Maryland recently completed his Eagle Scout project at the Lighthouse. The project involved staining the perimeter fencing around the Keeper's House and Lighthouse. If you haven't stopped by to see it, it truly puts the finishing touch on the significant capital improvements made over the past year. Luke led an effort by his family, friends and fellow scouts to thoroughly clean the oak boards and then apply white stain to recreate the 1890-era period fencing. Over 400 hours of volunteer time were contributed to get the job done during two full weekends in early November. The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse are truly appreciative of the efforts of Luke and his crew of dedicated volunteers.

Congratulations to Luke on a great project and on becoming an Eagle Scout!

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Concord Point St. Patty's Day celebration! This year we will be honoring John O'Neill's Irish heritage at the Vandiver Inn on Thursday, March 13th at 6pm. **Stay tuned for more information and save the date!**

35 Years and Still Keeping the Light

2014 marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse. Our faithful members and volunteers have been maintaining and improving Concord Point for over three decades! Their service is such a tribute to Havre de Grace and the icon of the city.

However, there is always more work to be done! The light station is approaching 200 years and needs continuing maintenance.

Think about all of your memories of the lighthouse and how important they are to you. The Friends of Concord Point's mission is to preserve and maintain the light station for future generations. Don't you want others to have those special memories of the lighthouse as well? Consider donating and becoming a Friend of the Lighthouse today to help create those moments for future generations!

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In Memoriam

Virginia Lee Donovan Colburn passed away on January 2, 2014 at Harford Memorial Hospital at age 96. She was the daughter of Dr. John Brown Gordon Smith and Ester O'Neill Jackson Smith. Virginia is a descendant of Defender John O'Neill. Born May 16, 1917 in Zolfo Springs, Fla. After Virginia's Father passed away of the flu in 1819 Virginia and her Mother Ester boarded a train escorted by members of the Masonic Lodge Order and returned to Havre de Grace where Virginia's Mother Ester begun teaching elementary school. Virginia attended local school and Western Maryland College where she ranked 4th in her college class for academics. Virginia's career began at the local Selective Services Board during World War II. After that Virginia became Associated Editor of the Havre de Grace Record where she remained for 27 years. Virginia was also a book reviewer of the Richmond, Virginia Times Dispatch. Virginia was a member of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church for 84 years. She was a very active member of Grace church where she taught Bible classes; was Parish Council member and Director of the Women of the Church since 1961. Virginia was a lay reader and wrote the updated history of the local church.

Also, serving as a member on the Committee for Women's yearly studies. Virginia was editor of the yearly study books for 35 years. Virginia also wrote one entire study unit for the Reformed Episcopal denomination. Virginia was on the committee for the annual Havre de Grace Christmas Candlelight tour for Susquehanna Museum for 30 years. Life member Susquehanna Museum, Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse and Decoy Museum. Virginia's former husband was Daniel C. Donovan, Jr. and two sons were born of that union Daniel C. Donovan, 2nd deceased and wife Janet. John Gordon Donovan, Sr. and wife

Patricia and one grandson John Gordon Donovan, Jr. and wife Kimberly. Three great grand children Jennifer N. Gerdom, Jocelyn M. Donovan and Jillian R. Donovan, deceased. And four great grand children Cassidy, Jaxon, Jalen and Jirikhi. In 1953 Virginia married Raymond Colburn. From that union one step son R. Donald Colburn and wife Lynn, two grand children Julie Colburn Anderson and her husband Steve and Christopher Colburn and his wife Kim and two great grand children Paige and Tara. Virginia was a very devote Christian and she was loved and respected by her family and her Community. She will be missed very much but contributed greatly to her beloved community of Havre de Grace, Maryland. Interment will be at Angel Hill Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House, 817 Conestee Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 or Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, P.O. Box 212, Havre de Grace, MD 21078. Messages of condolences may be made to www.zellmanfuneralhome.com



Virginia Colburn (2nd from Left) with Jane Kirkendall (Far Left) and Mary Campbell at the 2010 O'Neill Memorial Cannon Rededication.

Virginia Colburn was an ardent supporter of Concord Point and a wonderfully knowledgeable source of information on her O'Neill relatives. She will be greatly missed by the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse and Havre de Grace.

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Mark Your Calendars and Take Note...

Board of Directors Meetings

Our Board of Directors will now be meeting on the third Wednesday 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 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 concordpointlighthouse@verizon.net

Annual Giving Levels

The Friends of Concord Point are excited to announce new giving opportunities to current and future members. There are numerous ways to support our treasured Light Station. Each level has wonderful benefits associated with your support. Call 410-939-3213 for more information.

Annual Giving Levels are:

	Individual	Family
Friend:	\$20.00	\$40.00
Beacon Fund:	\$100.00	
Legacy Fund:	\$250.00	
1827 Society:	\$500.00 and above	

Please consider becoming a Friend of Concord Point!

Calendar of Upcoming and Local Events

January

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

16 Shank Lecture Series – Lockhouse Museum; lecture at City Hall 7pm

February

8 Bass Class – Maritime Museum; 10-4pm

15 Victorian Valentine Tea – Steppingstone Museum; 11am and 2pm seatings

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

20 Shank Lecture Series – Lockhouse Museum; lecture at City Hall 7pm

22 Striper School – Maritime Museum; 10-4pm

March

13 2nd St. Patty's Day Party - Vandiver Inn 6-9pm

16 Celtic Traditions Tea – Steppingstone Museum; 11am and 2pm seatings

20 Shank Lecture Series – Lockhouse Museum; lecture at City Hall 7pm

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

29 Volunteer Orientation and Briefing 9-11am, HdG Police Station

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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 Friend Individual _____ \$40.00 Friend Family _____ \$100.00 Beacon Fund _____

\$250.00 Legacy Fund _____ \$500.00 Donahoo Founder's Circle _____ \$1000.00 O'Neill Keeper's Circle _____

\$2,500.00 Fresnel Visionary Circle _____

Other Donation amount _____

Please detach and mail along with contribution to:

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PO Box 212, Havre de Grace MD 21078



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