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Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.
Newsletter

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***The Friends of Concord Point
Lighthouse Receives Conservation
Bookshelf***

Treasured objects and artifacts held by the The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation's museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 3,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2009.

“We are very pleased to announce the recipients of the IMLS Bookshelf in the second round of competition. These libraries, museums, and archives are in the forefront of our call to action on behalf of America's collections,” said Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of IMLS. “According to a recent national survey, our important collections are at great risk, and without them, the American story simply cannot be told to future generations.”

The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse is being awarded this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections

typically found in history or art museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria, public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study by Heritage Preservation documenting the dire state of the nation's collections. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America's collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections. For more information on the conservation initiative, please go to www.imls.gov/collections.

Smart Buoy

There will a launching of a “Smart Buoy” on September 13h at 10:30 AM. The launching will be near the Lighthouse and promenade. The “Smart Buoy” will provide real time information on the weather, water conditions, etc. For more information go to <http://www.buoybay.org> .

6th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? Concord Point Lighthouse is once again proud to participate in the Maryland Lighthouse Challenge on September 20-21, 2008 from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm each day. The challenge is to visit all 10 Lighthouses in a 2 day period – those lighthouses are Concord Pont, Turkey Point, Seven Foot Knoll and Chesapeake Lightship, Hooper Strait, Drum Point, Cove Point, Point Lookout, Piney Point and Fort Washington. You'll receive a "reward" from each lighthouse you visit.

Candlelight Tour

The Keepers Dwelling and Gift Shop will be open from 1:00 – 8:00 PM to members, volunteers and the public for the Candlelight Tour on December 14, 2008 and we will have live music and light refreshments starting at 4:00 PM.

Volunteer Recognition and Soup Dinner

Our Annual Volunteer Recognition and Soup Dinner will be held on December 16, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Keepers Dwelling. Invitations will be sent out late November. If you have volunteered during the year and don't receive one email Directorcpt@verizon.net or call the office at 410-939-3913.

2009 Volunteer Orientation and Planning Meeting

Our Volunteer Orientation and 2009 Planning Meeting will be held on March 7, 2009, tentatively we are planning to meet at the HdG Activity Center from 9 – 12 AM. So if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have an idea for our organization, please plan on attending our meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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!

Modern Technology

The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse are slowly joining the world of Modern Technology. We are in early, early stages of setting up our very own web page. If there is anyone out there with web page experience, who is willing to offer their services in this venture, please contact the office, by emailing Directorcpt@verizon.net. Thank you.

Visit the Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is open and is located in the back of the Keepers Dwelling. Hours of operation are Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Come in and see all the nice items we have for sale in the Gift Shop. There are still some copies of the Chris White Print "Mending Fences" available for sale. Get yours now.

Get Your Raffle Tickets NOW

Once again we will raffle off a copy of the Chris White Print "Mending Fences". Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the Concord Point Lighthouse or in the Gift Shop located in the Keeper's Dwelling. The winning ticket will be drawn on October 26, 2008 at the Concord Point Lighthouse at 5:15 PM.

Board Of Directors Meetings

Our Board of Directors meet 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.

We Are Open

The Concord Lighthouse, The Keeper's Dwelling and the Gift Shop are open for business. We are open on the weekends during the months of April through the end of October. So visit us on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Remember for your safety – proper footwear should always be worn to climb to the top of the Lighthouse. Also, children must be 42" tall to go upstairs, children must be accompanied by an adult, no one may go outside onto the platform and no more than 3 adults or 2 children and 2 adults at a time. We will be closing the Lighthouse, Keepers Dwelling and Gift Shop for the season on October 26, 2008.

The Keepers Dwelling Garden

The Garden Club volunteers have been busy designing and planting the "Herb Garden". Now that the plants are growing they need to be cared for. We are asking volunteers to do weeding, watering, and hoeing; then, we can all enjoy watching them mature! A schedule appears in the Concord Point Lighthouse calendar, which has been included in the newsletter. Not only do we want "Gardeners" for the herbs, we also need rose fanciers to help with their regular grooming. If you can spare an hour of two a month, the Concord Point Lighthouse can be proud of its gardens. Yes, even though summer is just about over you will feel better when working with plants and bushes! For more information, please call the office at 410-939-3213 or Floyd Dobson at 410-942-0741.

Exhibits for 2008

This year some new displays are being added to the Keepers house.



Come and meet John Donahoo (left) and view some history related to the tower and house; such as, the "kitchen" area from the archaeology period 1827-1884, an original cellar lock and

view a Fresnel light lens segment.

“Kitchen” Archeological Update

As Bill McIntyre and Jack Davis labor in their digs many smiles come. They are due top the artifacts found - such as; coins, pipe fragments, lead pencils, marbles, buttons and flints to name a few. The brick floor section has been set in place. Work on the wood section is in progress. Posters are explaining various areas and display changes are on going

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 Directorcpt@verizon.net indicating you grant us permission to use your photo. Thank you.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

- 6** Fall Flower Sale and Flea Market
- 7** Sep 7 – Sep 13 Garden Maintenance Week
- 20** Sep 20 – Sep 21 6th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge
- 16** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- 21** Sep 21 – Sep 27 Garden Maintenance Week

October

- 5** Oct 5- Oct 11 Garden Maintenance Week
- 19** Oct 19- Oct 25 Garden Maintenance Week
- 21** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- 26** 5:15 PM Raffle Drawing at the Lighthouse

November

- 18** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

December

- 14** 1:00 – 4:00 PM Open to Public for Candlelight Tour
- 16** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Volunteer Recognition and Soup Dinner

Important Contact Information

For more information on Weddings, Tours or Events – please call the office or send an email

Office: 410-939-3213

Email: Directorcpt@verizon.net

For more information on volunteering for our organization you may call one of the numbers below:

Garden Maintenance – 410-942-0741

Lighthouse Volunteers – 410-937-4014

Docent Volunteers – 410-939-3213

Gift Shop Volunteers – 410-939-3213