



The
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Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.
Newsletter

Spring 2009

Spring has Sprung

That means it's time to open our doors again for the season. April 4th was opening day for the Friends. We will be open every weekend, weather permitting and if we have enough volunteers for duty, until the end of October. Please stop by and visit.

Mea Culpa

Inadvertently the name of a Volunteer for 2008 was left off of the list in our last newsletter – a thousand pardons – thank you Mary Bauer for volunteering for the Friends last year – hope to see you again this year.

The Gift Shop Has Moved

Have you seen the new, larger and brighter gift shop? The gift shop in the Keeper's Dwelling has been moved to the front of the building, business is expanding and we are in need of several volunteers. Come and enjoy the many friendly people that visit us each year. It only requires a few hours on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, once in a while and would be a great help to us. Call the Dobson's at 410-942-0741

Thanks to Floyd Dobson, Jim Dryden and Dee Martindale for all their hard work to accomplish this mission. How many of you can remember when the gift shop was actually in the tower? It wasn't that long ago – and look at us now.

Save The Cannon!

Once again the Friends are taking on an important restoration project. At the base of the Lighthouse sits the Cannon Memorial in honor of John O'Neill, a War of 1812 hero and our first keeper at Concord Point. The 1812 cannon memorial was dedicated at the Lighthouse ceremony on November 14, 1914 attended by Ms. Naomi Tydings and Ms. Esther Jackson, both great, great granddaughters of John O'Neill. By 1924, the automated Lighthouse grounds were off limits to the public and the memorial was moved by horse and wagon to the new Tydings Park. In 1983, the Friends were able to return the monument to the newly restored Lighthouse where it is today.

We recently learned that both the monument and cannon are in dire need of conservation work. The cannon will be treated at the Maryland Archeological Conservation Laboratory and the monument will be cleaned and treated in situ by a conservator. This work is costly, but will preserve the monument for future generations. Please help by sending a donation to the Friends, marked "Save the Cannon" and mail to FCPL, Box 212, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

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!

The Keepers Garden and Founders Garden

Spring has come to the Gardens at Concord Point. Thanks to all who helped with the clean up, trimming, weeding, etc. As always some plants did not live through the winter, but we will replace in early May, most likely May 2nd, the day of our Plant and Flower sale.

Several garden maintenance dates are still open. If you are interested in helping, please call Floyd Dobson @ 410-942-0741 for more information.

Happy Birthday to Us

This year marks the 182nd birthday of the Lighthouse and Keepers Dwelling. So in honor of this occasion we will have a birthday party/cook-out at the Lighthouse on the 31st of May at 5:00 PM. Please mark your calendar and join us – and if you can, please bring a covered dish. We will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, fixings and of course the cake.

Spring Flower Sale/Flea Market

Our Annual Spring Flower Sale/Flea Market will be at 8:00 AM on the 2nd of May. Spaces for the Flea Market are \$10. To reserve a spot call 410-939-3213 or send an email to: directorcpt@verizon.net.

Memorials

We wish to say thank you to those who have sent in Donations in memory of John Jessup who passed away recently. John volunteered as a Keeper for the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse for many years.

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.

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.

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.

Annual Membership Renewals Due

Renewal notices have been sent out in the mail for those who hold annual memberships. Please renew your membership. 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.

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 31, 2009 at the Concord Point Lighthouse at 5:15 PM.

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:

Lighthouse Volunteers – 410-937-4014

Docent Volunteers – 410-939-3213

Gift Shop Volunteers – 410-942-0741

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April

- 4** Tower, Keeper's Dwelling and Gift Shop Opens for the season
- 21** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

May

- 2** 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Spring Flower Sale/Flea Market
- 19** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- 31** 5:00 PM 182nd Birthday Celebration/ Cookout

June

- 16** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- 22** Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse 30th Anniversary

July

- 20** 6:30 – 8:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting



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