

Our museum hours for 2001 are as follows:

May 27 through June 17, weekends from 12-3 June 18 through Sept. 3, daily from 10-4 Sept. 8 through Oct. 8, weekends from 12-3

LIGHTHOUSE LOG

Winter/Spring 2001

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Beavertail Museum was visited by thousands of people. We had visitors from all over the world in the year 2000. One hundred and sixty-five visitors from thirty-one countries passed through our doors. Four thousand eight hundred and eighty-five visitors from every state in the United States visited our museum. These figures reflect only those people who signed the guest register. Can you imagine how many visitors actually walked through our door?

The W. Craig Armington Scholarships were given to two top scoring applicants. The two one-thousand dollar scholarships were awarded to Elspeth Beauchamp who will attend Wake Forest University in N.C., and Gabrielle Cote who will attend the Community College of R.I. Two one-thousand dollar scholarships will be awarded again this year. Applications for this year's scholarships will be available after February 10 at the library.

Thanks to Richard Sullivan who co-ordinated our volunteer program. It is quite a scheduling feat. Richard's scheduling kept the museum open every day from ten to four all summer which allowed thousands of visitors access to our lighthouse.

Speaking of volunteers, as the season approaches we will need your assistance once again staffing the museum, sprucing up the lighthouse and a myriad of other tasks that entail being in or near the museum. Of course, we all know what a treat that is, to be by the ocean on a warm summer day with a spectacular view.

The museum gift shop had a successful year. A wide range of lighthouse related items were sold. It's a perfect place to find an unusual gift. The shop offers jewelry, books, stationary, T-shirts and more, so think of us when you need to buy that special gift. Members get a 10 percent discount.

Our annual meeting was held on September 20, 2000 at the Jamestown library. Officers are Charles Auld, President; Hugh Bucher, Vice-president; Richard Sullivan, Treasurer, and Linda Jacobson, Secretary. The Board Members are Don Barrows, Ann Bucher, Brenda Johnston,

Frank Meyer, James Munro, Linda Warner, and Susan Warszawski.

Katherine Minahan and Emily Smith, tenth graders, presented a skit named "Candle on the Water" to all who attended the meeting. The young ladies did a great job and everybody was delighted with their performance.

Our second presentation was by Chief Boatswain's Mate USCG Sean Walsh, Officer in Charge, Aids to Navigation, Bristol, R.I. After his most informative presentation on navigation and current trends in navigation, Chief Walsh entertained questions from the audience. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

School tours were conducted by Peter Frazier. The focus is on educational history and preservation of the lighthouse. Peter is doing a great job educating the students who come here.

On December 2, 2000, we participated in the holiday sale at Melrose Avenue School. A new item added to our stock was a Christmas ornament of the lighthouse. It was a definite hit. The ornaments sold out by 9:15 a.m. More are on order, so stop by the gift shop to see what a great facsimile of Beavertail it is.

On December 3, 2000, our annual open house took place. The lighthouse was decorated with fresh greens and candles. The table was overflowing with holiday goodies. All who attended had a great time. Special thanks to our three visitors from the deep blue. Three humpback whales were spotted just before three o'clock.

The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce had a table set up at the R.I. Boat Show in January. We donated a Harbor Lights model of the lighthouse. We also sent rack cards of the museum which will be on display.

We are looking for a volunteer to produce two newsletters a year. Please contact us for more information.

Please fill out the enclosed membership form to renew for the year 2001. We look forward to seeing you at Beavertail.

Dates to look forward to are Clean-Up Day, May 12, at 9:00 a.m.
Orientation Day, May 19, at 10:00 a.m.
Opening Day, May27, at noon

Hope to see all of you there.