

The Lighthouse Log

A publication of the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association, Inc.

A REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Armour at 6:42 p.m. in the community hall of the Jamestown Philomenian Library. He opened the meeting with welcoming remarks, and recognized the service of each of the Board Members throughout the year. Eric noted that two hardworking members of the Board had reached the end of allowable terms and thanked Jean Boschen and David Clem for all of their dedication and service to BLMA.

Mr. Tim Harrison, editor of the *Lighthouse Digest* gave an interesting and enlightening slide show and commentary on Lost and Endangered Lighthouses. He told us that more than 1200 lighthouses have been lost over the years, taking with them a very large chunk of lighthouse history. Tim noted that although we think of lighthouses as coastal structures, there are 468 lighthouses around the Great Lakes, with 124 of them on the shores of Lake Michigan, alone.

He went on to inform us that the National Lighthouse Museum will be located on Staten Island, New York and

will be opening to the public in the very near future.

Tim brought enough copies of the *Lighthouse Digest* for all, and particularly noted that a one year subscription to the *Lighthouse Digest* will not only bring you a tremendous amount of information on lighthouses, but offers the opportunity to have \$10.00 donated to the subscriber's choice of lighthouse associations.

With Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association in mind, why not call 1-800-683-7737 and subscribe today to the *Lighthouse Digest*, the world's lighthouse magazine, issued 12 times a year containing lighthouse stories and histories from around the globe. Or visit the Web site at www.lhdigest.com.

Mr. Harrison is very easy to listen to, knows his subject from A - Z and obviously a true lighthouse enthusiast. His presentation was met with tumultuous applause and much appreciation.



Mr. Tim Harrison.

Author - Editor - Publisher
of

Lighthouse Digest

Featured Guest at the
Annual Meeting

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WRAP-UP



All of the hard work for the 20th century is behind us! Much gratitude is due to all of those great volunteers who manned (or womanned) all of the areas of work which a museum demands. We hope all of you will be coming back in the 21st century, as well to keep a light shining at Beavertail Point.

Although the 250th year was brought to an end, as the museum closed its doors for the season in October, there was one last and very pleasant item that was completed on October 16th.

Richard Sullivan, our great Anniversary year chairman, made arrangements for a wonderful get-together at the PAC Club. He presented our Board of Directors President, Eric Armour, who expressed the thanks of all to our willing and capable volunteers, and gave a thumb-nail review of the activities of this important summer.

A delicious luncheon was served to the many people who were in attendance and Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to each and every one. There were smiles all around and handshakes of welcome and it was all very enjoyable.

There exists a friendly bond amongst our volunteers, even though they rarely see one another during their service, except for those who share the duty day. But that 'something about a lighthouse' draws them together as they work their way through the season. It was a nice event that put them all into the same room at the same time and it was one more success for our 250th Anniversary year.

A display table of photographs, assembled by Vic Richardson, who arrived to record each of the events throughout the summer, was displayed with nice big pictures that were easy to see. Also displayed was a framed enlargement of the

stamp cancellation envelope, which was a gift to the Museum from the Jamestown Post Office. As the event drew to a close, everyone left with determination to be back again next year, next century, next millennium, an awesome thought, but as they say,

It ain't over 'til it's over, and there are a couple of more events to move us along to get is to the end of the year:

THE HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

The 13th Annual Artisans' Holiday Sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Melrose Avenue School, Jamestown RI, and Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association will be there.

There you will find our ever enthusiastic volunteers, our extensive array of beautiful Beavertail items for sale, and the camaraderie of the holiday hustle and bustle. We certainly hope that you'll be there, too, because we know you have some folks on your gift list that will truly love a Beavertail present. So keep it in mind and remember, we'll be looking for you! And it's a great place to meet friends you haven't seen for awhile.

And yet there is more:

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE.

Hot on the heels of the noise and excitement of the craft sale, comes our version of Martha Stewart Living, as we turn back the clock to an old fashioned BLMA Lighthouse Living - our delightful Holiday Open House. Although the candles are now electric; the light and fog whistle automatic; and live-in keepers and family a thing of the past, to enter the door is to step back to those erstwhile days of lighthouse living when keepers gathered their families around them to celebrate the holidays.

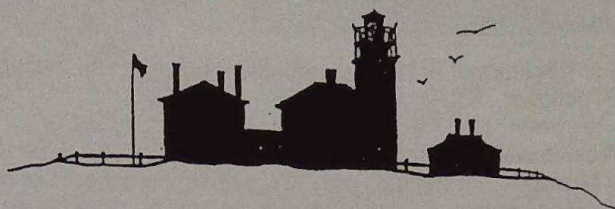
Anna Harrison-Auld, Ann Bucher and Linda Warner, have graciously volunteered to take Beavertail Lighthouse back to those simpler, less harried and perhaps more beautiful days, as they decorate the rooms of the Lighthouse with the quiet but elegant beauty of times long gone. Old fashioned hospitality will reign as they serve up the myriad of delicious treats, homemade and tasty, along with coffee, tea, punch, or hot cider. Some of the items that appear in our Gift Shop, will be given away as door prizes to those who drop by.

Come on by Sunday, December 5th between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and visit with us for the 250th holiday season at Beavertail Lighthouse. The candles will glow in the window, the light will shine from the tower, the warning whistle will sound, and time will stand still for just a bit, as the ocean roars on, and the Light at Beavertail Point prepares to enter its third century.

If you would like to contribute goodies for the Holiday Open House, please contact the committee:

Anna Harrison-Auld at 423-3442; Ann Bucher at 792-7068;
Linda Warner at 423- 1278.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL.



Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association

MEMBERSHIP

I want to be an active participant of the
Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Assoc.!

I have indicated my area(s) of interest
below :

- ☐ Volunteer Museum Attendant
- ☐ Building Maintenance Committee
- ☐ Fund Raising Committee
- ☐ Nominating Committee
- ☐ Archives Committee
- ☐ Museum Clean-up Committee
(in May or during summer)
- ☐ Group tours liaison
- ☐ Publicity/newsletter committee
- ☐ Oral history project
- ☐ Holiday Open House
- ☐ Naturalist program liaison
- ☐ Other ?

Suggestions: _____

Thank you again for your support.

See you at the Museum !

Please check one

New Member ☐

Renewal ☐

for membership period ending

12/31/2000

- ☐ Individual membership \$15.00
- ☐ Individual Life Membership \$100.00
- ☐ Family Membership \$25.00
- ☐ Student Membership \$5.00
- ☐ B.L.M.A. Sponsor \$50.00
- ☐ Donation \$_____

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Mail to:

Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Assoc.

P.O. Box 83

Jamestown, R.I. 02835

A New Policy

The Board of Directors of BLMA has adopted a policy on the acceptance of gifts to the Museum as follows:

We often receive well meaning and admirable offers of gifts to be displayed in the Lighthouse Museum. Sometimes they fit right into the scheme of things, but often they do not. Since both storage and display spaces are at a premium, it becomes incumbent upon the board to decide whether or not the proposed gift can be utilized. The following method was adopted at a regular meeting of the BLMA Board of Directors.

The Board will review all gifts (other than monetary) to determine its possibilities for use within the next 12 month period. Whether or not to accept will be a decision of the full Board following the regular process of voting.

The decision will initiate one of two procedures to be followed:

If the gift can be utilized within the 12 months, a letter of acceptance and thanks will be forwarded to the donor noting when and where the gift will be utilized.

If the gift cannot be utilized within the next 12 months, or if the Board chooses not to accept, a letter declining the gift will be forwarded to the donor.

*The Good News is
Happy Holidays to all
and in other news...
Membership Dues are due!*



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