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BLMA NEWS

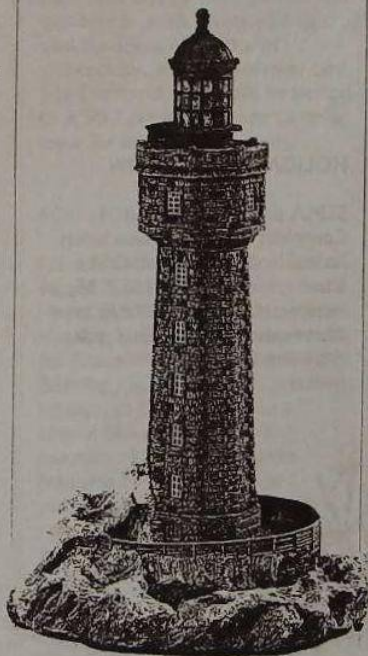
BEAVERTAIL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

BEAVERTAIL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM AWARDED CHAMPLIN GRANT

In December, 1996, the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association was awarded a \$12,000 Champlin Fund grant to restore windows, walls, and interior woodwork. The Board of Directors approved John E. Dennen Company (the lowest bidder) to do the work. As of this, writing the, interior work has been completed. The exterior windows will be in place this spring.

Members may recall that two years ago BLMA received a \$35,000 grant from the Champlin Fund. That grant was used to reroof the red roof of the entire Beavertail Lighthouse complex.

Needless to say, the BLMA is most grateful to the Champlin Fund for its continued support and generosity. Through these endowments, the Champlin Fund is helping to preserve an important historic location that brings so much enjoyment to the many who visit Beavertail each year.



MUSEUM ENERGY AUDIT

December was a busy month for the BLMA. Wayne Ferri, an energy specialist for R.I.S.E. Engineering, conducted an energy audit at the museum. The following proposals were recommended: insulating the attic to R30; sealing all potential outside leaks; insulating floor joists; and custom making special interior windows. These recommendations were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. R.I.S.E. is in the process of completing this work.

Our largest expense at the museum is our fuel bill. We expect to see a substantial reduction in fuel costs with the implementation of these energy saving steps.



GOOD NEWS..... FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our hard working museum volunteers will be most pleased to learn that we have installed toilet facilities and a sink in the museum's second floor.

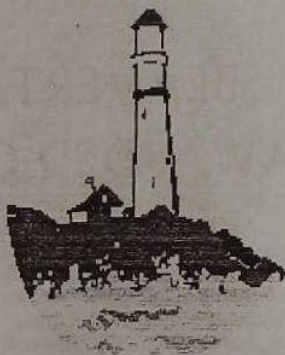
These facilities are for the exclusive use of our volunteers. Jamestown Town Manager, Fran Shockett and Public Works Director, Steve Goslee granted permission to install the facility provided it will be used by Museum volunteers only..NO EXCEPTIONS!

HOORAY!!!!!!!!!!!! No more treks to the outhouse ☺.

LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY PAYS VISIT

Members of the United States Lighthouse Society visited Beavertail in November. Headquartered in San Francisco, California, members of the organization took their annual trip to the east coast, which this year included Beavertail. The Coast Guard provided the group with a private tour of the lighthouse tower.

Bob and Trudy Dennis, along with Tony Faria, were on hand at the museum answering questions. Tee shirts, books, hats, etc. were sold. Over \$800!!!!!!!! That sure helps to pay the annual fuel bill.



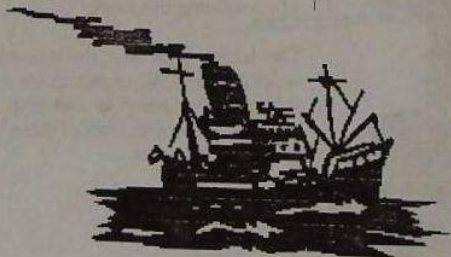
HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

BLMA participated in the Conanicut Island Art Association annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. We grossed \$1672.35, an increase of \$600.00. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.

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ON THE HORIZON



YANKEE MAGAZINE

Recently, Tony Faria was contacted by a free lance writer hired by YANKEE MAGAZINE, to write an article about historic New England lighthouses. Fortunately, the writer, having been raised in Fall River, was quite familiar with Beavertail. Tony provided her with additional facts about Beavertail history. It was also a great opportunity to talk about the effort all the volunteers have put forth to keep the museum open.

It will take approximately a year before the article will be published in Yankee magazine. Be on the lookout.



BEAVERTAIL LIGHTHOUSE MODEL

In March, 1997, HARBOR LIGHTS, the award winning maker of limited edition collectible lighthouses will be introducing a new model of Beavertail.

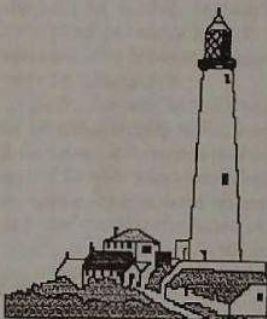
These hard to find replicas are the most sought after collectible lighthouse models in the country. Each lighthouse is hand painted and numbered. Each comes with its own history, a certificate of authenticity, and a registration card. The Beavertail model will be limited to 9,500 pieces. We hope to have these for sale at the museum.

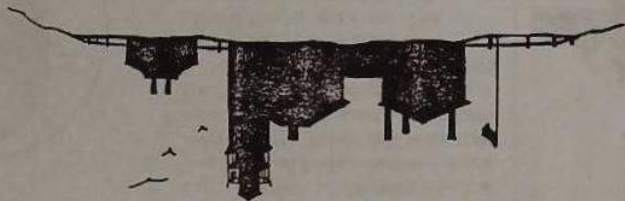
FOG HORN BUILDING

Larry Mouradjian, Division Head of Rhode Island Parks, announced at a recent BLMA Advisory Committee meeting, that plans are being made for Beavertail's original Fog Horn Building, adjacent to the caretakers cottage, to be converted to a natural history museum. The museum will have water tanks featuring fish, crustaceans and various other marine life. This will certainly be a welcome addition to Beavertail State Park.

STRIPED BASS UNDER REPAIR

One of the major attractions at the Beavertail Museum is our famous 65 pound striped bass. Caught in 1938, it is currently undergoing repairs at the Louis A. Wolf & Son Taxidermist of Coventry, R.I. It is expected that the repairs will be completed in time for our 1997 season.





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