The Lighthouse Log

A publication of the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association, Inc..

Happy Millennium (and then some)....

None of the hoopla about Y2K and its potential problems had any effect whatsoever on what must have been the most beautiful Holiday Open House ever!

We had one of those balmy Sundays that are such a treasured gift in December, and the whole Park was booming with visitors. A great many of them were delighted to find the Museum open and serving goodies to boot!

Everyone had a wonderful time, and as always, just coming through the door into the peace and contentment that is particular to the area was pleasure enough. But to add homemade baked goods, hot coffee, chocolate or cider, the beautifully understated decorations (who needs glitter and glitz with THAT view?) and the beaming smiles of welcome brought a whole new dimension to pleasure. Door prizes were taken away by smiling, happy winners and the winners were:

A print by Connie Armbrust, a local artist of renown - Cassie Minto, Jamestown, RI;

A special edition Anniversary Lighthouse Medallion - Ed Duval, visiting from Connecticut;

A Beavertail Lighthouse Cap - Nancy McFadzean, from Connecticut;

A pair of 250th Anniversary Tee shirts - Anna and Charlie Auld.

A Lighthouse Activity Book - Nathan Giblin, a Rhode Islander;

A Lighthouse Blinking Button - Stephen Joslin.

A super job was accomplished once more by Anna Harrison-Auld, Ann Bucher and Linda Warner, a trio that knows just how to make it just exactly right!!

Many thanks for your hard work, delicious food and beautiful decorations.

A New Era...troubled already.

With the passage of the old year, the old century and the old millennium, we stand on the brink of a whole new era, looking ahead just a little bit to a brand new season for the Lighthouse and the museum. And already we've experienced some upheavals.

In January, 2000, with the death of W. Craig Armington, the community of Jamestown and BLMA suffered the loss of an enthusiastic and caring person. Craig was active in many of the volunteer arenas, which are the heart and soul of Jamestown, among them BLMA. He served for several years as our treasurer and was instrumental in the creation of the BLMA Scholarship Fund. Annual awards from this fund are made to graduating high school seniors who are residents of Jamestown, RI, and intend to further their education at an institution of higher learning.

The Scholarship Program is quite in keeping with the BLMA commitment to education, preservation and protection of the environment in general, as well as the Lighthouse and the area surrounding it. Many people have made memorial donations in Craig's name to keep his favorite program alive and growing. If you would like to do so, checks can be made to BLMA Scholarship Fund and mailed to PO Box 83, Jamestown, RI 02835-0083.

Our President, Eric Armour, found himself facing many more pressing obligations in his career, and tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors (but not from the Association) and there we were with two vacancies on the Board just as the new season began to poke its head over the horizon - so...we gathered together, quite hastily as you might guess, pulled ourselves up my our bootstraps and came up with a new roster:

Officers are:

President, Charles D. Auld; Vice President, Hugh Bucher, Treasurer, Richard Sullivan, Secretary, Charlotte Richardson.

Directors are:

Don Barrows, Bob Dennis, Peter Frazier, Linda Levesque, Jim Munro, and Susan Warszawski.

Please see back cover for the spring schedule, and consider taking part in the spring cleanup days.

Spring Opening Schedule

Clean-up Day Sat - May 6, 2000 9:00 - 12:00

Orientation/Open House Sat - May 13, 2000 10:00 - 12:00

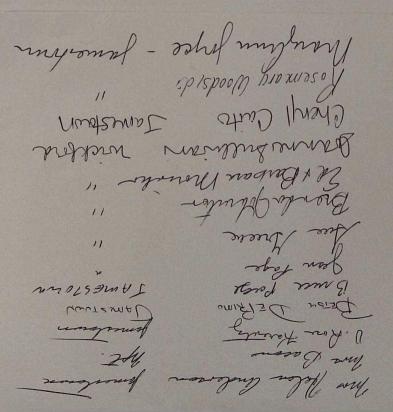
Opening Day May 13 - June 18, 2000 Weekends 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. June 24, 2000 - Labor Day - Daily 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We hope you'll find the time to come out to Beavertail Point to assist with the chores that need doing before our season is upon us. It's a GREAT place to be, even with a rake or a broom in hand. Come out and join us! We'll be looking for you!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The next Board Meeting is scheduled
Tuesday - May 2, 2000 - 6:00 p.m.
Jamestown Police Station
Conference Room

Please call 423-1879 if you are unable to attend BUT please make a sincere effort to be there. Lots of work to be done.





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