SPECIAL HONOR FOR NEW JERSEY ARTIST

Story & photos by Rosemary Dixon

On a gorgeous, sunny day, August 23, 2003 the US Postal Service held a ceremony for "The Second Day Unveiling of the Southeastern Lighthouse Commemorative Stamps" at the Twin Lights Historical site. A beautiful program brochure featured each of the five stamps on the cover, and showcased the Twin Lights of Navesink with historical facts on the inside leaf. Our own Society President, Tom Laverty, was one of the main guest speakers.

Another speaker, famous artist Howard Koslow, of Toms River, New Jersey, is the creator of all three series of US lighthouse commemorative postage stamps:
April 26, 1990: Historical American Lighthouses: issued Washington, DC
June 17, 1995: Lighthouses of the Great Lakes: issued Cheboygan, Mi.

After the ceremony all the speakers were available to sign programs. Mr. Koslow was seated at a table set up by some of his works, where he patiently signed prints, postcards, and first day covers for everyone waiting in line. A special, dated, pictorial cancellation depicting Twin Lights was designed just for this event.

I became a collector of lighthouse stamps in 1990, inspired by the first US lighthouse series. Since then I have obtained lighthouse stamps and first day covers from many countries around the world. (my most recent acquisition was in Ecuador last November) Because of my special interest, I asked Mr. Koslow for an interview, which he graciously granted. During the interview in October, I had the opportunity to meet his wife, see his studio, memorabilia, many works of art, and to photograph him there.

Mr. Koslow designed his first US postage stamp—the 8 cent 10th Anniversary Antarctic Treaty—in 1971. He has since created forty-four more, including the Brooklyn Bridge 100th Anniversary; the Signing of the US Constitution; Princeton University 250th Anniversary; and the 30th Anniversary Antarctic Treaty reprise.

He began his art training during high school in Brooklyn, receiving great instruction and encouragement from the head of the art department. His work was submitted to the NYC Art School League competition, where he won a scholarship to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. After graduation from Pratt, he served a one-year apprenticeship under the direction of the

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Outreach

Outreach Events planned for 2004:

June 5, 2004, 10AM to 4PM. Berkeley Island County Park Ocean Co

August, 2004. East Point Lighthouse

September 24 & 25, 2004 Baymen's Decoy Show, Tuckerton, NJ

Volunteers are needed for all events. If there is an event happening in your area please and you would like to volunteer please notify Yvonne Miller—(609) 654-2585

Editors Note: Please note there is a change in "The Beam's" email address

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T-Shirt Contest
September 27, 2003

Judges
Hugh Murphy Jr.
Carolyn Neal
Don Smith

Winners
Best NJ Lighthouse —— Judy Dawson
Farthest Lighthouse —— Cindy Mitzen
Best Lighthouse —— Donna Bishop
Ugliest —— David Rosner

Editors Note:
The Editors apologies for the delay in reporting the winners and unfortunately there were no pictures available.
Okay, so we had to cancel our December meeting for the first time ever and that became the first meeting NJLHS has canceled in over 10 years. That early December snow caught a lot of us by surprise. We will try again to get the Holiday social going this year. Speaking of meetings, the June one was no picnic either – figuratively or literally. Lightning bolts reigned down over the Hudson River Valley as we met under the tent at Stoney Point in June, and it also stormed at the September meeting at Pennsville, but at least we were inside. Despite the weather a good time was had by all that attended our 2003 meetings. Let’s hope 2004 is a bit tamer.

Some of the highlights from those meeting are:

In March we had another successful photo contest at the Audubon Park Community Center with a presentation from the folks at the Battleship New Jersey. In June we moved onto Stony Point Battlefield in New York. Despite those thunderstorms we had a great meeting and climbed the Stony Point Lighthouse. Pennsville High School was the site for the September meeting and a presentation by Candace Clifford, author and lighthouse researcher. Our annual Preservation Raffle took place that day and raised $6800 for preservation projects. December’s holiday social, well we covered that.

In between meetings our members took trips to Rhode Island seeing several lights along that State’s coast and took a side trip out to Block Island for tours of the two lighthouses there. Charlotte Johnson of the Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation gave an excellent presentation to our group about the work her organization has done. On November 8th, members were able to take a trip to the Staten Island Lighthouses, a group of lights that were high on the priority list as these lights can be a little difficult to get to on your own.

Other 2003 NJLHS activities included hiring a lighthouse expert to do a condition assessment of the Barnegat lens housed at the Barnegat Light Museum on Long Beach Island. The purpose of the lens assessment program is to locate and document these historic optics and determine what condition they are in. We want to see them preserved for the future.

National Lighthouse Museum both through a financial contribution of $2500 and the loaning of materials to display in a lighthouse exhibit at the Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences. The exhibit ran from July to September.

A preservation donation for $2800 was given to East Point Lighthouse to assist with window work, and $500 was given to the Absecon Lighthouse.

NJLHS efforts at Sandy Hook moved ahead as well. Though there were some technical difficulties that slowed down the renovations of the Keeper’s house by the National Park Service and Sandy Hook Foundation that project is still progressing. Planning for NJLHS sponsored exhibits in the house is underway. Our tour program at the Light continues to be very popular. The 49 NJLHS volunteers at Sandy Hook logged over 2700 hours and gave tours to close to 8000 visitors.

Lighthouse Challenge continues to be a success with some financial support coming from the State Office of Commerce and Economic Development. Their $3000 grant allowed us to print brochures and distribute them in more locations than ever before. We also partnered with the Chesapeake Chapter of the US Lighthouse Society who did their first Lighthouse Challenge in September. There were 354 People who completed both Challenges and received a special certificate. A total of 1149 completed all 11 lights on our Challenge but more impressively close to 20,000 lighthouse visits took place during the two-day October weekend.

If you are thinking that the above is a lot to accomplish for an organization like ours, keep in mind that we sent people out to do countless speaking engagements. NJLHS set up displays and information tables at a dozen or more fairs, festivals, and open houses. We publish a newsletter four times a year, as well as keep the administrative side of the organization humming along. None of this is done by just one individual. Everyone on the masthead of the Beam deserves a thank you, as do the many volunteers of this great organization.

Thank you for making 2003 a great one, I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish in the coming year.
NJLHS Speakers Spread The Word
By Bill Volpe

Through the efforts of Joe and Donna Kelly, Ray and Ilse Vliet, Rich and Elinor Veit, Jack Slavin, Tom Laverty and yours truly, the Speakers Bureau was able to reach almost 650 people in 2003 to spread the word about New Jersey’s Lighthouses.

Invitations came from a variety of historic, educational, social, and fraternal organizations both within and sometime beyond our New Jersey borders. Several of our talks have resulted in donations of our Lighthouse Education Kits to local schools and libraries.

The Kelly’s efforts have been documented in The Sand Piper and The Leader, both Ocean County news publications. The Vliet’s usually cover Middlesex County, the Veit’s the Atlantic County and surrounding areas while Jack Slavin reaches out to the southwestern side of the State. Tom’s talks have extended all the way to the regional National Lighthouse Conference at St. Augustine, Florida, where his topic, “Building Partnerships with the Community,” included experiences encountered in organizing the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge.

My wife, Ann, and I have presented our program to over 175 members of the Rutgers University retiree group, the Silver Knights (our largest crowd ever), and addressed two 5th grade classes at the Robert Mascenik School in Iselin, NJ. These students had embarked on a Lighthouse Project, aided in part by materials included in the NJLHS Lighthouse Educational Kit. Each student was assigned a US Lighthouse and required to write a report and construct a replica.

My observation as I left this presentation was that the students exhibited excellent behavior, displayed remarkable interest in the subject, raised interesting questions, and submitted impressive reports and quality lighthouse models. This was a truly rewarding experience for me and I hope to share a part of that experience with the membership by exhibiting some of the replicas along with the individual thank you letters at the March meeting.

My thanks to all the volunteers in the Speakers Bureau for their commitment, time and travel, and for spreading the word about New Jersey’s great lighthouse treasures.

Headlights for Lighthouses ……

Invites Lighthouse Preservation Organizations to be a part of the weekend opening Art Show:

Join us as we open the event on May 14, 2004 between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm in the Harbor Room at the Holiday Inn in Falmouth with our Headlights for Lighthouses Art Event. This event will feature arts and crafts by regional Artisans. The main theme of many of works will be Cape Cod. This is a great opportunity to pick up some wonderful and unique souvenirs of the Headlights for Lighthouses event and your trip to Cape Cod. Items are priced reasonably and there will be a great variety of media and items to choose from.

Lighthouse preservation organizations are also welcome to join in on this event to help promote your club and sell club merchandise.

Please see http://www.firebirdsforever.cc/Art_Event_Application.doc for an application if you are interested in obtaining a table for this event.

If you are interested in participating in the car cruise on Saturday May 15th, please see http://www.firebirdsforever.cc/hfregistr03.htm for a registration form.

If you have any questions please let me know. We hope to see you there.

Thanks!
Shirin Pagels

$$$ NJLHS Financial Health $$$
By Bill Volpe

Thanks to the generosity of our membership, a grant from the New Jersey Department of Commerce, the annual Raffle, Sandy Hook donations and sales, and Challenge donations, fiscal 2003 was a positive year for the NJLHS.

A new Budget for 2004 has been approved by the Board of Directors; a summary of that action is as follows:

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Since the line item detail associated with the budget is too lengthy to publish in The Beam, it will be distributed at the March meeting. Anyone desiring advance detail may contact Bill Volpe, 220 Felton Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904 or at (732) 846-2196.
Lighthouse Challenge 2003

By Shiela Lacouture

On a cool fall weekend in October, thousands of people were driving around New Jersey, looking at...not autumn leaves, but lighthouses, eleven of them, all open at the same hours for the two days.

This was the fourth annual Lighthouse Challenge, held on October 18 and 19, and a whopping 1,149 people completed the Challenge, visiting all 11 lighthouses in the two-day span. The number of "finishers" as well as the total of all visitors to any of the lighthouses, represents an overall increase of 20 percent in the numbers who drove around the coastline of the state, according to Rick Weber, event chairman.

Visitors came from 22 states and one foreign country, the United Kingdom. Motorcycle groups made the Challenge into a rally, and one teacher from Cape May County brought along a whole busload of sixth-graders, as well as several senior citizens from a computer club, as part of a long-term series of school projects. John Ward, teaches at Sandman Consolidated School in Cape May. The students will write essays, and eventually produce twelve books about the lighthouses, to be read to preschool and kindergarten classes during Read Across America Week. The youngsters will apply mathematics when they design and build scale models of the 11 lighthouses, and write about the history of the lighthouses, to be shared with fourth graders in their study of New Jersey history.

Ward received a $4,800 grant for the project. Bringing the school group to the Lighthouse Challenge was probably the most ambitious effort, but many others, who traveled from lighthouse to lighthouse, put in plenty of effort on their own. One couple, Sherman and Lisa Meade, flew into Philadelphia from their home in Knoxville, Tennessee, especially to do the Challenge. Others drove all night from Virginia and other states, to spend a weekend touring New Jersey’s beacon sites. One group of seven women, alumni of Mount Saint Vincent College in Riverdale, New York, was holding an informal reunion nearby at the shore home of one of the group, and spent part of the weekend taking up the Challenge.

There were plenty of family groups, with kids of all ages, and one 85-year-old woman, Lena Felix, of Oakhurst, N.J. climbed the steps in the Sandy Hook lighthouse. She had been coming to Sandy Hook for 40 years with her family, but this was the first time she ever climbed to the top of the lighthouse. "And she's not even out of breath," noted Susan Smith, an NJLHS member.

Visitors had a chance to buy special Challenge 2003 T-shirts, sold at most sites.

This was the fourth annual Lighthouse Challenge, and since it has received official recognition from the State of New Jersey in a proclamation issued by Governor James McGreevey, and is supported by the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, Office of Travel and Tourism, and many of the visitors have done the Challenge annually, the event has become an annual fixture here in New Jersey.

It looks as though there will be a Fifth Lighthouse Challenge in 2004.
Seven Alumnae from Mount St. Vincent College, Riverdale, NY at Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Photo by Sheila Lacoutoure.

Bill Geilfuss and Peter Harp, Docents at Hereford Lighthouse, below Andrew and Jordan Heck sign up. Jordan has competed all four NJ challenges. Photo by Cindy Mitzen.

Tom Hoffmans at Sandy Hook. Tom, a NJLHS member, meets Tom, a Park Ranger. Photo by Sheila Lacoutoure.

Sandy Hook (left)
The Triumph Association (car club) at Tucker’s Island Lighthouse. And right a school group from Lower Township at Sandy Hook.

Groups (left) Red, White and Blue Freedom Riders from Cape May, at
Challenge 2003

Below Anne and Karl Fahringer, Howell, NJ finished both MD and NJ lighthouse challenges.
Photo by Rosemary Dixon.

BJ Smith congratulates Paul J Carroll, the first finisher as well as dual finisher at East Point Lighthouse.
Photo by Al Smith.

Lisa Rene Meade was the 1,000th challenger at Sea Girt Lighthouse.
Photo by Greg Fitzgerald.

The Benkerts and Thomsons, 1st Visitors at East Point Light
Photo by Al Smith.

[Image: Group photo of BJ Smith congratulating Paul J. Carroll, Anne and Karl Fahringer, and Lisa Rene Meade with a photo of the Benkerts and Thomsons at East Point Light.]
Your purchases support the goals of the society

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Lt Brown M thru 2X
Dk Brown S and 3X

Society White S thru 2X
Grey S L XL
Blue S

Range Lts Ivory S L thru 3X
Lt Brown M thru XL
Dk Brown S and 3X

T-shirt
Design Color Sizes
Coastal White L thru 3X
Grey L thru 3X
Society White S L thru 3X
Grey S L thru 3X
Blue S L thru XL
Green S L thru XXL

Range Lts White S thru 3X
Happy 120th Birthday!!!

Story by David Rosner
Photo courtesy of Sunny Mclean
Official Village Photographer

Saturday Oct. 11, 2003 was a very exciting day in the Village of Sleepy Hollow. It was the 120th anniversary of the newly renamed Lighthouse at Sleepy Hollow, formerly known as the Tarrytown Lighthouse.

I was there as a member of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, to activate the lighthouse, that is, to set up a ham radio station and make contacts around the US and the world. The weather was mild and sunny in the low 70's as we set up around 5 am. Along with two other ham operators we made about 40 contacts. We had hoped for more due to this year having electricity rather than battery operation last October. We did have two radios operating on different frequencies, but due to some technical and propagation problems more contacts were not made. We were in operation for about five hours.

Little hit of history of the lighthouse: Built in 1882-83 it was the southern-most in a series of eight lighthouses providing navigational aid to shipping on the Hudson River in New York. First lit in 1883, the rock rimmed cast iron tower was designated as “a family station” as the keeper and his family lived there year round. The light was automated in 1957 by the Coast Guard and decommissioned in 1965. The County of Westchester acquired the land and lighthouse in 1974 and became The Lighthouse at Sleepy Hollow this summer as the village took over the property, which is located at Kingsland Point Park. This is part of the waterfront redevelopment of former GM plant. Mayor Zegarelli and the village are working to have light relit with a new fresnel lens and the possibility of it as a rotating beacon. The lighthouse was lit up Saturday night with white lights around tower and a bright white lamp on top, as a spectacular fireworks display went on.

If there any other hams in group please let me know about further activations. My email is: roz062852@yahoo.com.

Hereford Inlet Light Station
North Wildwood, New Jersey

By Steve Murray

Phase three of a four phase restoration project begun in 1999 has recently been completed. Financed through a TEA.21 grant, the entire exterior of the building now looks as it did in 1874 when it was constructed.

This major renovation included the re-constructed of all the exterior stairs, porches and railings. New wood sash windows, replicas of the original replaced the vinyl clad installed in the 1980’s. Authentic style louvered shutters were hung around these as well. Cedar siding was replaced where needed and exterior doors were reconstructed or refurbished. One of the most visible of changes was the reconstruction of a staircase and back door entrance to the kitchen (now the gift shop). This entranceway visible from Central Avenue had been removed 50 years ago. The greatest difference to most though, is the color. White with various trim colors for one hundred years, it is now the original shade - straw. Accent colors are sand and light gray with dark lead for the stairs and decking.

Lighthouse Board Chief Draftsman Paul J. Pelz, designer of the Library of Congress, designed Hereford. Hereford and at least four other Lighthouses on the West Coast were built from a common design. Each had slight variations according to their particular needs. These included Point Fermin, Point Hueneke, East Brother and Mare Island.

The architectural style can be described as Carpenter Gothic (with Swiss Chalet influences). It is also commonly referred to as “Stick” style.

The project architect for the ongoing restoration is Hugh McCauley, United Architects, Bryn Mawr, Pa. General Contractor for this phase (and phase one) is Havercstick-Borthwick, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Funding is in place (another Tea 21 grant) for phase four - the interior which will begin in the winter of 2005.

Hereford is still an active aid to navigation as well as a living history museum open to the public for tours. Award winning gardens surround the Lighthouse at its scenic location near the Atlantic Ocean at the mouth of the Hereford Inlet.

For more information:
Hereford Inlet Lighthouse
111 North Central Avenue
North Wildwood NJ 08260
Phone: 609-522-4520
Website: www.herefordlighthouse.org
Help Wanted
Recipes needed for a cookbook to be made up for the New Jersey Lighthouse Society from hors d'oeuvres to entrees. We are in need of approximately 150 recipes to fill a book. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share contact Marty or Bob at 609-877-1393 for a sheet with all the information needed. Of particular interest are recipes from lighthouse keepers. Note that not all recipes will be included, we will probably receive more than one copy of some recipes.
Send recipes to:
Marion and Robert Hudspeth
15 Petunia Lane
Willingboro, NJ 08046.

Instructions
TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL, AND PLACE ONLY ONE RECIPE PER FORM
If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz pkg, 24-oz can.
Keep directions in paragraph form - not in steps.
Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
DO NOT use statements like, "Combine first three ingredients."
Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking, and/or freezing times.
Anything not part of the recipe (ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size or recipe title) will not be included unless you select Recipe Notes for an extra charge.
Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
Your recipes should fit into the following categories:
Appetizers & Beverages
Breads & Rolls
Soups & Salads
Desserts
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Cookies & Candy
Main Dishes
This & That

Cut out and use or call for a new sheet with full directions.
To those of you who've returned your renewal form and dues, thank you! Your new cards will be arriving shortly.

**Meeting Attendees:**
Due to the cancellation of the December meeting, there is no number to report. Reminder: Please sign the book. We like to keep track of how many people are coming to the meetings to ensure a facility large enough and plenty of chairs.

**Membership Numbers:**
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
- Single Memberships = 438
- Family Memberships = 346 x 2 = 692
- Total Members = 1,130

**Reminders:**
Should the need arise, please direct all membership questions to me. I have all the information and will be able to answer you immediately. Please feel free to email or call.

**Society Nametags:** Stop by the Membership Table to order the nametags. They are $4.00 each, paid for when ordering, and will be mailed to you. (Orders will be taken at meetings only.)

**Changes:** If you’re moving, changing your membership status, phone number, or e-mail address, please let me know so I can have your most current information. I like to keep the database up to date!

**Gift Membership:** A membership to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society would be the perfect gift for that person who has everything! Please allow enough time for me to process the application!

**New Members:**
Since the December issue of The Beam, the following members have joined our Society. (Please note that if you become a member after the deadline for The Beam, you will be listed in the following issue.) If you happen to meet them at a future meeting, please welcome them!

- Chester & Lina Belkewitch
- Cynthia Bill
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- Kathy & Timothy Bowers
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- Sally Bush
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Cream Ridge, NJ
Neptune, NJ
Somers Pt., NJ
Red Bank, NJ
Roselle Park, NJ
Glassboro, NJ
Navesink, NJ
Cherry Hill, NJ
Woodstown, NJ
Annandale, VA
Camp Hill, PA
Freehold, NJ
N. Brunswick, NJ
THE 2004 PHOTO CONTEST

By Al Smith

The time is upon us for the 2004 Photo Contest. I hope you have selected the entry or entries that will put YOU in (or keep you in) The Winner's Circle.

We have a system that seems to work pretty well and we will keep to it again this year; same categories and everything:

NJ Lights, Larger than 5X7  
Other Lights, Larger than 5X7,

NJ Lights, 5X7 and Smaller, 
Other Lights, 5X7 and Smaller,

The Winner's Circle.

Remember, for those of you not in The Winner's Circle, you may submit up to 3 photographs TOTAL in any category or combination of categories. For those of you in The Winner's Circle, you may submit only 2 photographs and they may be any size or any lighthouse, anywhere. Postcards were sent out near the end of January to all 'members' of the Winner's Circle.

All pictures must have a registration slip with them. ANY picture with the photographer's name or business on it ANYWHERE will be disqualified. If you need extra registration slips, they may be copied, drawn in crayon or any other way you can make them. Oh, they will also be available at the meeting for YOU to fill out (NOT the registrars).

NO photos will be returned by mail unless return postage is included!

Throughout this article I have mentioned only Lighthouses. Lightships, lens or any part of a 'lighthouse' so to speak is perfectly ok. Just identify where it is from so it can go into the appropriate category.

I have invited Edd Mathisen and Ted Skeen, the KODAK Ambassadors, to visit with us again and share with us their expertise as Master Photographers. For some of you this will be a 'refresher course' but I hope that we will have many new members who will benefit from Edd's & Ted's visit. I felt that it was MUCH harder to select the winning photographs after Edd's and Ted's last visit and I think we can ALL learn something from them. They will also talk about digital photography.

As always, I am looking for some HELP with the photo contest. Those who helped out as registrars, etc., last year did a great job and I hope you will help out again this year. I will send a postcard to those who have helped in the past and you can let me know if you are interested. If anyone else is interested in helping out, whether you have in the past or not, please see me before the meeting. Thanks to all those who have helped in the past, you have helped me keep what little hair I still have.

Questions? cmagsmith@juno.com or 856 546 0514 and leave a message.

N JLHS 2004 People's Choice Photo Contest Entry Blank

Name: ___________________________ Phone # (__________)____________________

Address: ____________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________

CATEGORY

NEW JERSEY L/H; LARGER THAN 5X7 _____________ OTHER LIGHTS; LARGER THAN 5X7 _____________
NEW JERSEY L/H, 5X7 & SMALLER _____________ OTHER LIGHTS; 5X7 & SMALLER _____________
WINNER'S CIRCLE _____________

TITLE OF PHOTO: ____________________________
renowned French poster artist, Jean Carlu, in his NYC studio.

Later Mr. Koslow went on to the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Here he was exposed to a new environment, meeting with students and professional artists from all over the world.

As a participant in the US Air Force Historical Art Program, he has traveled on assignment extensively. His work has been commissioned by NASA, the National Park Service, the US Coast Guard, the Franklin Mint, Jacques Cousteau, and Random House, among others. His paintings are included in many private and corporate collections.

Mr. Koslow's works include a series of collectible lighthouse plates for the Hamilton Collection and designs of commemorative cachet covers for the Unicover Corp. Due to my interest in postage stamps, Mr. Koslow loaned me a book entitled "Pushing the Envelope—the Art of the Postage Stamp" from the Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Mass. From this I learned that the first US postage stamps were issued in 1847: 5 cent Ben Franklin and 10 cent George Washington. These were made from engraved portraits.

The number of hand-engraved stamps gradually decreased as newer printing techniques were employed. The evolution of stamp design was greatly advanced by Stevan Dohanos through his involvement with the US Postal Service from 1959-1989. He designed forty US stamps and commissioned over 300 other stamps created by artists affiliated with the Society of Illustrators in NY. The graphic simplicity is unlike stamps of earlier decades. The world of stamp design and collection was changed forever.

Of course, to me and to many members of NJLHS, the beauty of the lighthouses is the greatest pleasure. The Old Cape Henry stamp is really beautiful, but I do wish that both the old and new lighthouses could have been included on the stamp, as in the painting that Mr. Koslow designed for the Unicover Corp. cachet.

Each of the three previous series has been printed in a vertical format, which emphasizes the height of the lighthouses. However, some lighthouses are long, such as the Twin Lights of Navesink. Perhaps a series of stamps in a horizontal style could best illustrate this type of structure. (particularly when there are two towers involved, such as Saybrook and Lynde Point). We all thank Mr. Koslow for his 15 inspirational lighthouse stamp creations and look forward to a new series of lighthouse stamps in the near future.

Sources:
• Interview 10/20/03 Howard Koslow
• Pushing the Envelope-the Art of the Postage Stamp, 2000;
• Norman Rockwell Museum at Stockbridge

SANDY HOOK HAPPENINGS

By Al Smith

It seems like we just ended our tours for the year and here it is March already and we are making plans for the new season.

I have scheduled an orientation for the ‘veterans’ on March 27th from 10 A.M. to 12 noon with lunch to be held at the Firehouse where we hold the Volunteer Dinner.

New volunteers will meet on the same day at the Firehouse closest to the Lighthouse at 10 A.M. for a ‘familiarization’ program sponsored by the National Park Service. Then you will join us at the other Firehouse for an orientation on Lighthouse Operations.

As always, I am looking for new volunteers and EVERYONE is invited to come out and join us! Don’t forget: bring your schedules so we can ‘book’ this year up right away!

The National Park Service (through Lou Venuto, Chief of Interpretation) has informed me that the latest plan for the Keeper’s House has all the offices on the one side and ‘living’ quarters on the other with a firewall in between. NJLHS office will be on the third floor where there was once going to be a bedroom ‘suite’. They also have to move the ‘kitchen’ out of the middle room. Veterans know what I am talking about. Anyone interested will be able to take a ‘tour’ of the Keeper’s House after orientation.

Keep in mind that this is plan ‘472’ (or thereabouts) and it still subject to change.

Tour guides may be happy to know that the Coast Guard ANT, New York, has replaced the defective light changer so there should be less danger of the light failing as we have had in the past.

Remember the proposal made at the top of the lighthouse in October? Well, Larry and Kim tied the knot December 28th, 2003 at the lighthouse (well, the firehouse). The bride, in a gold sheath with an ‘ice princess’ cape, and the groom along with members of the wedding party climbed to the top of the lighthouse for an abbreviated tour by ‘yours truly’. The only bad part was that NPS or SHF turned off the heat even though we told them about the wedding. It was a nice day so it wasn’t icy cold inside and it seemed that everyone enjoyed the wedding.

So, come join us at The Hook and see what happens this year!

Lighthouse Challenge Graphics

We’re looking for an individual to handle the design work for the brochure, posters and other materials for the NJLHS Challenge 2004. Please contact Doreen Lagattuta 732-295-8110 or dor0102@monmouth.com
Collecting & visiting lighthouses is his hobby!

Barry Wood (right) of 3 Ivy Ridge Close enjoys collecting and visiting lighthouses. Having lived on the Jersey Shore (Pine Beach) prior to joining the US Air Force, he has always loved the beach and the lighthouses that dot the coast. After retiring and settling down in this area, he started collecting Harbour Lights Lighthouse models. He presently has over 125 Lighthouse models, which include most of the lighthouses he and his wife, Joan, have seen on the many day trips they take. He also collects duck hunting stamps that contain a picture of a lighthouse. Barry has the entire signed limited edition collection of the New Jersey and North Carolina stamps and matching prints.

He is an avid e-Bay buyer and seller. Barry has bought and sold many lighthouse related items on the internet. Barry and Joan often plan their vacations around lighthouse visits. These visits included Prince Edward Island, Maine, the Outer Banks, Florida, Rhode Island, many cruises, and their most recent trip of 57 days driving cross-country. They never pass a lighthouse without climbing and photographing it, and researching its history. They are long-time members of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. When it was time to propose to his wife, Joan, what better place than at the top of a lighthouse! He chose Hereford inlet in Wildwood, NJ. It is a beautiful lighthouse with wonderful wildflower gardens and stunning ocean views. They were lucky enough to be alone at the top.

Book Review

Safely to Shore: America’s Lighthouses : by Iris Van Rynbach.
Paperback, 32 pages.
Ages 6-11.

Iris Van Rynbach is an illustrator of over a dozen books for children whose works have appeared in The New York Times and Gourmet magazine.

Safely to Shore, her latest work, is a non-fiction children’s book about lighthouses. In its 32 pages it covers the purposes and history of lighthouses, how they work, stories of their keepers and highlights 22 lighthouses including Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

Sections such as “What makes a lighthouse?” and “What makes the light?” are interspersed with stories of individual lighthouses. Included in the book are lighthouses from the East Coast, West Coast, Gulf Coast, Great Lakes, Alaska and Hawaii.

Some of the language might be a bit difficult for readers at the lower end of the age range, but this is a book that a lighthouse parent would share with their child and language shouldn’t pose a problem. There are nicely done pen and ink and watercolor illustrations on each page.

Safely to Shore takes a “broad brush” approach to lighthouses, and is similar to Gail Gibbons, 1991, Beacon’s of Light: Lighthouse or Jason Cooper’s 1991 book, Lighthouses, but Safely to Shore is a bit more technical and written to slightly older age group.

Safely to Shore is well written and illustrated and a great addition to your children’s book shelf.
Program Signals:

By Yvonne Miller

Spring Meeting:
The March 20, 2004 meeting will be held at the Audubon Park Complex. Elections and the Photo Contest will be held at this meeting.

Hospitality 10:30 am — (Members are encouraged to bring goodies)

General Membership Meeting 11:00 am

Break for Lunch to vote between meeting & program * 12:15

Lunch will be made available by the ladies of the Audubon Park 4th of July Committee.

Look for details about menu and prices in Betty Smith’s article in this issue of the Beam.

Presentation by: * 1PM — Edd & Ted from Kodak

Photo contest - Peoples Choice Voting - See Al Smith’s article in this issue.

* Times approximate.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE NORTH take 295 south to Exit 28. At the top of the ramp, go to the right onto Rte. 168 toward Mt. Ephraim/Camden. Kennedy Drive is about 2 miles north on Rte 168 (after 4th traffic signal). Turn into the jughandle and go to the right to the STOP sign. The Community Hall is directly in front of you. Or Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 3. Follow the directional arrow the Camden Aquarium and enter onto Rt. 168 northbound. Within a mile of your exit is Rte 295, follow directions above.

FROM THE SOUTH take Rte 295 NORTH to exit 28 and take the left at the top of the ramp onto Rte 168 north then follow directions above. FROM PENNSYLVANIA, cross the Walt Whitman Bridge and follow signs to RT 168. Take 168 south to first traffic signal and go around the jughandle across 168 and up Kennedy Drive to the Community Hall.

FROM SHORT POINTS take A/C Expressway to Rte 42 and follow signs to Rte 295 North. Exit at Exit 28 and follow directions above. If you are lost on the day of the meeting call 609 504 3032 and we will "find" you. There will be NJLHS --> signs. When you arrive at the Hall, please DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS, you will be ticketed. Cancellations due to weather etc, would be announced on the internet or on the Society Phone Number, 1-856-546-0514.


FALL MEETING: To be announced - SWEATSHIRT/TSHIRT CONTEST


Obviously, there is no RECAP of the last meeting. We hope that the cancellation did not inconvenience anyone. However, making the call to cancel was the right one. We got the cancellation on the Website and our telephone line as soon as possible and I tried to get notices on some of the TV Stations. Channel 3 in the Philadelphia area did post it and ran it all Saturday morning. If you know the phone numbers of your local TV and radio stations, let me know for future cancellations. We will try to get them to make an announcement.

After BJ gave up Hospitality, I realized that I have been doing Programs as long as she has done Hospitality. We both volunteered at a meeting in Heisleville at least 10 years ago. I am planning on resigning as Programs Chair at then end of this year, it is time that someone with new and fresh ideas steps up to take over. I would like to have someone volunteer to help me over 2004 and to start planning 2005. Anyone interested please call me at 609 654 2585 or contact me at a meeting.

Programs is an important function of the Society and is very rewarding. I have had a great time over the years, met interesting lighthouse professionals, authors and artists. We need new personalities and ideas to join in the planning and the future of the Society. I want to continue in the Activities and Outreach function of the Board as well as to assist the new Programs Chairperson.
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

The Audubon Park 4th of July Committee will be selling lunch at the March meeting.

We will have:

- Sausage sandwich $3.00
- Kielbasi sandwich $2.50
- Hot roast beef sandwich $2.50
- Chicken sandwich $2.50
- Hot dog $1.00
- Pasta salad $1.00
- Fruit salad $1.00
- Chips $.50
- Bottled water $1.00
- Soda $.75

We hope that you will support us as you have in the past and buy your lunch from us.

Thank you
Betty Smith

"Goodies" for Hospitality would be appreciated, please call me, Connie Miller at 609
953 0832 or email CHwood13@aol.com and let me know what you are bringing.