**LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Hello everyone! My name is Lauren Ward and I am the new editor for *The Beam*. I live in South Jersey and I just graduated from Rowan University with a degree in writing. I joined the NJLHS recently. When I heard about the opportunity to become the new editor, I was beyond thrilled. I have always loved the beach and lighthouses, and it is an honor to be able to put together this wonderful journal for everyone to read. At the March general meeting, Brett spoke of the present as a time for revival in the society. This is not the first time I have heard him speak of this, and I am happy to have joined this group during such a time, with new opportunities for lighthouse preservation on the horizon and a chance for a renewal in our shared passion for lighthouses and their histories. I want to thank the last editor, Mike Boucher, for his guidance and advice in taking over the duties of *The Beam*. He truly made it a smooth transition and set such a good example for me to follow with all of the past issues he had put together. I’d also like to thank everyone in the society that I’ve met for warmly welcoming me aboard. I have many ideas for future issues of *The Beam*, so if you have anything that you’d like to send in, comment on, read about, or suggest, please let me know!

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*The photograph on the cover is of East Point Lighthouse and was taken by Lauren Ward during the 2010 New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge.*
(Highlands, NJ — May 15, 2012) When you reach a certain age, some birthdays are best allowed to go quietly unrecognized. Then again, others demand a full-tilt celebration. For the Twin Lights National Historic Site, 2012 is one of those years. It marks the 150th birthday of the current structure—the nation’s only connected lighthouse—which was completed atop the Navesink Highlands in 1862. Between now and October, four events (three of which are free to the public) will mark the Twin Lights sesquicentennial.

The schedule kicks off on Sunday, June 24th with Twin Lights Family Day, an event featuring games, rides, crafts, live music and pirate performers. In a typical year, between 80,000 and 100,000 people climb the North Tower and visit the Twin Lights Museum.

“What a wonderful resource we have for families with young children,” says Twin Lights trustee Claire Reilly-Taylor, who is co-chairing Family Day. “The lighthouse is right in our own backyard, there’s never an admission charge, and every time you visit there is something new for children to see and discover.”

Twin Lights Family Day will run from 11:00 to 3:00, rain or shine, and is free of charge. The Twin Lights Historical Society is sponsoring the event, with food provided in association with local restaurants. Activities will be geared toward children 10 and under.

On August 5th, connoisseurs of local history will be treated to On Hallowed Ground: 150 Years of History at the Twin Lights—an event celebrating the remarkable events that have unfolded at the lighthouse. That Sunday afternoon, from 11:00 to 4:00, visitors will get an unprecedented peek inside America’s first lifesaving station, participate in a flag raising to commemorate the famous 1893 Pledge of Allegiance ceremony, and learn about the groundbreaking work in wireless communications, military radar and optics that took place at the Twin Lights. On Hallowed Ground coincides with the final day of the popular Clam Festival down the hill in Highlands.

“We have been acquiring some pretty fantastic lighthouse and life-saving artifacts and this is our chance to show them off,” says event co-chair Tim Dring, a member of the Museum Collections Committee. “When people realize how much history was made up here—and how directly relevant that history is to their everyday lives—they are blown away.”

A very different crowd is expected on September 16th for Double Exposure: The Twin Lights Through the Artist’s Eye, a fine art and photography event showcasing some of the area’s top creative talent. Double Exposure will be an art show with a twist. What’s the twist?

“The concept is being created with active input from the participants,” explains co-chair Stevie Thompson. “We invited painters, sculptors, photographers, gallery owners and art collectors from the surrounding area to come up with ideas that are as unique and dramatic as the venue itself. Nothing is off the table—every great idea gets folded into the event.”

Double Exposure will run from 11:00 to 4:00. Artists will display and discuss their work, which encompasses visual and cultural aspects of the Twin Lights, Jersey Shore and surrounding area. Pieces will also be for sale.

The 150th celebration will conclude on October 20th, with the Making Waves Shipboard Gala, a fundraising event that will take friends of the lighthouse for a dinnertime cruise around the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and back past the Twin Lights. Information on this event and others can be found at the redesigned twinlightslighthouse.com web site.

“Our 150th events have been created to reach out to four different groups of people who love the Twin Lights,” explains Mary Jo Kenny, President of the Twin Lights Historical Society. “Over the next few years, the Twin Lights Museum will be utterly transformed and this is our chance to let everyone know about it. It’s also an exciting time to become a member of the Society—or to volunteer at the museum or at one of the 150th events.”

Starting in 2013, the Twin Lights Museum will begin a “reimagining process” spearheaded by curator Margaret Carlsen. Touchscreens and other interactive technologies will make the new museum more hands-on and kid-friendly, while offering greater access to students and historians interested in its papers and artifacts. The Twin Lights Museum will also continue to build its collection of important photography and artwork.

“The 150th celebration couldn’t have been better timed,” Kenny points out. “It gives everyone who cares about the state’s culture and history a reason to rediscover the Twin Lights, and provides us with a platform to talk about the dynamic changes happening here.”

For more information, contact the Twin Lights Historical Society at 732-291-9900 or the lighthouse at 732-872-1814.
The New Jersey Lighthouse Society is planning a bus tour to the lighthouses of Oregon next year from June 21 thru June 27, 2013. It will be your responsibility to arrive in Portland, Oregon on the 21st. The night of June 21 we will have a Welcome to Oregon dinner. The bus tour will start the next morning Saturday the 22nd. Besides viewing the lighthouses we will enjoy the most magnificent coastline on the west coast. Our stops will include Crater Lake National Park, a jet boat ride on the Rouge River, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Columbia River Museum Center, Astoria Column, and the following lighthouses; Battery Point, St. George Reef in California; Pelican Bay, Cape Blanco, Coquille River, Cape Arago, Umpqua River, Heceta Head, Yaquina Bay, Yaquina Head, Cape Mears, Tillamook Rock, and the Columbia Lightship in Oregon; and Cape Disappointment and North Head in Washington. Most of these lighthouses will be open for climbing. The trip will end back in Portland on June 26 with a going away dinner that night. The price of the trip will include; 5-day motor coach, all hotels, meals and entrance fees to all the attractions. Your out of pocket expense will be travel to and from Portland, Oregon. More info on prices and itinerary will be in the next issue of the Beam and on the website.

A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP
Carol Naill and Linda Gleason  Membership Co-Chairs

We had a good turn out for the annual Photo Contest meeting held in the Long Beach Island Grade School, 201 South 20th Street in Ship Bottom, NJ. We look forward to seeing all our members, old and new, at the next meeting down in Pennsville, NJ. Guests are always welcome to our General Membership meetings.

Meeting Attendees:
There were 78 members in attendance at our March meeting. Please remember to sign the book - We want to make sure there are enough seats for you at the future meetings!

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 149
Family Memberships: 187 x 2 = 374
Total Members = 523

Gift Memberships:
Not sure what to give that person who has everything? How about a membership to NJLHS? You can find an application on the NJLHS web site and print one out. You can also get one from the Membership Team at the next membership meeting. The membership packet will be mailed to the recipient, with a personal note saying that their membership to the Society is a gift from you. Let’s get our numbers up!

New Members:
The following members have joined our Society since the last issue of THE BEAM in December. 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 any of these new members at a future meeting, please welcome them!

Duane & Mary Jo Davis   Mooresville, IN
Robert Goodwin, Jr.      Aberdeen, NJ
Maria Gregory             Oaklyn, NJ

A FEW WORDS ABOUT LIGHTHOUSES
Sent in by Marty Hudspeth

“Lighthouses are like grandchildren -- all different but some more charming than others.” - Anonymous

RECIPE CORNER
Marty Hudspeth

Sugar & Spice Cookies
By Bill Geilfuss

¾ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
¼ cup molasses
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. cloves
¼ tsp. ginger

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix shortening, sugar, egg and molasses. Add flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. The mix will be spongy. Form into balls the size of walnuts and place about 2 inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to12 minutes.
SUMMER EVENTS

JUNE

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, June 22, Tee off at 1:30 p.m.
McCullough’s Emerald Golf Links, Egg Harbor Twp
1st Annual Ladies Book Club Luncheon, 1:30 p.m.
Library Pub & Grill @ McCullough’s
For more information: Lou Paludi, 609-432-5806
Absecon Lighthouse, 609-449-1360
or http://www.abseconlighthouse.org/

JULY

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
“By The Light of The Moon”
Tuesday, July 3
Absecon Lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 9:00 pm
$10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE
Lighthouse Full Moon Climb
Tuesday, July 3
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sponsor: Friends of Barnegat Lighthouse State Park

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
Wacky Wednesdays at the Lighthouse
July 18 and July 25
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Victorian Tea Party, Pirates, Mermaids, Lifesavers, & Sea life $10 for kids, $5 for adults

AUGUST

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
“By The Light of The Moon”
Thursday, August 2 & Friday, August 31
Absecon Lighthouse will be open for nighttime climbs - last climb at 8:00 pm
$10 per person, includes snacks & beverages

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE
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Wednesday, August 1 & Friday, August 31
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
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ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
Wacky Wednesdays at the Lighthouse
August 1, August 8 & August 15
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Victorian Tea Party, Pirates, Mermaids, Lifesavers, & Sea life $10 for kids, $5 for adults

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY - AUGUST 7

CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE
National Lighthouse Day
Free Admission! from 9am-2pm
For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278.

HEREFORD INLET LIGHTHOUSE
Celebrate National Lighthouse Day
Ceremony 10AM - 11 AM
Activities all day long - free admission to Lighthouse - childrens tent - food - guest historians

ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE
National Lighthouse Day
2 for 1 Climbs
NJLHS 2012 PHOTO/ART CONTEST WINNERS

BLACK & WHITE - 1st Place
Howard Wright
Nobska Light

BLACK & WHITE - 2nd Place
Howard Wright
East Chop

BLACK & WHITE - 3rd Place
Anita Norris
Aransas Pass

COLOR - 1st Place
Greg DiNapoli
Hereford in the spring

COLOR - 2nd Place
Hugh Murphy
Stairs in Currituck

COLOR - 3rd Place Tie
Karl Fahringer
Sanibel Island

COLOR - 3rd Place Tie
Bill Volpe
Currituck Beach

COLOR - Honorable Mention
Karl Fahringer
St. Marks Lighthouse
NJLHS 2012 PHOTO/ART CONTEST WINNERS

MASTERS - 1st Place
William McKelvey
Pemaquid Point

MASTERS - 2nd Place
Kathleen Eustace
Tucker’s Island

MASTERS - 3rd Place
Mike Boucher
Hamburg Lightship

NIGHT TIME - 1st Place
Joan Stumpf
Barnegat

NIGHT TIME - 2nd Place
Carol Winkie
Cape May

NIGHT TIME - 3rd Place
Apryl Roach

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