Saugerties Lighthouse
Lauren Ward

This past July, I spent some time at the Saugerties Lighthouse in New York. My boyfriend, Matt, and I were able to stop by for a visit on our way home from vacation in Keene Valley, NY. The day was sunny and warm when we left Keene Valley, but as we pulled off the highway into Saugerties, we saw storm clouds rolling in. Hoping that it was something that would blow over, we wound our way through town, making detours to get past the town festival that we didn’t know was happening.

When we finally arrived at the small dirt parking lot for the lighthouse, the sky was getting darker. We started walking the half mile nature trail, which we later learned was man-made. It was a lovely walk: birds and wildflowers were all around us as we walked dirt paths and little wooden bridges. Thunder began to rumble as we were almost there, which was also the point in which the trails turn to sand — trails that get completely covered twice a day during high tide. We nervously sped up. Suddenly, there it was, proudly standing behind tall patches of grass: the Saugerties Lighthouse, right in the middle of the Hudson River. Even with the stormy skies behind it, it was a beautiful and interesting building. We stepped into the foyer and were advised that a tour would be starting in 10 minutes. Matt and I waited outside on the tiny concrete circle that supported the lighthouse. We took pictures of the awesome lightening over the water and mainland.

Just as the storm had reached us, we were ushered inside and given a tour by Anna Berkheiser, one of the two current lighthouse keepers (the other keeper is Patrick Landewe). A sweet woman, she walked us room to room, explaining how the lighthouse is used as a bed and breakfast. The keeper’s duties these days are more about maintaining the house, acting as innkeeper, and providing tours, rather than maintaining the light itself. The appliances and decor in the house took us back in time. Even the heat was provided by coal stoves! After the tour, we watched a documentary called A Light on the Hudson, which showed us the history of the lighthouse. We also learned all about its restoration and re-commission in 1990. What a process that restoration was. It was a great example of the hard work and reward of lighthouse preservation.

Patrick gave me a stamp for my passport and we said goodbye to him and Anna. Matt and I walked back along the trail amongst dwindling rain and the occasional clap of thunder. We were both happy to have made time for this stop, to have seen and been inside the Saugerties Lighthouse.
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SEPTEMBER MEETING
September 21st
Location: Henry Hudson Regional High School
1 Grand Tour, Highlands, NJ 07732

Please see page 7 and the NJLHS website for directions and a map.

PROGRAM:
10:00 Hospitality (Coffee + Donuts)
Ways & Means
11:00 General Membership Meeting
& Committee Report
12:00 Lunch (bring your own)
12:45 Program: Speaker & 5 year volunteer from the Twin Lights (Navesink) will give a presentation followed by visit to Navesink. Our speaker is Retired Lt. Commander of the Coast Guard Chuck Gullage.

DECEMBER MEETING - December 14

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Is it September already? The summer flew right by! I enjoyed myself at the Saugerties Lighthouse, as you can see from the front page! I’m looking forward to the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey, October 19th and 20th. I am sure all participants will have a great time!

Special note: After our June meeting, members visited Tincum Rear Range Lighthouse in order to see the first steps, which were a project created using donations given in memory of Carol Ann Cook. Below is a picture of the memorial stone placed at the bottom of the new steps.

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**FALL EVENTS**

**ABSECON LIGHTHOUSE**  
Luscious Libations for the Lighthouse  
**Thursday, October 24 @ 5:30pm**

This event is $60 per person, and the location is TBD. Visit [www.abseconlighthouse.org](http://www.abseconlighthouse.org) for updated info.

**Haunted Lighthouse Tours**  
**Saturday, October 26**  
5:00pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00pm, & 8:00pm

This event is $20 per person, and includes snacks and beverages.

**Holiday Gathering**  
**Saturday, December 7 @ 6:00pm**

This event is $20 per person, and includes professional carolers, snacks & holiday cheer.

**CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE**

Lighthouse Full Moon Climb  
**Saturday, September 21 @ 8:00pm**

The Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse invite you to the full moon climb. Take advantage of the light of the full moon and let it guide you up the 199 stairs to the starry top. The Lighthouse is located in Cape May Point State Park, Lower Township. Tower admission is free for “Friends” members. Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Non-members price is $7 for adults, $3 for children (ages 3-12). Non-members who join the group at a meeting will get free admission to this program as well as future “Friends” events. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). For more information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278 or visit [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).

**TUCKER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE**

Tuckerton Seaport  
**31st Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show**  
**September 28 & 29 - 7am to 5pm**

Join us as we celebrate the 31st anniversary of the show during this exciting two day event highlighting the culture of the area! Demos, contests, seminars, decoy auction, crafters, carvers, vendors, food, refreshments, music, entertainment, and lots of fun. Dock Dog Competition as featured on ESPN! Two great locations: Tip Seaman County Park and Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen’s Museum. This event is free to the public!

**MARYLAND LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE**

9th Annual - Nine Lighthouses, One Lightship  
**Saturday and Sunday, September 21 & 22**

Participants who visit participating lighthouses during the allotted hours will receive a complimentary souvenir depicting that lighthouse. It is not necessary to visit all the lighthouses to participate and they can be visited in any order. Those who score a perfect ten by visiting all the lighthouse attractions will receive an additional souvenir proclaiming that “they’ve seen the lights!” For participants’ added pleasure, and to really put the “challenge” in the event, organizers are offering three BONUS lights - Sandy Point Shoal (to be viewed off shore from one of Maryland’s most popular state parks), the Blackstone Lighthouse Replica at the site of Maryland’s birthplace, St. Clement’s Island, and for the first time in Challenge history, a Virginia Lighthouse, Jones Point, just across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria. This lighthouse represents the “+1” in the event title. There will also be an add-on Bonus Cruise departing from Maryland’s Eastern Shore to see some of the Bay’s more elusive lighthouses, and an early bird special on Friday, September 20 which includes all of the Eastern Shore attractions, for those who want to jumpstart their Challenge adventure.

For a list of the Maryland Lighthouses, driving directions, and more information, visit: [www.cheslights.org](http://www.cheslights.org)
Contact: Karen Rosage, Event Chair  
Phone: (410) 437-0741  Email: challenge@cheslights.org

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**RECIPE CORNER**

**Marty Hudspeth**

**Jan Hagel (Bar Cookie)**  
By Rick & Mary Anne Weber

- 1 cup margarine  
- 1 cup sugar  
- 1 egg, separated  
- 2 cups flour

- ½ tsp cinnamon  
- 1 Tablespoon water  
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped

TRIPS - Michigan Lighthouses Tour - June 21-29

Mike Boucher

The New Jersey Lighthouse Society will be offering a tour of the lighthouses around Mackinaw City and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on June 21-29, 2014. Following is a preliminary schedule of the trip.

The trip will start near Detroit’s Wayne County Airport on Saturday afternoon. That night we will stay at an area hotel and will have a “Welcome to Michigan” Dinner.

Sunday morning we will board the bus and travel to Mackinaw City. We will take a ferry ride to Mackinac Island. While on the Island we will have a tour of the Island by horse drawn carriages and then have the rest of the afternoon free. We’ll have dinner on the Island and afterwards we’ll reboard the ferry and return to the mainland and our hotel in Cheboygan.

Monday morning we will take a boat ride on Lake Michigan and see 11 lighthouses. After the tour, the afternoon will be free to explore Mackinaw City and its many shops before returning to our hotel in Cheboygan.

Tuesday we will be on Lake Huron and will see 9 lighthouses. After the tour we will tour the retired Coast Guard ice breaker Mackinaw before boarding the bus for our ride over the Mackinac Bridge and entering the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan and our hotel for the next 4 nights in Sault St. Marie.

Wednesday we will be visiting the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum and Whitefish Point Lighthouse. The Shipwreck Museum has a large area dedicated to the loss of the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald that sank on the Canadian side of Lake Superior, just off of Whitefish Point. We then travel to the Point Iroquois Lighthouse and a tour of that lighthouse.

On Thursday we will have an all day boat ride up and down the St. Mary’s River and see 5 lighthouses and numerous range lights.

On Friday we will spend a half day on Lake Superior and see 4 Canadian lights and the Point Iroquois Lighthouse from the water. After the tour we will visit the retired freighter Valley Camp built in 1917 and retired in 1966, with over 100 exhibits dealing with the Soo Locks, Great Lakes shipping, ship models, lighthouse history and a large display on the Edmund Fitzgerald. The rest of the afternoon is free time to visit the Soo Locks and watch the ship traffic passing through (over 10,000 ships travel through the locks every year).

Saturday, we will board the bus and travel to the DeTour Passage Historical Maritime Museum and photograph the 6 Mile Front Range Lighthouse. We then continue to the Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum, a wonderful boat museum, and the 6 Mile Rear Range Lighthouse. Before returning to Lower Michigan we will stop at the Wawatam Lighthouse in St. Ignace. Once back in Mackinaw City we’ll be able to climb the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse and McGulpin’s Point Lighthouse.

Sunday, our last day, will include a boat tour to photograph the Saginaw River Front Range Lighthouse before we go to our hotel by the airport. That night we will have our Going Away Dinner and giveaways.

All hotels, bus & boat transportation, the carriage ride, museum and lighthouse entrance fees and all meals are included in the price of $3100 per couple and $1650 for a single. We need a minimum of 50 people to run this trip You will be responsible for your transportation to and from the Detroit area.

To sign up for this tour you can download a registration form from the New Jersey Lighthouse Society’s website: http://www.njlhs.org/Trips/Trips.html or just send your name, address, phone number and email address, along with a check in the amount of $775 per couple or $420 per single, made out to the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to Mike Boucher, 15 Starrow Dr., Newburgh, NY 12550. There will be 3 more monthly payments of $775/$410. Once you sign up, more detailed information will be sent to you. You must be a member of the New Jersey Lighthouse Society to attend this trip. This trip will sell out fast, so send your deposit as soon as possible.
A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIR

The 2013 Community Outreach is winding down, & it has been a great one! By the time you read this, one more event (the Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Festival) will remain on the calendar.

As always: volunteers (new and returning) are essential to keep our Society throughout the community. Remember, you don’t need to be a lighthouse “expert” to be part of the team — just willing to discuss our shared interests with event patrons. Of particular note: our stalwart volunteer, Mary Catherine Kennedy, will be taking a well-deserved rest and stepping back after this season. As such, we will need some folks to step in to follow in her footsteps. Consider joining the Community Outreach team for the 2014 season!

The outreach schedule for next year is posted on the NJLHS website as soon as it is available. Just click on the Outreach link on the home page. Every effort is made to post updates or changes regarding events, if any details change. Please check it out and contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Enjoy the fall season and the Lighthouse Challenge of NJ!

Social Networking Update

As always, a friendly reminder to check out the Society’s presence on Facebook & Twitter! While you’re at it, please recommend that others become our “fans” on Facebook. We’re easy to find: either search the Society name in the search bar on Facebook, or navigate to www.facebook.com/njlhs. I’m happy to report that APPROXIMATELY 625 people “like” our page as of this writing. If you’re not one of these many “fans” yet, just look us up and “like us” today. Also let me know if you have a favorite lighthouse, lighthouse organization, or interest group page that we should “like” on the NJLHS page. We’ve been pleased to share some great updates recently from the folks at the Absecon Lighthouse.

As a timesaving device, our Facebook page is now set up so that all of the posted content automatically publishes on the NJLHS account on Twitter. You may find us at www.twitter.com/njlhs or on Twitter by typing out our Twitter “handle”: @njlhs in the Twitter search field. You can now keep up to date via your smartphone, iPad/tablet, and (of course) your notebook or desktop computer.

The Society also continues to publish notices of our General Membership Meetings to more than 50 media venues (newspapers/radio/websites) throughout the state. However, we are always looking to add outlets to our media list. It seems that as soon as we add an outlet to the list we lose a contact or two due to budgetary cut backs. In light of this reality, please share with me contact info (email address) for any media outlets that you feel would like to receive our media notices. These could include newspaper, radio, TV, or web-based resources. I’ll be happy to add anyone to our media distribution list.

Thanks so much everyone…and keep the lights shining!

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A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Carol Naill and Linda Gleason - Membership Co-Chairs

We had a thirty-seven members and one guest turn out for the June meeting at the Paulsboro Sportsman’s Club. The weather was perfect for having lunch at the picnic tables overlooking the Delaware River and watching the jets in the distance take off from Philadelphia Airport. Another high-point was when our President unveiled the new - NJLHS 2014 Calendars. It’s great to see our Photo Contest winners immortalized! (Well, at least for 12 months.)

We look forward to seeing all our members, old and new, and guests are always welcome to our General Membership meetings.

Membership Numbers:
At the deadline for this issue, the membership numbers are as follows:
Single Memberships: 141
Family Memberships: 183 x 2 = 366
Total Members = 507 (9 more than included in the last BEAM!)

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 June. 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!

Mitch Burnham*  Vancouver, WA
Nicole Griscom  Trenton, NJ

HOLIDAY MEETING GIFT BASKETS

If you have any baskets or donations for gift baskets for the December holiday meeting, please bring them with you to the September meeting. Karl Fahringer will be collecting them.

WAYS & MEANS

Carol Winkie

The NJLHS 2014 calendar, which contains photos taken by our own members and finalist chosen by our members at the March 2013 meeting, is now on sale for $12. This is our first such calendar. The cover art of the eleven land-based lights was created by member Greg DiNapoli. His art is also for sale from NJLHS on t-shirts and prints.
Directions from GSP Southbound:
1. Take exit 117 and follow signs for RT 36 East.
2. Follow RT36 for about 12 miles until approaching the Highlands Bridge.
3. Directly before the bridge make a right turn onto Portland Road.
4. Follow Portland Road for about 1 Mile until you see a green water tank.
5. Right before the water tank make a hard right turn onto Grand Tour/New Road.
6. The school will be just down the road on your right.

Directions from GSP Northbound:
1. Take exit 105 and follow signs for RT 36 East.
2. Follow RT 36 for about 6 miles until it makes a left turn onto Ocean Blvd.
3. Make the left turn and continue on RT 36 until you go over the Highlands Bridge.
4. Stay to the right going over the bridge and immediately make a right turn and loop under the bridge, like you were making a U turn.
5. The first intersection after going under the bridge will be Portland Road.
6. Make a left here.
7. Follow directions 4, 5 and 6 from above.

Those people coming from South Jersey via the Turnpike or 295, should exit at RT 195 and follow it to the GSP. Then take the GSP northbound following directions above.

National Lighthouse Day - August 7th
Carol Winkie

This year activities were held at different lighthouses in New Jersey. One of our board members, Karl Fahringer, was able to attend and get pictures of the activities at Hereford and Cape May Lighthouses. At Hereford, many speakers participated including our president, Brett Franks. Plus, Mary Catherine Kennedy was representing out outreach program.
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of New Jersey
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of New Jersey
A Weekend of Family Fun!
Children 11 and under climb free with adult.
Visit New Jersey’s historic lighthouses during this weekend of fun
and exploration and help raise funds for
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www.lighthousechallengenj.org

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