



NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM NEWS



200 The Promenade at Lighthouse Point
Staten Island, NY 10301
718-390-0040

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Adults: \$7.00
Seniors and Military: \$5.00
Students: \$4.00
Children Under 12: Free
Members: Free

HOURS

Wednesday-Sunday
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Major Holidays

Call to Arrange Group/Class Tours.

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Bay and Defenses of NYC

Our summer began by welcoming patriots! In late May, we had Sons of the American Revolution member Norman Goben give a lecture on the methods and strategies of defense of the New York Harbor during the American Revolutionary War. The lecture encouraged 18th century attire for the guests, and Mr. Goben himself presented in era-appropriate garb, with pantaloons, a tri-cornered hat, a poet shirt, and a jacket with tails in order to bring a sense of authenticity to his lecture. He was not alone in this regard, with a George Washington impersonator, former museum employee Jim Sarlo, and a few guests also dressing for the occasion.

The lecture itself was a close look at a few months of the war during 1776 and addressed the different methods and strategies that were standard for the time. Mr. Goben touched on the different relevant forts in the area, such as Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn and Fort Sterling on the East River, as well as integrated lighthouses into the discussion, such as Sandy Hook Lighthouse withstanding the barrage of British cannons. What made this lecture especially poignant was the fact that the events described and discussed were not of some far-off land, but happened right outside the door of our National Lighthouse Museum almost 250 years ago. Using a combination of old maps, sketches drawn by soldiers firsthand, and modern photographs of the area, Mr. Goben was able to take us back in time and situate us in the midst of the birth of our country using an area with which we were intimately familiar.

Lecture Reviews

LECTURE REVIEW:

Jack Graham, Our American Lighthouses

On June 11th, we welcomed lighthouse veteran Jack Graham to the museum for a lecture on the lighthouses of America. While a lecture on lighthouses may sound broad, Mr. Graham provided an all-encompassing survey-style look at many aspects of lighthouses: their history, architecture, technology, keepers, fog signals, and unique circumstances that provide for interesting case-studies. His linear approach began with the oldest lighthouses in America at Boston and Sandy Hook, and took us all the way to lighthouses as they stand today, as symbolic monuments to the growth of America as a maritime superpower. Many individuals were crucial to lighthouses, from the keepers on the ground to those in charge, and Mr. Graham was able to mention many historical figures key to lighthouses. This included Alexander Hamilton, Stephen Pleasanton, and Winslow Lewis, as well as tracing the changing of the government lighthouse program, from the United States Lighthouse Establishment, to the Lighthouse Board, and finally the United States Lighthouse Service.

Mr. Graham's approach to presentation was much suited for the small yet mighty audience, making it personal, engaging with the audience through questions and personal anecdotes. He entwined historical facts and sources with his own experience as a lighthouse keeper and visits to other lighthouses, which gave his lecture the much deserved reputability. Not to mention he did the whole thing dressed in his lighthouse keeper uniform, with jacket, vest, and hat! His personal approach made for not only an enlightening session, but an enjoyable one as well.



Save the Dates

Friday November 3, 2023

First Fridays at NLM

Lighthouse Bingo Night

Saturday November 11, 2023

Model Ships Display

Sunday November 26, 2023

Museum Store Sunday and Holiday Market

Friday, December 1, 2023

9-Hole Holiday Golf Outing

Get Well Soon!

Thoughts are with
Bob (Patches) Eisele, Docent
Janet Hellmann, Volunteer
Trevor Mills, Advisor
Get well and get back to us.
We miss you!

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Holiday **9 HOLE GOLF OUTING**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

Grand Oaks Country Club (*South Shore Golf Course*)

200 Huguenot Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312

11:30am Kick Off with Bagels, Donuts & Coffee

12:30pm Tee Off

Raffles, Best Ball Scramble, 50/50 Raffles
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NLM Notes



Baseball Game Ferry Hawks celebrating Eleanor's Birthday At Stadium

Fireworks at the Stadium



Receiving Donation from Capt. Tim Ferrie, NJ President of Sandy Hook Pilots to acquire and restore two Light Station Buoy Bells



Fig Fest- Fig Doctor aka Bob Sollitto



Mariya Gershkovich Fig King



Sir Isaac Fig Newton aka Frank Ninivaggi



Restoration two Light Station Buoy Bells



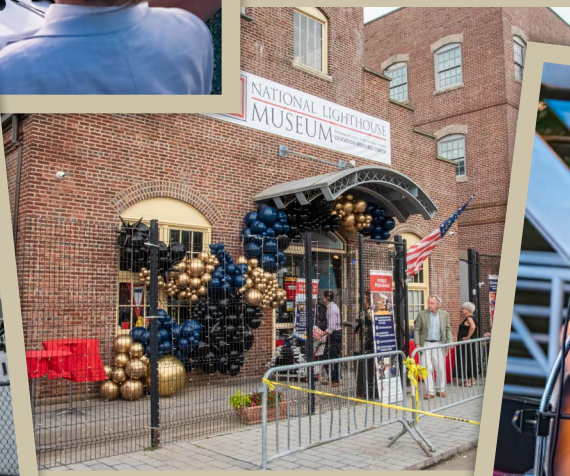
Putting up new site education boards thanks to the generosity of the Richmond County Bank Foundation



Board of Trustees Annual Meeting 2023



13th Annual Light Keeper's Gala
Photos courtesy of Robert D. Mantz



NLM Notes



International Point Fest



Bob Eisele resolving the lack of parking on Museum Site



Visit from the Mayor!



Eleanor Dugan's trip to Scotland



Lillian Laggazzo's trip through the Panama Canal



The DeRosa's Recent trip to Aruba!

In Memory Of

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Of

Bernadette Ahlstrom
Mother of Capt. Joseph Ahlstrom, President/ NLM
Ann Eldrid (Skjold) Arntzen
Mother of John Arntzen, 1st. VP/ NLM
Dee Carroll, Volunteer

Timothy E. Harrison Editor-In- Chief/ *Lighthouse Digest*

We are deeply saddened to report that on August 19, 2023, the lighthouse community of the world lost one of its greatest lights. The editor-in-chief, Timothy E. Harrison passed away at the age of 75 due to complications of pneumonia in Bangor, Maine. For over 31 years, Tim has been the driving force in preserving our nation's lighthouse history through each and every one of the almost 300 issues of the internationally published *Lighthouse Digest* magazine that he and his wife and business partner, Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison, produced. His legacy and accomplishments in researching, writing about, and saving lighthouse history are legion, but his heart was always with the magazine.

Your light shines forever!



LIGHTHOUSE
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