

Spring 2026



NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM NEWS



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

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Adults: \$7

Seniors/Military/Veterans/Students: \$5

Museums for All Rate: \$3

Members: FREE

Children under 12: FREE

HOURS

Thursday- Sunday

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed Major Holidays

Call to Arrange Group/Class Tours.

www.lighthousemuseum.org

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A Delightful Success: Our First "Par Tea" at the National Lighthouse Museum

Wow...what an incredible day! Our very first High Tea "Par Tea" at the National Lighthouse Museum was nothing short of elegant, joyful, and full of community spirit. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this debut event such a success.

A special shoutout to George W. (aka Nick), Frank (aka TJ), and our very own historian Michael for stepping into character as Ben Franklin—an unforgettable and fitting kickoff to our 250th Anniversary celebration year!

We were also so impressed by our interns and volunteers who fully embraced the theme, dressing the part and creating an immersive, welcoming atmosphere for all.

And of course, the food! KimCooks curated a stunning high tea experience, complete with elegant finger foods worthy of a top-tier tea service.

A heartfelt thank you to Selva Ozelli for attending, sharing her beautiful fruit tart, and even going the extra mile to ensure our volunteers were well-fed and energized. Her passion extends beyond the kitchen—she is also the creator of the Ocean Lovers Angel Fish Flag, an inspiring project aiming for a Guinness World Record!

Our Jazz Ensemble set the tone perfectly, adding a sophisticated and relaxing ambiance that elevated the entire experience.

Most importantly, this event brought people together. It was a true "friend-building" gathering filled with laughter, creativity, and connection.





Cosmic Bowling



What a glowing success! Our Cosmic Bowling Afternoon lit up the lanes with strikes, music, and nonstop fun all in support of the National Lighthouse Museum. Guests enjoyed an afternoon under the neon lights filled with friendly competition, great energy, and plenty of memorable moments. From glowing lanes to upbeat music, the atmosphere made for a truly unique experience. Every frame bowled helped support the Museum's mission of proving that a fun afternoon can also make a meaningful impact.



LIGHTING
THE WAY

ROBERT
PADOVANO

An Exhibition of Original Paintings
Spotlighting the Waterways and
Vessels that Make Our Hometown Thrive
and the Lighthouses that Protect Them



April 2-June 10, 2026
National Lighthouse Museum
200 The Promenade at Lighthouse Point
Staten Island, NY 10301



Annual
GOLF OUTING

Friday, May 8, 2026

Shotgun Start 9:00am • Best Ball Format

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

200 Huguenot Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312

Sponsorships & Tickets Available!

Visit the Oldest Working Lighthouse in the United States!

SANDY HOOK LIGHT BUS TRIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

9:00AM - 4:30PM



Sandy Hook Light



Proving Ground Waterfront Dining

**Includes: Transportation to Sandy Hook Light with Guided Tour,
Lunch at Proving Ground Waterfront Dining and Raffles.
Leaves from National Lighthouse Museum.**

Bus Tours leaves from 200 The Promenade at Lighthouse Point, Staten Island, NY 10301
\$125.00 per person. Call with any questions! 718-390-0040



America's 250th Birthday Lecture Series

The Watering Place: Stories Before the Revenue Service

April 19 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This talk explores the early history of Staten Island's northeastern shoreline, long before lighthouses and federal patrols shaped the harbor. From early European encounters and Dutch settlement efforts to the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War, we will trace how the Watering Place evolved from a source of fresh water and a quiet farmstead into a strategic military staging ground. Through vivid local episodes—including violent struggles with the indigenous people, an unusual knight-ing ceremony, and the arrival of a massive British fleet—the talk reveals how this overlooked shoreline played a pivotal role in New York Harbor's colonial and revolution-ary past, linking these early stories to Staten Island's later maritime and public health history.

Safety and Healing: Public Health and Discovery on Staten Island

May 6 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This talk traces Staten Island's role in American public health and safety, beginning with the world-renowned Dr. Benjamin Rush and local leadership spearheaded by Dr. Richard Bayley, first health officer of the NY State Quarantine and Marine Hospital established at the Watering Place. We will journey outward to nearby Staten Island places such as the Seamen's Retreat to the south—later a federal research laboratory and a U.S. Marine Hospital at the forefront of identifying and treating infectious disease. The journey then moves inland to Sea View Hospital, site of a landmark antibiotic trial for the cure of tuberculosis and the discovery of the first antidepressant drug. The talk will also spotlight Joseph Henry, eminent scientist and inaugural director of the Smithsonian, whose experiments at the U.S. Lighthouse Service Depot transformed lighthouse illumination and foghorn design, strengthening navigational safety for seafarers nationwide. Together, these stories show how maritime safety and medical discovery on Staten Island shaped national public health.



From Estonia with Light: A Visitor's Lighthouse Story

Visitors from all over the world come through the doors of the National Lighthouse Museum and sometimes, they bring incredible stories with them. This past holiday season, guests shared the story of a remarkable beacon from their home: Kõpu Lighthouse, located on Estonia's Hiiumaa island.

At nearly 500 years old, Kõpu Lighthouse has been guiding sailors since 1531 - making it one of the oldest continuously operating lighthouses in the world. Originally just a simple platform where bonfires were lit to warn ships, it has evolved over centuries into the historic structure that still stands strong today.

Stories like this remind us that lighthouses aren't just local landmark, they're part of a global legacy of light, safety, and connection.





Visit www.lighthousemuseum.org/events for more information and to reserve your tickets!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 11

Bus Tour to Sandy Hook Light

Sunday, April 19

2:00 pm

The Watering Place: Stories Before the Revenue Service Presentation with Michael Vigorito, Ph.D.

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 pm

Safety and Healing: Public Health and Discovery on Staten Island with Michael Vigorito, Ph.D. and Robert Marraccino, Ph.D.

Sunday, June 7

2:00 pm

Preserving America's Lighthouses: The Memoirs of a Coast Guard Ocean Engineer with Rear Admiral Daniel R. May (Ret.)

Saturday, July 25

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

City of Water Day

Saturday, July 4

Time TBD

Tall Ship Watch Party Breakfast
Waterfront View of Sail 4th 250th

Friday-Sunday, August 7-9

Lighthouse Recognition Weekend

Friday, August 7

6:30 pm

16th Annual Lightkeeper's Gala Cocktail Reception: The ABOVE Hilton

Saturday, August 8

2:00 pm

Pre-250th Lighthouse History with Jack Graham

Sunday, August 9

6:00pm

Sunset Cruise Signature Boat Tour to Sandy Hook and Twin Lights

Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27

The Better Planet Film Fest

Sunday, October 4

12:00 pm

International Lighthouse Point Fest

Saturday, November 14

11:00am - 4:00 pm

NJ Model Ship Society Maritime Model Ship Display

ART EXHIBITS

March -December: Ocean Lovers - Angel Fish Flag: Selva Ozelli, Artist **April 2 - June 10:** Lighting the Way: Robert Padovano, Artist **Opening July 4 - November 1:** Sharon Field, Artist - Botanical Statue of Liberty Four Seasons and Selva Ozelli, Artist and Coordinator - Statue of Liberty Botanical Flag CCL.