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## Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign ....

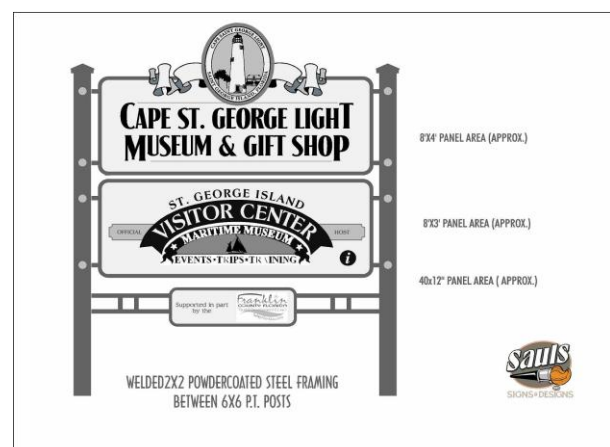
New signage for Lighthouse Park is in production and will be installed soon after the holidays.

With the opening of the Keeper's House Museum and Gift Shop and the change in management of the Visitor Center, the existing signage is outdated. We have contracted with Sauls Signs & Designs, who did the St. George Plantation entry sign and the Carrabelle "Get Hooked" signs, to develop new signage for the park and for the Museum and Gift Shop. Several SGLA members have commented that our fabulous Gift Shop needs better signage to direct Island shoppers to this wonderful resource, and that is in the works.

The new signage will be mounted with stainless steel hardware and will be hurricane resistant to the extent possible. The signs will be repaintable should sun fading occur, and the design will be enhanced with bright and attractive colors.

The Apalachicola Maritime Museum, managers of the SGI Visitor Center, will also have new signage done for that facility.

The first priority is replacement of the large sign on Gulf Beach Drive, which will announce the Lighthouse, Museum and Gift Shop, the Visitor Center and the Maritime Museum as its host, and credit the Franklin County Tourist Development Council as one of our funders. The preliminary design is pictured here, and we are sure that the final product will be eye-catching, tasteful, and terrific!



## *Lighthouse Gift Shop Offers Holiday Surprises for Everyone*

If you live on St. George Island or are visiting for the holidays, make the Lighthouse Gift Shop your new “go to” source for all types of unique gifts.

Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley has stocked the shop with items that will appeal to women, men, and children; hosts and hostesses; lighthouse aficionados; and anyone in search of something special to commemorate a visit to St. George Island.



Painted glass ornament.

Heading the list of holiday items are glass tear drop lighthouse ornaments, which are done in the intricate style of painting the glass from the inside. Each comes in a velvet-lined box and makes a wonderful reminder of a visit to our historic lighthouse. If your Christmas tree sports a more casual look, Islander Pam Vest’s handcrafted oyster shell flip-flop ornaments will be sure to fit right in.

New laser cut wood magnets featuring images of the standing Cape St. George Lighthouse and the architectural drawing used in the reconstruction are intricately

carved and make great stocking stuffers.



Bling lights up the holidays!

For the discerning ladies on your gift list, the shop offers a varied selection of wonderful jewelry – from Apalachicola resident Caty Green’s handcrafted necklaces and earrings, to holiday bling, to SGI homeowner Diann Worzalla’s beautiful creations in fused glass.

In the entertainment category, the shop offers a variety of puzzles for young and old – from 1000 piece jigsaw types to challenging 3-D puzzles.

Also for the kids – whether the need is a gift from Santa or something to entertain during your stay at the beach – you will find games and toys including neon tops, pet tornadoes, paracord survivalist bracelets, and a wide selection of books on sea life and surroundings in the beach environment.

If you are visiting friends and need a hostess gift, the Lighthouse Gift Shop offers decorative painted plates in sea motifs; absorbent stone coasters featuring fish, birds, and antique maps; glass

beer steins and shot glasses etched with an image of the lighthouse, and our ever-popular wide-handled black lighthouse mugs.



Hostess gifts galore!

For the men on your holiday gift list, there are scrimshaw pocket knives with the engravings made on recycled piano keys, and military motif wind chimes.

Always available are a wide selection of lighthouse t-shirts in long-sleeve, short-sleeve, and tank styles – in several designs and many beautiful colors – as well as lighthouse caps.

“Customers often comment on the quality, value and broad selection of merchandise that we offer,” noted Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley, “and we get lots of repeat business as a result.”

So visit the Gift Shop soon and let Carol, Adele, and Dany help make your holiday shopping a breeze!

*If you are on the Forgotten Coast, be on the lookout for the Holiday edition of Must See magazine. An ad for the Lighthouse and Keeper’s House Museum & Gift Shop features a coupon for additional savings on Gift Shop merchandise.*

# SGI Tour of Homes Returns in 2013

The 2013 St. George Island Tour of Homes is coming on February 9 and will feature eight beautiful island homes, along with the Lighthouse, Keeper's House, and Plantation Club House. Tour proceeds benefit the upkeep of the Lighthouse, Keeper's House Museum, and Lighthouse Park.

Following the pattern set by our very successful first Tour this February, we will again showcase homes from beach to bay and in between. The Tour will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets will be available for \$15 in advance at the Lighthouse Gift Shop, and for \$20 on Tour Day in Lighthouse Park. If you order your ticket by phone with a credit card payment, you will be able to pick up your tickets at the Gift Shop before Tour Day, or at "will call" tables in Lighthouse Park and at the Plantation Clubhouse on the day of the Tour.

Again we will be providing shuttle service to homes located in the St. George Plantation. If you own property in the Plantation, or ride with someone who does, you can take your vehicle into the gated community. Everyone else must ride the shuttle to visit the Plantation homes. When you purchase your Tour ticket, you will be asked if you will be riding the shuttle. An advance count of shuttle riders is critical to help us plan sufficient shuttle capacity.

Tour weekend will kick-off Friday evening, February 8, with a free opening event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jay Abbott Firehouse at 324 East Pine Avenue. Featured speaker will be Erik Lovstrand from the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, who will talk about the ecology of the Apalachicola River, Bay, and Estuary and its impact on St. George Island. Refreshments will be served, and participants will be eligible for a number of festive door prizes.

So mark your calendars for the St. George Island Tour of Homes and enjoy the beauty of our Island Paradise!

The Tour is sponsored in part by a grant from the Franklin County Tourist Development Council.



## Holiday Hours



The Lighthouse and the Keeper's House Museum and Gift Shop will observe the following hours during the holiday season:

December 24, 25, and 26 – Closed.

December 27, 28, and 29 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 30 – Noon to 5 p.m.

December 31 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

January 1 – Closed.

After the holidays, we will resume our Winter Hours, which are Noon to 5 p.m. daily except Thursday, when we are closed. Winter Hours extend through the end of February.

# KEEPING THE LIGHT (AND THE LIGHTHOUSE) SHINING

The Cape St. George Light is a beautiful and inspiring part of our maritime heritage, and we want to keep it looking great and fulfilling its purpose as an aid to navigation and an educational resource for our visitors.

Each month SGLA sets aside a portion of revenues for the ongoing maintenance of the lighthouse.

In recent days, Assistant Keeper Jim Dunkin has performed extensive caulking under the soapstone deck and around the windows after tropical monsoons sent water into the lighthouse. Jeremy Willoughby has spent hours abating rust encroachment on the lantern room, and repainting the iron components. Dave Armentrout and SGLA member Larry Poston gave the exterior of the lighthouse a scrubbing and treatment with a mildew preventative. Still to be completed are the repair of a loose handrail, and the identification of some way to keep graffiti off the optic post. Any ideas???



**Dave Armentrout, with assistance from Larry Poston, cleaned the exterior of the lighthouse and sprayed the painted stucco with a mildew preventative coating. Thanks to Taylor's Building Supply in Eastpoint for loan of their Genie lift. (Photos courtesy of Lighthouse Keeper Stanley Colvin).**

## *Please Patronize Our Business Members*

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## **Quick Blinks**

- Thank You to SGLA member Jackie Bell for keeping Lighthouse activities up-to-date on Facebook and Twitter. Jackie, who is more than busy as a Gift Shop volunteer, Tour of Homes committee member, President of Philaco Woman's Club, and mother of a Spring 2013 bride, still finds time to keep us current in the social media world!
- Pavers in Lighthouse Park make wonderful holiday gifts and are a great way to remember a friend, relative, pet, or a wonderful time on St. George Island. The order form is available online at [www.stgeorgelight.org](http://www.stgeorgelight.org), or by calling the Gift Shop at 850-927-7745. And be sure to visit the Lighthouse Gift Shop for a wonderful selection of gift items when you are on the island.
- Through October, more than 15,000 people have climbed the lighthouse this year. The number of lighthouse climbers seems to stay steady from year to year. We thank everyone for the continuing support!

## **A Parting Shot . . . .**



Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Jim Dunkin (left) and SGLA member John Olander decorated the lighthouse for the Christmas holidays. Wreaths were hung on the door and windows, and rope lights decorate the lantern room in preparation for the Island Lights Festival on December 7.

At this special time of year, we pause to thank all our members and friends, and extend to you the Very Best Wishes for Joyful Holidays and a Happy New Year.