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## Lighthouse Gets a Facelift

The Cape St. George Light, though not old and wrinkled, got a premature facelift in time for the holiday season. Call it preventive medicine – or preventive maintenance!



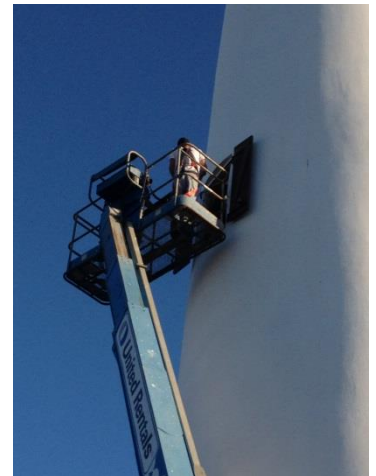
Hairline stucco cracks were dug out and filled.

After last winter's unusually cold weather, fine hairline cracks appeared in the lighthouse stucco. Diagnosis was that the cold weather in an untimely combination with the moisture that tends to linger in a masonry structure caused the slight cracking. SGLA President Dennis Barnell made the determination that tackling the repair of the cracks now rather than leaving them to potentially grow was the prudent thing to do.

Riding on a 60-foot lift chauffeured by Dave Armentrout, Keith and Doug Fisher spent several days digging out and patching the cracks. Fisher Stucco performed the original stucco work on the lighthouse, so it was familiar territory for them.

The two upper windows had begun to develop signs of wood rot, so it was determined that they need to be replaced. Island craftsman Paul McBee is building new windows which should be ready in January.

Then the lighthouse was given a new coat of paint by Dave and Mike Guidrey. In spite of challenging weather conditions during a cold and rainy spell in late November, the grand lighthouse is looking radiant in her new coat of white paint.



Keith Fisher in lift operated by Dave Armentrout.

## Holidays Gifts Galore at the Lighthouse Gift Shop



Lighthouse Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley loves helping customers find the treasures most suited to their likes and needs. At this holiday time of year, Carol is busy filling the Gift Shop with unique gifts and stocking stuffers for everyone on your shopping list.

Come visit the Gift Shop for what Carol promises to be “Christmas shopping with the fun of the beach and without the hassle of the mall!”

Whether you are looking for a gift for the clients who helped make your year successful, something special for a friend or loved one, or fun toys or books to keep the kids entertained during the coming winter months, odds are excellent that Gift Shop staffers Carol, Adele, and Sandy can help you make the perfect choice.

Carol recently took us on a tour of the latest merchandise arriving in the Gift Shop for the holidays.

		
<p>A Lighthouse trivet or a box of four absorbent stone coasters make a great holiday or hostess gift.</p>	<p>Nautical wineglasses are perfect for those party beverages, and come in a gift box. Lighthouse wine glasses are available too!</p>	<p>Check out the new nautical chart lighthouse t-shirt, with long or short sleeves.</p>

	
<p>Raku plates adorned with sea turtles or dolphins, a turtle-topped “dream catcher,” firefly and plain heart paper weights, and a hatching turtle are lovely works of art.</p>	<p>New ornaments include silver stars with a seahorse or whale’s tail motif, and a cut wood representation of the lighthouse.</p>

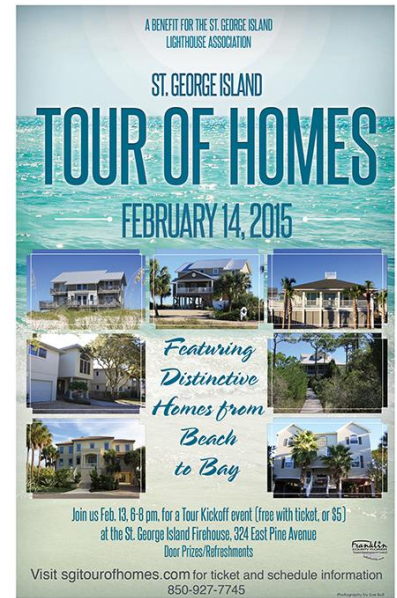
Also available are a new selection of toys including wooden puzzle “Cubebots,” lego calendars, mermaid dolls, and a charming stuffed teddy bear with a Cape St. George Light wooden medallion. Come shop with us!

# TOUR OF HOMES 2015

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual St. George Island Tour of Homes is fast approaching! Scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2015, the tour will again feature seven fabulous island homes – two on the East End, two in Gulf Beaches, and three in the St. George Plantation, as well as the Lighthouse & Keeper's House and the Plantation Clubhouse.

Be on the lookout for posters and press releases coming soon – and plan to purchase your tickets at the Lighthouse Gift Shop, either in person or by phone with a credit card. Tickets for the 2015 tour will be \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour.

Tour weekend will kick-off with a presentation and reception at the Jay Abbott Firehouse on Friday evening, February 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Kickoff event is free to Tour of Homes ticket holders; others are welcome for a contribution of \$5.00.



Here are a couple of points to keep in mind:

- Tickets will be available at the Lighthouse Gift Shop only, starting the week after Christmas.
- When ordering your tickets by phone, please specify whether you will pick up your tickets at the lighthouse (any time before or on tour day), or at the St. George Plantation Clubhouse (tour day only).
- Tickets can be picked up at will-call at the Kickoff event on Friday evening, but cannot be exchanged for the wrist-band needed for entry to the homes until Saturday morning.
- Tickets can be exchanged for wrist-bands on Saturday either at the lighthouse or at the Plantation Clubhouse.
- Entry to the Plantation is by shuttle only, unless you are a Plantation property owner. Shuttles leave starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday from the parking lot west of the lighthouse.
- Plantation property owners are encouraged to park at the Clubhouse and ride the shuttles to the homes. This will minimize congestion around the featured Plantation homes.

**The Tour of Homes is made possible with the help of our sponsors. Two types of sponsorships are offered.**

- **“Supporter” sponsorships for \$50 highlight individuals who help fund the Tour. Supporters are listed by name, city, and state on the tour website and in the tour program.**
- **“Business” sponsors are listed with contact information and a brief business description, along with a link from the tour website to their business website. Business sponsorships are \$100.**

**The tour website is [www.sgitourofhomes.com](http://www.sgitourofhomes.com) , and you can also get there from the lighthouse website at [www.stgeorgelight.org](http://www.stgeorgelight.org) . Take a look and please consider joining your friends and neighbors in helping to make the premier fundraiser for the lighthouse, museum, and park another big success!**



# Seen At The Lighthouse . . . .

All of the visitors to the Cape St. George Light are exceptional and special, but from time to time our Keepers encounter a climber whose circumstances are especially noteworthy. In their conversations with our guests -- who come from near and far and sometimes VERY FAR -- Jim and Mark often get to learn a little about our guests' hometowns, special interests, or history. Sometimes they even get a photo. Here are some of the interesting stories collected in the last few months.



Visiting the lighthouse in October were the Abraimov family from Kharkov, Ukraine, and the Tsvetkov family from Russia. Both families are currently in Tallahassee where the gentlemen are affiliated with Florida State University.

In the back row are Dmytro Abraimov, Nikolai Tsvetkov, Irina Tsvetkova, and Inna Abraimova. In the front row are their children Nikolai Abraimov, Mikhail Abraimov, and Slava Tsvetkov.

Dmytro is at FSU's National High Magnetic Field Laboratory.

Scott Timm, daughter Grace Timm, and friend Olivia Hughes from Woodstock, GA climbed the lighthouse after participating in the Coastal Cleanup on September 20. They visit the island specifically to help with the Cleanup, and have been doing so for the last six years! We appreciate their love for our island and look forward to seeing them next year.



Robert and Mary O'Daniels from Defuniak Springs visited in October. Mary's mother, Dorothy Pryor Bullock, is the sister of Bessie Roberts. Bessie was the wife of Keeper Walter A. Roberts, Jr. and the mother of our dear friend Bill Roberts. Dorothy, now 88 years old and living in Fort Walton Beach, stayed at the lighthouse with Keeper and Mrs. Roberts in the early 1940's, when she was 11 - 13 years old.

Keith Rogers, from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, set a new adult climbing record when he climbed to the top of the lighthouse four times in the same day on November 8. Now that's the way to stay in shape!



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## **Quick Blinks**

- The handsome signage created for the lighthouse, museum & gift shop, and lighthouse park by Sauls Signs of Tallahassee has been featured in Signs Of The Times magazine. Here's the link to their online version. <http://www.signweb.com/content/bob-sauls-post-and-panel-sign-shines-historic-lighthouse#.VITHwjHF-M5>
- Lighthouse pavers make great holiday gifts! Honor a friend, relative, pet or memorable vacation with a paver in Lighthouse Park. Pavers ordered by December 17 will be installed shortly after the new year. Click here for the order form <http://www.stgeorgelight.org/file/PaverForm2013R.pdf> and follow the directions on it for a long-lasting gift.

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



*As we approach the 2014 Holiday Season, we pause to thank all of our many members, sponsors, and friends for continuing support of the Cape St. George Lighthouse. We wish you and your families all the joys of the season and happiness, health, and prosperity in the coming year.*

*This photograph of the lighthouse decorated with lantern room lighting and wreaths on the door and windows was taken at the Island Lights event on December 5, 2014 by SGLA member Lois Swoboda.*