

Reception Celebrates Lens Exhibit



The new Fresnel lens exhibit in the Keeper's House Museum was celebrated at a reception attended by about 100 St. George Lighthouse Association members, friends, and local dignitaries.

Gathered in Lighthouse Park on a sunny spring afternoon, the attendees enjoyed refreshments before viewing the magnificent replica of the third order lens that illuminated the lighthouse from 1857 to 1949.

SGLA President Jim Kemp welcomed guests and thanked members for their continued support which enabled the acquisition of the reproduction lens. The original lens was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard when the lighthouse was automated in 1949, and its current whereabouts is uncertain.

Docents Jackie Bell and Mary Jean Heide offered information and answered questions about the lens

as guests, including County Commissioner Rick Watson and TDC member Brenda LaPaz, marveled at the beauty of the full-size replica.

"A lighthouse without a lens is like an engagement ring without a diamond," commented SGLA board member Bob Heide.

And so now our spectacular "diamond" is reunited with its "ring" and ready for all our visitors to enjoy!



Docent Jackie Bell greeted visitors at the lens exhibit.

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