

# LIGHT READING



**Newsletter Summer 2018**  
**St. George Lighthouse Association**

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**St. George Island, FL 32328**  
**850-927-7745**

[www.stgeorgelight.org](http://www.stgeorgelight.org)

## Need a unique gift?

A \$50 brick paver in Lighthouse Park is a great way to commemorate just about anything – birthday, wedding, graduation, great vacation or loved ones. Inscriptions can be funny, serious, happy, sad or sometimes just plain weird. We have two options to purchase these pavers:

- Print out the [Brick Paver Form](#) and return to the Gift Shop along with your \$50 payment.
- Click the following link to be directed to our online partner, MemberPlanet to purchase by credit card today [Brick Paver Form for Online Purchase](#).

**Pathways to the Light**

Sponsor a Brick Paver in  
St. George Lighthouse Park  
And engrave your name in history!

Each paver is 8" X 4"  
Inscription can be up to 3 lines,  
Up to 18 characters per line

St. George Lighthouse

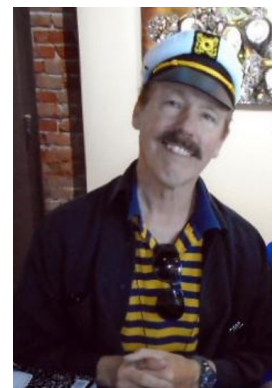
**YOUR NAME HERE,  
KIDS, GRANDKIDS,  
OR WHATEVER!**

**\$50.00 per Paver**

## WHERE DID THE NAME ST. GEORGE ISLAND COME FROM?



Ever wonder where the name St. George Island came from? SGLA museum docent, James Hargrove wrote a great article for the Apalachicola Times about St. George Island. James has written several books about the Cape St. George Lighthouse and this area and is a wonderful historian. Thanks James for sharing your knowledge and history of this beautiful area.



[Apalachicola Times Article by James Hargrove](#)

*James Hargrove, author,  
historian, photographer, docent*

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## LIGHTNING STRIKE CAUSES DAMAGE IN LIGHTHOUSE PARK

The past few weeks Mother Nature has been putting on quite a show with rain, storms and lots of lightning. On June 28th, she reminded us of her power when lightning struck the St. George Island Visitors Center, Cape St. George Light as well as the Keeper's House Museum.

The lightning fried the gift shop computer in the Keeper's House and caused minor damage to the outside of the Lighthouse. The Visitors Center air-conditioning unit was hit and started a small fire but fortunately, early morning visitors spotted the smoke and called the Fire Department who responded quickly and were able to contain it.

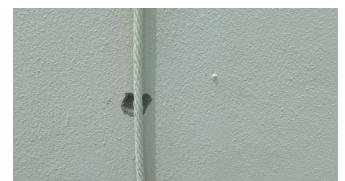
Lightning can be very dangerous. Please be safe when storms threaten.



*Lightning traveled down and out the bottom of both sides of the lighthouse*



*Closeup of west side of lighthouse*



*East side of lighthouse where lightning came out*

## GIFT SHOP CORNER!!!!

Welcome to Gen Hayes, our new Gift Shop Associate. Gen is a long time resident of St. George Island and we are happy to welcome her to the SGLA family.



The Gift Shop is proud to announce the addition of creations by two artists that offer handmade jewelry and beautiful photos. This is a just a sample of the many items you can find in our local Lighthouse Gift Shop and Museum. Stop by and let one of the SGLA staff help you out.

*Pictured above are several handmade items by artist, Clair Raabe. Each creation is made using molten glass and the necklaces are 2-sided, some featuring a quarter moon on one side and full moon on the other side. The sparkling rings are made from the same material used on the space shuttles that helps reflect heat. Stop in and see these wonderful items and to learn more about Clair, please visit her website at: [Clair Rabbe Glass](#)*

*To the right is a beautiful full moon photograph taken by photographer, Larry Bunn. We are excited to offer this photo along with several others for sale in the gift shop.*

[LB Photography](#)



# RECORD COUNTS FOR SUMMER FULL MOON CLIMBS



The crowds for the Full Moon Climbs this summer have been amazing! The previous record of 65, set in August 2017, was SMASHED in June with 91 climbers and SHATTERED again in July with 115 climbers. A busy island and several large groups have led to the sizeable crowds and the Sun and Moon have cooperated with beautiful sunsets and moonrises.

Thanks to Billie for making sure all our social media was updated to draw the crowds in and to Carol, Gen and Dottie for selling tickets in the Gift Shop and answering so many calls and questions about the climb. And a **TREMENDOUS** thanks to Dottie, Tracy and Susan for managing the crowds and staying until everyone had a chance to climb! Their dedication is greatly appreciated!

## Full Moon Climbs for 2018

Once again, the Cape St. George Lighthouse will be offering Sunset & Full Moon Climbs in 2018. Full Moon Climbs include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the St. George Lighthouse Association. Times vary throughout the year so make sure to check out the schedule below. Prepaid reservations for any 2018 Full Moon Climb can be made at the Lighthouse Gift Shop.

After sunset, people are invited to climb to the top of the lighthouse for a breathtaking view of the full moon, as space and time permit. Cost is \$10.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for SGLA members.

Parking available in lots at either side of the park. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. Please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745.

### 2018 Full Moon Schedule

Date	Day	Moon Name	Time
August 26, 2018	Sunday	Sturgeon	8:00 - 9:30 pm
September 24, 2018	Monday	Harvest	7:30 - 9:00 pm
October 24, 2018	Wednesday	Hunters	6:30 - 8:00 pm
November 23, 2018	Friday	Beaver	5:30 - 7:30 pm
December 22, 2018	Saturday	Cold	5:30 - 7:00 pm

# Thanks To Our Visitors for the Reviews

Have you visited the Cape St. George Lighthouse, Gift Shop and Museum? We love to hear from you via Facebook, Google, Trip Advisor or your favorite social site. Please enjoy reading some of our recent reviews from different visitors.

- *If you are in St. George you must climb this! And the history and the way the people of the area have made this a treasure is truly heartwarming. Loved it!*
- **Visited the St George Lighthouse and gift shop. This is a must see. Inside the gift shop is a museum of St George Island. Buck, who was the greeter in the museum, was so informative and gave us a history lesson of the island and the lighthouse. We then climbed the lighthouse all 93 steps. Beautiful views from the top. Don't miss this attraction.**
- *We enjoyed our visit to the Lighthouse Museum & Gift Shop. We were greeted at the door by a volunteer who told us a little bit about the lighthouse before letting us look at the exhibits. All in all, a lovely lighthouse--be sure to pay it a visit if you are in the area.*
- **My wife and I really loved this stop! It was a great light house with a neat history. We were about to climb all the way to the top, and the view was spectacular. I love history, and the ladies in the light house were very helpful in teaching and all that it was about. I would highly recommend this on any tour!!!**
- *Never knew there was so much civil war history in this area. The light house museum is excellent and provides lot of detail through pictures, books, relics of the old lighthouse, and the guide that gives you an oral history when you walk in. Plan to spend an hour and get to know the history of the area. Buy a ticket for the lighthouse and enjoy the view.*
- **The docent at the gift shop was friendly and told us the history of the original lighthouses and the reconstruction. The reconstruction is very nice, with thick walls and a beautiful view of the beach and St George Island.**
- *We were on the Island and looking for something to do, then we noticed the Lighthouse! The museum was really interesting, the history fascinating, and the museum hosts very knowledgeable about the history of the Island and Lighthouse. We were able to see a lot of artifacts from the original Lighthouse, then walk up to the top of the current Lighthouse with a view that can't be beat! Great for families or couples, and taking a "selfie" at the top is a super keepsake to have.*
- **I loved the historic side of the lighthouse and how all of the staff was prepared and excited to answer all of your questions. But this is just a replica and its small.**

[SGLA Facebook Page](#)

[SGLA Trip Advisor](#)

[SGLA Google Reviews](#)

**We are very proud of our staff, volunteers and docents and love sharing the wonderful comments from our visitors. Thanks to all of them. Want to volunteer as a Museum Docent?**

**[Become a SGLA Docent!!](#)**

## Quick Blinks • click the links below to learn more!!!!

- Mark your calendars; February 9, 2019 for the [8th Annual SGI Tour of Homes](#)
- Become a Lighthouse Member today—[Join Now](#)
- Want to volunteer—[Become a lighthouse museum docent](#)
- Help us Celebrate on December 2, 2018—[10th Anniversary details](#)
- Thank Susan Baldino for sharing this inspiring video—[One more reason to love lighthouses](#)

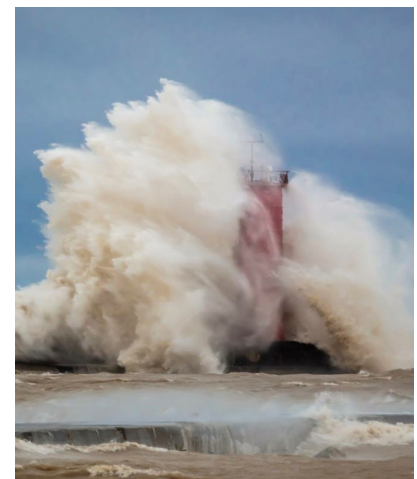
## A Parting Shot . . .



*Executive Director, Kate Aguiar recently attended the FLA Meeting in Tampa and toured the Anclote Key Lighthouse that is only accessible by boat from the Tampa area.*



*Thanks to John and Peg Sanford, of Saugatuck, Michigan for sharing these pictures of the Sheboygan Breakwater Lighthouse in Sheboygan, Wisconsin while vacationing.*



There are many beautiful lighthouses out there for all to enjoy and they come in all shapes and sizes. Click the following link to learn 10 things you may not have known about lighthouses.

[CNN Travel Article on Lighthouses.](#)