LIGHT READING



Newsletter Fall 2018 St. George Lighthouse Association 2B East Gulf Beach Drive St. George Island, FL 32328 850-927-7745

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Hurricane Michael Hits the Panhandle

Hurricane Michael blew through the Panhandle on October 10th as a Category 4 hurricane and continued to move north through Georgia and into the Carolinas and Virginia. Michael is the strongest storm on record to hit the area.



Our neighbors to the west took a direct hit and left mass destruction in Port St. Joe, Mexico Beach, Panama City and everything in between.

Cape St. George Lighthouse still stands tall with no damage and although the Keeper's House had several feet of water underneath, it also came thru with minor damage.

Photo courtesy of Tori Schneider, Tallahassee Democrat

ThankSGIving

Be thankful for each and everyday. SGI will continue to heal and rebuild and look forward to moving ahead. Our hearts and thanks go out to all those that continue to rebuild their lives and assist with the clean-up.

THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS

- <u>Aloha Bugs Pest Management</u>
- Bay View Charters of SGI
- Mason & Marilyn Bean, Century 21
 <u>Collins Realty, Inc.</u>
- BJ's Pizza
- Butler Agency
- Century 21 Collins Realty, Inc.
- <u>Collins Vacation Rentals</u>
- Harry A's Restaurant
- Island Adventures
- Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop

- Island Outfitters
- <u>Resort Vacation Properties of SGI</u>
- Pandora Schlitt, Naumann Group Real
 <u>Estate, Inc.</u>
- <u>SGI Civic Club</u>
- Thomas Shuler, P.A. Law Office
- <u>Sometimes It's Hotter Seasoning</u>
- Helen Spohrer, Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services
- <u>Suncoast Vacation Rentals</u>
- Survivors Bait and Tackle
- Rick & Candace Watson, Century 21

Click on any of the Business Members to be directed to their Website or Facebook page

Welcome Kevin Begos, SGLA Lighthouse Keeper



Kevin came to Franklin County in 1995, as a reporter for the Apalachicola Times. He went on to work for the Tampa Tribune and The Associated Press, and was also an MIT Knight Science Journalism Fellow. His first book was published this year and he still writes for many publications.

Kevin has always loved local history. He is a volunteer guide at Orman House Historic State Park, and a certified guide with the National Association for Interpretation and we are proud he is a part of the SGLA family.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Lighthouse Association showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness month in October by displaying pink lights on the top of the lighthouse. Hurricane Michael caused us to turn off the lights before the end of the month but our love and support for those affected by cancer continues all year long.



Cape St. George Lighthouse Veterans Day Ceremony Saturday, November 10, 2018 3:00 PM at Lighthouse Park, St. George Island

Honor Our Veterans

Please join us and help honor all those who have served as we pay tribute and recognize our veterans.

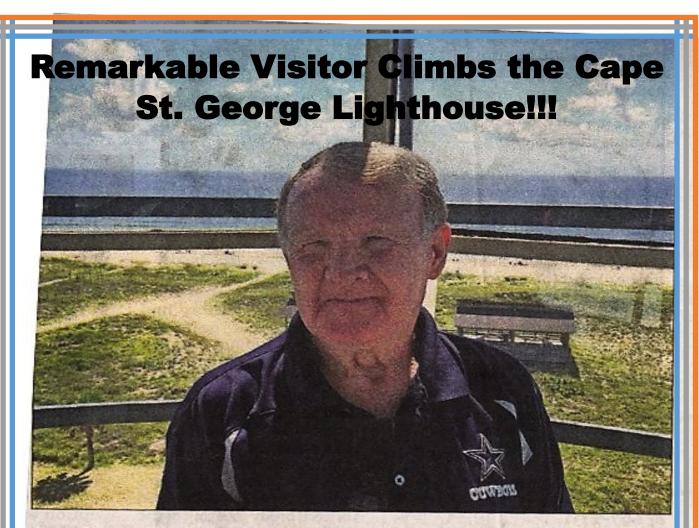


GIFT SHOP CORNER!!!!

Plan to join us on Saturday, November 24th from 6-8 PM for the gift shop SIP 'N SHOP. Get an early start for your Christmas shopping as we offer new items and great discounts to all.



website for extended hours during the holidays. Holiday Hours!!



Danny Flowers, from Texas, climbed the St. George Island lighthouse. [JAMES HARGROVE | SPECIAL TO THE TIMES]

Blind man climbs St. George lighthouse

On Friday, Oct. 5, a docent at the Cape St. George Lighthouse was alerted that a blind man wanted to climb to the lantern room. Danny Flowers, a visitor from Texas, was waiting on the gift shop porch with a friend from Crawfordville named Bobbye Pierce. Feeling his way with the metal ladder through

his white cane, Flowers accompanied James Hargrove to the base of the tower, where he and Pierce met the lighthouse keeper, Tracy Evans.

Pierce led the way up the 92 steps, tapping each of the steps with his cane. At the watch room, he set the cane aside and climbed up

the opening to the lantern room. "I just want a photo of me in front of the Gulf of Mexico," he said, and added "If I can do it, anyone can do it." He had no trouble descending the ladder and going back down the 92 steps, warming the hearts of everyone who was present that afternoon.

Keeper Descendants Visits the Lighthouse

Jan Lehouck recently visited the Cape St. George Lighthouse with her sons. Jan is the youngest daughter of Lighthouse Keeper, Walter Roberts, Jr., Keeper from 1932—1938 and Jan was born in Apalach while Walter was a Keeper for the lighthouse.

The family also donated a beautiful framed Net Meaning Tool used by Walter Andrew Roberts, Jr (lovingly known as Pop by great-grandson, Mike). Thanks to Evelyn Janice Roberts Lehouck and sons, Robert and Michael for sharing this family treasure.



Jan is flanked by her sons Mike (on the left) and Gus (right) . Jan just recently moved to Florida from North Carolina.

Full Moon Climbs for 2018/2019

Once again, the Cape St. George Lighthouse will be offering Sunset & Full Moon Climbs in 2018/2019. Full Moon Climbs include light hors d'oeurves and water. 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 2018/2019 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.

| Date | Day | Moon Name | Time |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| November 23, 2018 | Friday | Beaver | 5:30 - 7:30 pm |
| December 22, 2018 | Saturday | Cold | 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| January 19, 2019 | Saturday | Wolf | 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| February 19, 2019 | Tuesday | Snow | 6:30 - 8:00 pm |
| March 20, 2019 | Wednesday | Worm | 7:30 - 9:00 pm |
| April 19, 2019 | Friday | Pink | 8:00 - 9:30 pm |
| May 18, 2019 | Saturday | Flower | 8:00 - 9:30 pm |
| June 18, 2019 | Tuesday | Strawberry | 8:30 - 10:00 pm |
| July 16, 2019 | Tuesday | Buck | 8:30 - 10:00 pm |
| August 14, 2019 | Wednesday | Sturgeon | 8:00 - 9:30 pm |
| September 13, 2019 | Friday | Harvest | 7:30 - 9:00 pm |
| October 13, 2019 | Sunday | Hunters | 7:00 - 8:30 pm |
| November 11, 2019 | Monday | Beaver | 5:30 - 7:00 pm |
| December 11, 2019 | Wednesday | Cold | 5:30 - 7:00 pm |

2018/2019 Full Moon Schedule

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

- Veterans Day Ceremony in Lighthouse Park—Saturday, November 10th at 3 PM
- SIP 'N SHOP—Gift Shop Open House—Saturday, November 24th, 6—8 PM
- In the wake of Hurricane Michael our 10th Anniversary Celebration has been postponed— <u>10th Anniversary details</u>
- Mark your calendars; February 9, 2019 for the 8th Annual SGI Tour of Homes
- Become a Tour of Homes Sponsor or Supporter—2019 TOH Sponsor/Supporter
- Become a Lighthouse Member today—Join Now
- Want to volunteer—Become a lighthouse museum docent

A Parting Shot . . . Blast From the Past



April 1988 on Little St. George; left to right, Debo Powers, Elaine Roberts, Heidi Fox Thanks to Lyn Kittle for sharing her photo