

LIGHT READING



Newsletter Spring 2019

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CAPE ST GEORGE LIGHT TO HOST MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- **May 9, 2019 5:30 PM Annual Membership Meeting**

The St. George Lighthouse Association, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting in Lighthouse Park. After a short business meeting, we will be serving hot dogs with all the trimmings and side dishes. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy socializing in the shade of the Cape St. George Lighthouse. If you have not renewed your membership or know someone that would like to join, visit the gift shop for a membership application or click here to purchase online: [Join Now!!!](#)

- **May 10-11, 2019 [Florida Lighthouse Association Spring Meeting](#)**

The Cape St. George Light will host the Spring meeting of the Florida Lighthouse Association. All activities are on St. George Island and Light house Docent and Historian, James Hargrove is the guest speaker at the membership meeting on Saturday. [Meeting & Membership Details.](#)

Deadline to register is April 30th and cost is:

\$65 for FLA Members

\$95 for Non-FLA Members & includes an annual membership to FLA

\$45 Friday or Saturday Only

** May 10, 6:30-9PM Social Event in Plantation Clubhouse

** May 11, 9-11:30 AM Membership Meeting in Plantation Clubhouse

** May 11, 11:30 AM Lunch in Plantation Clubhouse

** May 11, 1-4 PM Visit to Cape St. George Light and Keeper's House on St. George Island

THANKS TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS

- [Aloha Bugs Pest Management](#)
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- [Island Dog Beach & Surf Shop](#)
- [Island Dog Outdoors](#)
- [Sanders & Duncan, P.A., Attorneys](#)
- [Resort Vacation Properties of SGI](#)
- [Pandora Schlitt, Naumann Group Real Estate, Inc.](#)
- [SGI Civic Club](#)
- [Thomas Shuler, P.A. Law Office](#)
- [Sometimes It's Hotter Seasoning](#)
- [Helen Spohrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices](#)
- [Suncoast Vacation Rentals](#)
- [Survivors Bait and Tackle](#)
- [Rick Watson, Century 21 Collins Realty](#)

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

2019 SGI Tour of Homes Another Successful Event

The island was busy on February 9th for the 8th Annual SGI Tour of Homes featuring 7 distinctive homes from beach to bay locations. Over 550 visitors enjoyed the tour and one of the highlights of this year's tour was the presentation on Friday evening by Chris Smith, Chief Meteorologist with WJHG-TV. It was standing room only as Chris gave a presentation on Hurricane Michael that offered before and after pictures of the area and the history and science of hurricanes.

We would like to thank all the homeowners, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and visitors that helped raise over \$15,000 for the maintenance and preservation of the lighthouse.



The Lighthouse Association was thrilled to see our own Cape St. George Light on the front cover of the 2019 Florida Association of Counties Calendar. Allen Adams, a photographer from Monticello, Florida, was on the island in August of 2018 taking family photos. As he was leaving the island, he decided to try and capture the lightning behind the lighthouse. Allen fired off long exposure shots for approximately 15 minutes and was excited to see the final photo. Boy did he capture a once in a lifetime shot!

You can see more of Allen's photos by visiting his website: allenandcarol.com



Collins and Arnold Are Honored with Lifetime Lighthouse Pavers



Mason Bean presents Alice Collins with a lighthouse paver!

Alice Collins and Harry Arnold were honored at the 2019 Chili Cook-off for their contributions as the founders of the SGI Chili Cook-off that was started 37 years ago. The pavers will be placed in Lighthouse Park on the brick pathway.



Click the link below to read more from the Apalachicola Times article:
[Founders Honored at Chili Cook-off](#)

More Chili Cook-off News

Our very own SGI Lighthouse Crew didn't let the rainy weather stop them from cooking up some fabulous chili at this year's cook-off while raising money for the SGI Fire Department.



SGI Lighthouse Association Booth



Terry Kemp, Skip Kemp, Bob Heide & John Hadley



President Skip supervises as Terry adds just the right amount of spices.

John Hadley and Bob Heide cut peppers and onions for the perfect St. George Lighthouse Chili



Florida Lighthouse Day Celebrated

Saturday, April 6th was Florida Lighthouse Day and climbs for the day were free to everyone. Over 200 visitors enjoyed the opportunity to not only climb the 92 stairs to the top of our lighthouse but to help celebrate and appreciate all these historic structures throughout Florida.

Meet Ina Longway From Tennessee!!!! Our Oldest Climber

Ina Longway turned 94 on Feb. 17, and on March 13, returned from Tennessee to the Cape St. George Light with daughter Ruth, son-in-law Richard, and grandson Joshua.

Last year Ina climbed all 92 steps of the lighthouse, at age 93, and on her return trip to St. George Island, knew she had to climb again to celebrate and break her own record. Thanks to Ina and the entire Longway family for making the St. George Lighthouse part of their annual trip.

We look forward to celebrating her 95th birthday next year with another climb as she continues to inspire us to stay young and keep on smiling.



Ina enjoys the view from the top of the lighthouse!



Lighthouse Keeper, Kevin Begos congratulates Ina as she leaves the lighthouse

Keeper Descendent Becomes Lighthouse Association Member !!!!

St. George Lighthouse Association recently welcomed Sabrina and Christopher Fornes from Apalachicola as new family members of the Association. Sabrina is the Great-Great-Granddaughter of Edward G. Porter who was the Cape St. George Lighthouse Keeper from 1893—1913. Sabrina and her husband Christopher reside in Apalachicola and we look forward to seeing them at the lighthouse.



Edward G. Porter, Lighthouse Keeper 1893—1913. Photo from Florida Memory Archives

Another Way To Help Support The Lighthouse Thru Amazon

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can help support the Cape St. George Light by adding the St. George Lighthouse Association as your charity organization. It is an easy way to shop from your home and support SGLA as well. Amazon will donate 0.5% of certain purchases to our association at no extra cost to you.



Get started by visiting [smile. Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), choose St. George Lighthouse Association, Inc. as your charitable organization and continue shopping as usual. It's that simple.

[Read More About AmazonSmile](#)



Forgotten Coast Plein Air In Lighthouse Park

St. George Island and Lighthouse Park will be full of artists on May 3 – 12 for the Forgotten Coast Plein Air event. St. George Lighthouse Association is excited to announce the very popular Quick Draw event will be held in Lighthouse Park from 8 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, May 4th. Plan your day to come watch these talented artists as they create their original works of art. Later that day from 4 – 6 PM, SGLA will host a reception in Lighthouse Park for the artists with guest speaker, Bill Farnsworth sharing his artistic process.

For all the details and events lists please visit: [Forgotten Coast Plein Air 2019](#)

Full Moon Climbs for 2019

The Cape St. George Lighthouse offers Sunset & Full Moon Climbs each month. Full Moon Climbs include light hors d'oeuvres 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. Because space is limited, reservations are recommended. Prepaid reservations for any 2019 Full Moon Climb can be made at the Lighthouse Gift Shop.

If you don't have reservations, you can still enjoy the Full Moon Climb! 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 for the general public and \$5 for SGLA members.

Parking is available in lots at either side of the park. Please contact the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 for reservations or more information.

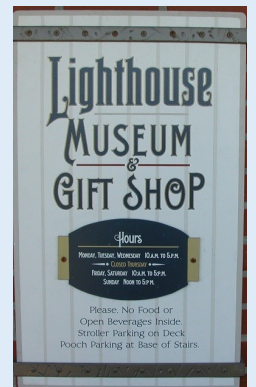
2019 Full Moon Schedule

**Reserved Spaces
Available as of
4/16/19**

Date	Day	Moon Name	Time	Reserved Spaces Available as of 4/16/19
April 19, 2019	Friday	Pink	8:00 - 9:30 pm	0
May 18, 2019	Saturday	Flower	8:00 - 9:30 pm	12
June 18, 2019	Tuesday	Strawberry	8:30 - 10:00 pm	7
July 16, 2019	Tuesday	Buck	8:30 - 10:00 pm	12
August 14, 2019	Wednesday	Sturgeon	8:00 - 9:30 pm	12
September 13, 2019	Friday	Harvest	7:30 - 9:00 pm	12
October 13, 2019	Sunday	Hunters	7:00 - 8:30 pm	12
November 11, 2019	Monday	Beaver	5:30 - 7:00 pm	12
December 11, 2019	Wednesday	Cold	5:30 - 7:00 pm	12

The St. George Lighthouse Gift Shop is excited to announce they are now on Facebook. Like them today and start following them for announcements, special pricing and new product updates.

[Visit our Gift Shop Facebook Page](#) or call us at 850-927-7745.



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

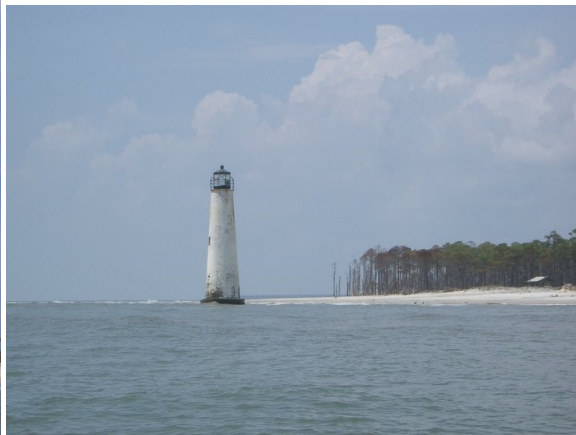
- Become a Lighthouse Member today - [Join Now](#)
- Want to volunteer? - [Become a lighthouse museum docent](#)
- Plein Air Quick Draw in Lighthouse Park; May 4, 8 AM-12:30 PM [Forgotten Coast Plein Air](#)
- SGLA Membership Annual Meeting & Meal - May 9th, 5:30 PM, Lighthouse Park
- FLA Lighthouse Meeting & Reception - May 10 & 11, Plantation Clubhouse
[Florida Lighthouse Association Spring Meeting](#)
- Lighthouse, Gift Shop & Museum Summer Hours; March 1 - October 31, 10 AM to 5 PM,
Closed Thursdays, Sundays, Noon - 5PM

A Parting Shot . . . Blast From the Past



Labor Day, 2005 by Dr. Goodson

Thanks to Dr. Jonathan Goodson from Georgia for the great pictures.



Labor Day, 2005 by Dr. Goodson, 6 weeks before it fell



Spring 2006 , after the fall



Look At Us Now . . .

**Your Membership Donations and
Volunteer Efforts Helped Save and
Restore This Historic Structure !!!**