

LIGHT READING



Newsletter Summer 2019

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200,000th CLIMBER AT THE CAPE ST GEORGE LIGHT!!!!!!



Congratulations to Fiona Huffman, a 6 year old from Birmingham, Alabama. On Friday, June 21st around 10:30 AM, Fiona was our 200,000th climber since the lighthouse was opened in 2008. Pictured above are Executive Director, Kate Aguiar, Fiona in the middle and Gift Shop Manager, Carol Talley who presented Fiona with her certificate. She will also receive a lighthouse replica and a Lifetime Free Climbing Pass.

The staff have been monitoring the number of climbers since the lighthouse was opened in 2008 and Executive Director, Kate Aguiar was spot on with her guess of June 21, as the exciting day.

Fiona was accompanied by her mother Stacy, sister Sabrina and grandfather Lem Stabler who all shared her unforgettable day. See the next page for a photo of the entire family.

200,000th Climber (continued)



Pictured left to right are Lem Stabler (grandfather of Fiona, Lighthouse Keeper Tracy Evans, Sabrina (Fiona's sister) Fiona standing on first step and Stacy (Fiona's mom).

See you all next year on your next vacation to St. George Island. The lighthouse will be waiting to welcome you again.

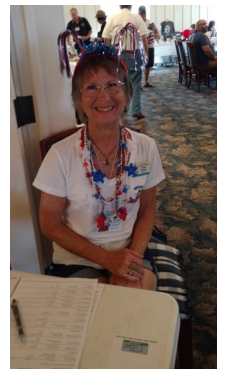
SGLA Hosted Two Events on St. George Island

The Annual Membership Meeting for the Florida Lighthouse Association was hosted by St. George Lighthouse Association on May 10 - 11 and held at the Plantation Clubhouse with over 100 FLA members in attendance from all over the state.

Our very own local historian James Hargrove was the guest speaker for the 2 day event that was jam packed with an evening reception, luncheon, business meeting and colorful red, white and blue themed dress attire. The final stop for the meeting was a tour of the Gift Shop, Museum and climb to the top of the Cape St. George Light. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Florida Lighthouse Association, click the following link to learn more: [FLA Info](#)



FLA President Chris Belcher presents a plaque to SGLA President Skip Kemp



Members were welcomed by Chris Ecker, wife of FLA Planning Committee Chair, Ron Ecker



SGLA Docent James Hargrove sharing his vast knowledge of the lighthouse history

SGLA Hosted Two Events on St. George Island (continued)

On May 3—12 the [Forgotten Coast Plein Air](#) hosted their annual event and the very popular Quick Draw event was held in Lighthouse Park on May 4th. The day ended with SGLA hosting a reception for the visiting artists (over 50 of them!!)



View from top of lighthouse prior to the Quick Draw Event. Photo by Kate Aguiar



Colorful painting by artist Ginny Fergus



Over 50 artists participated in the popular Quick Draw event that was held in Lighthouse Park this year!!

Farewell To Our Founding Member, Dennis Barnell

Obituary provided by Apalachicola Times

Dennis E. Barnell, known to many of his friends as "Snave," passed away at his home on St. George Island on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Dennis will long be remembered as the driving force behind the preservation and reconstruction of the Cape St. George Lighthouse. His love for the lighthouse dated back to the early '80s, when he and friends enjoyed vacations on St. George Island that often included boat trips to Little St. George and picnics at the lighthouse. When Hurricane Opal caused the lighthouse to lean in 1995, Dennis worked with a group of volunteers to remove the metal staircase which had come loose from the lighthouse walls and posed a safety problem.

When beach erosion continued to threaten the lighthouse site, Dennis was instrumental in organizing the St. George Lighthouse Association in 2004 to pursue a plan to protect the endangered lighthouse. After the lighthouse collapsed in 2005, Dennis led the effort to salvage materials and reconstruct the lighthouse on more stable ground at the center of St. George Island. With Dennis managing the complex project, the lighthouse was rebuilt and opened to the public in Dec. 2008. Dennis served as president of the St. George Lighthouse Association from 2004 to 2015.

Dennis was born on May 13, 1946 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Eugene and Helen Barnell. He graduated from North Hill High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1964. As a member of the U.S. Naval Reserves, he was ordered to active duty in the Navy in Nov. 1964 and served on the USS Stickell until his discharge in Nov. 1966. He was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Dennis moved to Atlanta, Georgia after his discharge from the Navy and began a long career in the telecommunications industry with Southern Bell, ultimately retiring from Lucent Technologies.

After his retirement, Dennis built a home on St. George Island and permanently relocated to the island. In addition to the Lighthouse Association, Dennis was a member of Willoughby Marks American Legion Post 106, the USS Stickell DD/DDR 888 Association, and the SGI Yacht Club. He was for many years an active volunteer with St. George Island Boy Scout Troop 22, serving as beachmaster and traffic controller for the annual Boy Scout sailboat regatta, and providing transportation for Boy Scout camping trips on Little St. George Island.



Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Jeanne Tanfield.

He is survived by his brother-in-law Richard Tanfield, and nephews Barney and Philip Tanfield, all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service and celebration of life for Dennis will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to one of the following organizations: St. George Lighthouse Association, 2B East Gulf Beach Dr., St. George Island, FL 32328; St. George Island Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 682, Eastpoint, FL 32328; or the Franklin County Public Library, P.O. Box 722, Eastpoint, FL 32328.

Click the following link to view photo tribute to

[Dennis Barnell](#)

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

SGLA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The 2019 Annual Membership meeting was held on May 9th in Lighthouse Park. Over 45 members attended the meeting. Fred Stanley was honored as outgoing director who has served on the Board over 11 years and SGLA welcomed Cutler Edwards as incoming director. President Skip Kemp was thrilled to announce we have recovered from Hurricane Michael without any major issues. After the meeting was adjourned, the crowd enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings grilled to perfection by Jimmy Lewis and Ed Aguiar.



*Fred Stanley is presented with a brick paver thanking him for his 11+ years serving on the SGLA Board.
Thanks Fred!!!*



SGLA welcomes newly elected director, Cutler Edwards to the Board



SGLA members listen as Executive Director, Kate Aguiar reports our membership total is 420 and growing. If you haven't renewed, we have included an application on the next page or you can renew online at: [Join Now](#)

Membership Application Form

Select a Membership Level:

Student (must be purchased in person) \$ 10.00 _____
 Individual \$ 25.00 _____
 Family \$ 50.00 _____
 Keeper \$100.00 _____
 Business \$125.00 _____
 Lifetime Patron \$500.00 + _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

E-Mail is the least expensive way for us to communicate with our members. SGLA does not provide its e-mail list to any other organizations.

Did you know many employers will match your contribution? Contact them and double your support!!

Volunteers are needed to work at the Lighthouse, work as docents at the Museum, help with events, provide technical assistance with computer projects, do historical research, etc.

If you would like to volunteer, tell us your preferences:

Benefits of Membership

St. George Lighthouse Association members receive the following benefits.

- Free admission to the Cape St. George Light as follows:
 - Student : Member named on card for annual membership term, with Student ID (must be purchased in person)
 - Individual: Member named on card for annual membership term
 - Family: Member, spouse, children under 18 for annual membership term
 - Keeper: Member, spouse, and family for annual membership term
 - Lifetime Patron: Same as Keeper, plus accompanying guests, for life of member
 - Business: Admission for owner or primary contact at Keeper level. Employees of Business members are entitled to one free climb per membership year.
- 10% discount on merchandise at the Lighthouse Gift Shop.
- Voting privileges at membership meetings
- Cape St. George Light updates and newsletters via email.
- Support for the continued preservation of the historic Cape St. George Light!
- Business Members are entitled to a link on the SGLA website and recognition in quarterly newsletters.

SGLA's paid memberships renew annually 1 year from membership purchase date. Payments can be made via mail, in the Lighthouse Gift Shop or online thru our website; www.stgeorgelight.org

3 Options To Join or Renew Membership:

- Fill out Membership Application. Please print clearly and remember to include your email address if you have one. Make check payable to: St. George Lighthouse Association
 Mail to: St. George Lighthouse Association
 2B East Gulf Beach Drive
 St. George Island, Florida 32328
- Visit our Gift Shop/Museum to make payment in person.
- Visit www.stgeorgelight.org to purchase or renew your membership online and click on Membership under the Support Us tab!!

The Next Singing Sensation?

We recently had a small visitor that entered the gift shop singing her favorite song which just happens to be titled, *My Lighthouse*. Sarah Reineke from Georgia was visiting with her parents, John and Heather Reineke and her smile and enthusiasm for the lighthouse was so sweet we had to share.

You can listen to the original version of this song on YouTube [My Lighthouse](#). Thanks Sarah for making our day.



Sarah Reineke is 6 years old and her smile and snappy attire lit up the gift shop!!!

Visitors from Australia!!! Thanks to Narelle and Pauline for adding the lighthouse to your travel plans.



Purchase A Brick Paver As A Reminder Of Your Time On SGI

Our brick pathway in Lighthouse Park is a testament from just some of the visitors that loved SGI so much they wanted to share it with everyone that walked the path. Purchase your paver for \$50 to be forever engraved on the pathway!! Visit our gift shop for a form or to purchase online click the link to the right of the brick and support SGLA today.

Tennessee Visitor Built His Own Lighthouse!!

Jeff Marek from Eastern Tennessee recently visited our lighthouse and proudly showed off his own personal lighthouse he has created as his home. Jeff shared the building process and inside photos of this unique home. Click on the link to read more;

[Marek Lighthouse](#)



**WE LOVE ST GEORGE
ISLAND AND THE
LIGHTHOUSE!!!**

[Brick Paver Online
Purchase](#)

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

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

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

- *July 5, 2019 we had a record breaking number of climbers for the day - 340 climbers in total!! Keeper Tracy Evans, Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley and Docent James Hargrove did a great job of welcoming all the climbers.*
- Become a Lighthouse Member today - [Join Now](#)
- Want to volunteer? - [Become a lighthouse museum docent](#)
- Lighthouse, Gift Shop & Museum Summer Hours; March 1 - October 31, 10 AM to 5 PM, Closed Thursdays, Sundays, Noon - 5PM
- Like the Gift Shop on their new Facebook page - [Lighthouse Gift Shop, St. George Island](#)



If you are an Amazon shopper, you can add St George Lighthouse Association Inc as your charitable organization to support when shopping on [AmazonSmile](#). No extra cost to anyone, same products, just shop thru [Amazon Smile](#).

A Parting Shot . . . Blast From the Past

Our **100,000th** Climber was 10 year old Karsyn Rae Nauss who received her Lifetime Climbing Certificate on **July 26, 2014**. To read the full article, click on the following link to be directed to our newsletter archives [2014 Summer Newsletter](#). We hope Karsyn visits again.



Jeanne, Avery, and Karsyn Nauss receives her certificate from Gift Shop Manager Carol Talley