



Crooked River Lighthouse

Carrabelle Lighthouse Association

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Wash House Update



As you can see from this picture, Reese Contracting has almost completed work on our historic wash house renovation project. Once the building is secure, we can begin to develop educational displays for the interior.



The ramp connecting the museum to the wash house has been completed and looks seamless. Curator Joan Matey is working on the design for signage and exterior landscaping.

New Lighthouse Volunteers

The next time you visit Crooked River Lighthouse you, may have the pleasure of meeting some of our wonderful new volunteers. We are very pleased to welcome Captain Bob Lewis of Homosassa, Jim and Anita Smith of Carrabelle and Jaki Cichy of Lanark Village.

Lighthouse Buoys



Our buoys have been moved closer to the museum in preparation for their restoration by Don Rider. Don has collected all the necessary materials and will begin work as soon as the weather permits.

Membership Report

The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association thanks the following inscribed brick paver donors for 2012-13: Michael Allen, Robert & Vivian Baker, Brandon Biggs, Craig Fulton, Brian Graf, Neil Hurley, Gerald Messer, Vergie Murphy, Gathana Parmenas, Marilyn Rayer, Diane Russell, Segree Family, Candice Sheridan, Raymond & Ruth Williams, and Michael Unruh. We also purchased an inscribed brick to honor Ruth Varner, a long-time supporter of the CLA.

The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association also thanks members who have already paid their 2013 membership dues: Calvin & Tamara Allen, Roger Bybee, Brian Graf Family, Robin Hall, Delores Hardin, Pollie Howell, Gathana Parmenas, Jan Pennington, June Ragans-Wood, Sharon Rider, Candice Sheridan, James & Anita Smith, W.J. Trushel, Mary Westberg Business Partners: Dan H. Cox, P.A., Harry's Bar, Lanark Boat Club, and Pat Tollefson. Special thanks to Pat Tollefson for her continued financial support of our lighthouse billboard on Hwy 98.

Lighthouse Interns



Caulin and Gerald

We are fortunate this winter in having two interns from the Franklin County Library Tigers program. Both of them are students at Franklin County School. We asked them to write a brief report of their activities for the CLA newsletter.

Caulin Sheridan wrote:

I recently returned to working at the Crooked River Lighthouse just last week, and not much has changed. A few new curtains, and the holiday ornaments are back up. Other than that, everything seems to be just how I remember it.

I enjoy interning here at the lighthouse. Mostly because of the friendly people I get to meet. People from all around come to view the lighthouse. Some visitors have been local, others from different states, and some even from other countries. The guests love being at the top of the lighthouse as well. They always enjoy it and take plenty of pictures. It's especially nice during the night climbs during Lantern-Fest; the lighthouse's birthday.

Working at the lighthouse isn't bad either. I've learned a lot and I get to climb the lighthouse for free when guests arrive. I usually keep the area tidy; raking the driveway, sweeping the porch and sidewalk, and dusting around the trim on the outside of the keeper's house. But my favorite of all still is the climbing. The sight from the top of the lighthouse just never gets old.

I'm genuinely glad to be back at Crooked River Lighthouse and I'm looking forward to my first summer back. Good day to anyone who reads this and stop by and take a climb soon.

Gerald Messer wrote:

There are many things I learned at the Crooked River Lighthouse including learning about the lighthouse's history, the kinds of butterflies and other animals at the lighthouse park, and the history of other lighthouses. While working at the Crooked River Light house I have met many people, some of them from faraway places including, Canada (Eh?), Ohio, Montana, and Michigan. Some of those people of course were from more local places, like a man I met from Tallahassee who is a part of the Crooked River Lighthouse Association.

Some of my best experiences at the Crooked River Lighthouse are, my first day when I learned about my new job and what it would be like. Another favorite time for me is when the Lantern Festival came around. While I was not around that evening, I still had a great time helping to prepare for the festival.

Remembering Randy Harrison

On October 2, 2012, the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association lost a good friend when Randy, husband of our curator Joan Matey, passed away after a long illness.

We remember Randy for his cheerful nature, his insistence upon finding humor in every moment and his willingness to lend a capable hand when such was needed.

His resonant recitation of the "Native American Blessing" will be missed at future Coastal Blessing ceremonies, and his cheerful friendly presence will always be fondly remembered.

Lantern Fest 2012

On October 26th and 27th, Lantern Fest 2012 was a truly successful celebration in the annals of the Crooked River Lighthouse, marking its 117th birthday!



This year, pioneer crafts and demonstrations were a highlight of the event, beginning with a Friday afternoon lantern-making workshop conducted by Susan Campbell, at which the participants constructed 'mini-fish' lanterns that were then displayed in the live oak tree in the park during the rest of the event.



Rope making, thatching, and pine needle basketry skills were also on display, to the delight and edification of the many children who attended our festival.



Our own Delores Hardin delighted children of all ages with her own lantern construction table, and later reported the 'most popular' lantern to be the Crooked River Lighthouse model she designed!



Our Pirate Captain came to visit.

Many visitors enjoyed the music that was provided by Master Chief.



As well as the great food items from our friends at 2 Al's at the Beach Café.



The Tallahassee Community College dancers returned this year with another exuberant, illuminated performance,



followed by the original play “Last of the Lost,” written and produced by Franklin County’s Don Denig.



The spooky tale of a haunted castaway included ghosts and apparitions in all parts of the pirate ship, including a post-show tour of the “haunted bilge” where curator Joan Matey’s special effects brought the performance to one final chilling climax.



A record number of people climbed to the top of the tower during this year’s festival, by our best count, at least 220. Donations and gift shop sales were excellent, and the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association declared the event “an unqualified success.”

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Will Morris

We lost another dear friend recently, Will Morris, husband of local artist Marian Morris. Will played a supporting character in two of our original Lantern Fest plays. Will had a great voice and a great presence. We will miss him.

Marty Quinn

We would like to give a special thanks to Marty Quinn, retired collections curator from the Museum of Florida History, for her volunteer service in 2012. Marty skillfully created a proper archival method of hanging the 1890s tapestry rug that we placed over the mantle in our historic interpretation room. Woven hangings were very popular in homes at the turn of the century, and CLA acquired a small rug depicting a sailing ship that seemed a likely decorative item for the keeper's family to have had.

Carrabelle Lighthouse Association Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

(You will receive only membership news)

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

Please indicate type of membership.

- _____ \$12 / RENEWAL (INDIVIDUAL)
- _____ \$15 / NEW MEMBER (INDIVIDUAL)
- _____ \$25 / FAMILY
- _____ \$100 / BUSINESS
- _____ \$250 OR MORE- GUARDIAN of the

LIGHT

Please make checks payable to:
Carrabelle Lighthouse Association

Mail this form to:

CLA
P.O. BOX 373
Carrabelle, FL 32322

A membership card will be sent to you that will entitle you (as individual card bearer) to free climbs of the lighthouse for one year.

A family membership will also receive one membership card, which will entitle free climbing for one year for family members living in the same household (not to exceed 5).

A business membership will receive one membership card. Anyone with proof of their employment with your business will be entitled to free climbing for the year.

YOU can help create a brick walkway at historic Crooked River Lighthouse Park

Inscribed brick pavers, 8" X 4", will form a walkway at the Crooked River Lighthouse Park. Would you like to remember a family member or a relative? A local business can express involvement in the community by placing a brick paver in its name.

For a \$40.00 tax deductible contribution, you can have your name or the name of a friend or family member inscribed on an 8" X 4" brick paver on the Crooked River Lighthouse Park walkway which will connect the Keeper's House Museum to the historic Crooked River Lighthouse.*

Make check payable to the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association.

Please print the inscription clearly with capital letters on the 3 lines provided. There is a 20 space maximum per line. This includes space between each word and name.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone# _____

Number of bricks ordered: _____

Total Amount enclosed: _____

Completed order forms and payments can be sent to Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, P.O. Box 373, Carrabelle, FL 32322

*There is also an 8" X 8" brick paver available for \$80.00. Call (850) 697-2732 or write to the above address to receive information regarding the 8" X 8" paver.