



Cape Canaveral

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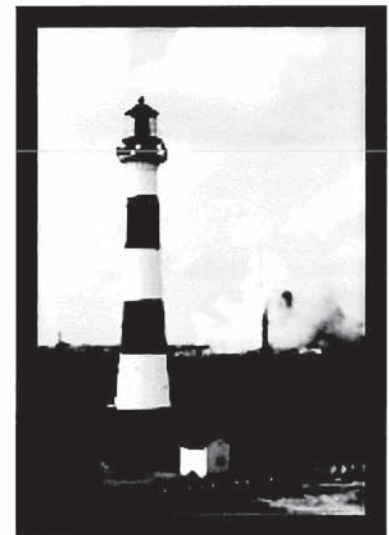
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CAPE CANAVERAL

Museum Project Awarded Tom Taylor Keepers Grant



Cape Canaveral Lighthouse is unique in that it is the only lighthouse operated by the US Air Force

Left-to-right, RADM USCGR (ret), Bob Merrilees, Pres. Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF), Dr. David Peterno, VP CCLF, Brig. Gen. Anthony Cotton, Commander 45th Space Wing, Carol Goin, CCLF Treasurer, Al King, VP for Grants, Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA), Olivia Larkins, FLA Dist. One Commissioner, Wayne Wheeler, Pres. U.S. Lighthouse Society, Ginny Davis, Sec. CCLF, Jim Roche, MC for LobsterFest, Rocky Randels, Mayor, City of Cape Canaveral, Sonny Witt, USAF Dep. Op., Ken Smith, Pres. FLA

(March 9, 2013) Ken Smith, Pres., Florida Lighthouse Association (FLA), presents check for \$32,500 to Robert Merrilees, Pres., Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation. This Tom Taylor Keepers Fund grant will be used for architectural drawings and models for rebuilding the lighthouse complex. New replica buildings will be used for a museum, offices and other purposes. Funds for Tom Taylor Grants come from donations by FLA members and friends. FLA receives no government funds.

FLA's mission is to safeguard Florida's remaining lighthouses for future generations by supporting community-based restoration, preservation and education efforts.

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US AIR FORCE GENERAL NAMED FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER FOR A DAY

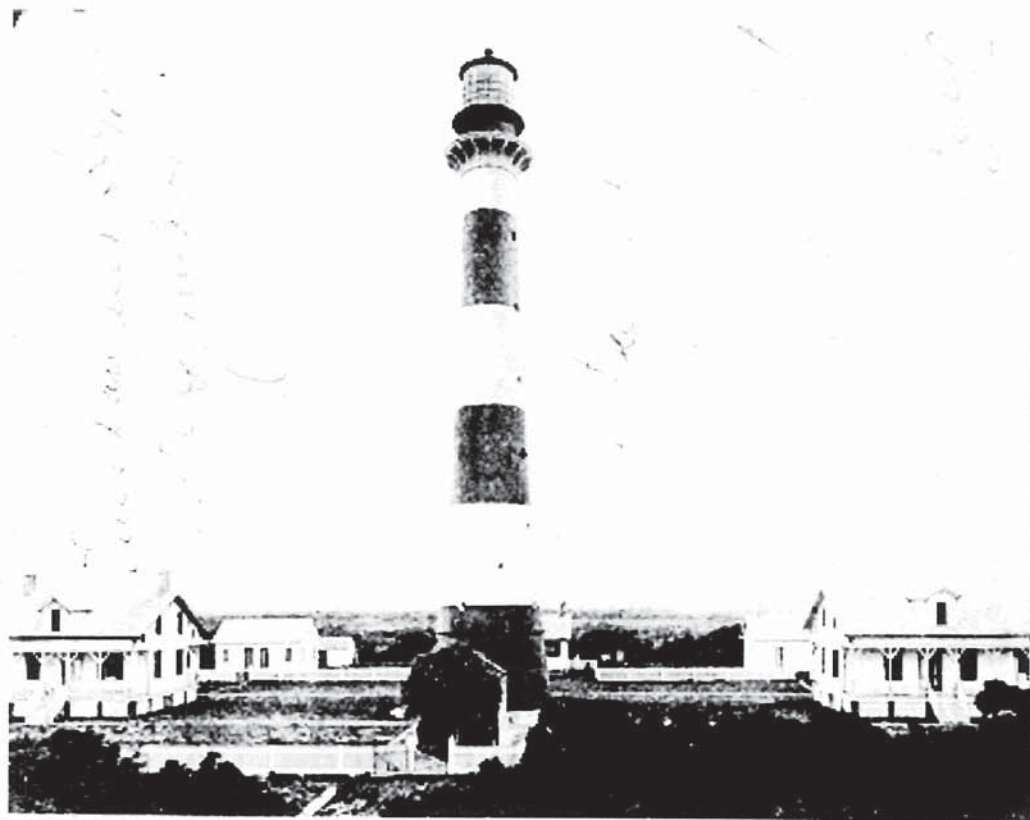


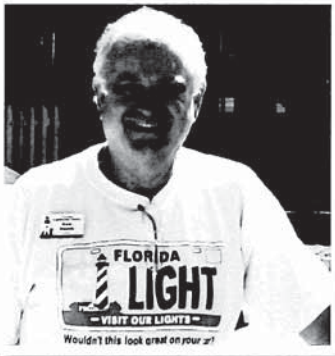
At the March 9, 2013, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse LobsterFest, Ken Smith (right), President of the Florida Lighthouse Association, presents Brig. Gen Anthony Cotton, Commander 45th Space Wing, a plaque naming him "Florida Lighthouse Keeper for the Day." Gen. Cotton is the only commander in the US Air Force that whose duties include operating an active lighthouse. The plaque features an authorized drawing of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse by artist and FLA member Paul Bradley.

This photo was taken in 1904 and shows the entire Cape Canaveral Lighthouse complex. The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation plans to rebuild all buildings with replicas that meet current building codes. Their first building will be one of the keeper's houses that will be used as a museum. The FLA Tom Taylor Keepers Fund grant is being used for architectural and engineering drawings and models.

This grant fund is named for the late Tom Taylor, former President and founding member of FLA, lighthouse preservation activist and author. Funds are from donations by FLA members and friends.

Will you help keep the lights shining? Consider a donation to FLA.





Ken Smith, FLA President

There is so much going on among our Florida lighthouse preservation groups, from Pensacola to the Florida Keys. Look at the pictures on page 10 at what the Carrabelle Lighthouse Association is doing. They have successfully rescued the historic

Wash House that was moved off the property years ago. It is now completely restored for visitors to enjoy. You helped by donating to FLA and purchasing "Visit Our Lights" specialty license plates. We were able to support this effort through our two grants programs, the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Fund, supported by "Visit Our Lights" specialty license plate sales, and the Tom Taylor Keepers Fund, supported by the generous gifts of our members and friends.

Look at what is happening with Fowey Rocks Lighthouse. It is now part of Biscayne National Park. There is restoration work to be done and you are again helping through your donations. Combined with a grant from the Florida Keys Reef Lighthouse Foundation the Park will be able to purchase much needed repairs. Our part is the largest Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant we have ever awarded.

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation is being very ambitious. They want to rebuild all the original buildings. See pages 1 & 2 for details. Our grant for this project is the largest Tom Taylor Keepers Grant ever awarded.

The need to move Cape San Blas Lighthouse and other buildings is critical. Yes, you know, you are helping with money that started their fund raising. The lighthouse and building have officially been transferred to the City of Port St. Joe and they will be moved to a safe city park on the water in the next few months. The Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant will be used to help rescue the historic lighthouse.

That story continues at Pensacola, Cape St. George, St. Marks, Cedar Keys, Boca Grande, St. Augustine, Ponce Inlet and others. This adds up to tens of thousands of dollars. Most of these local groups multiply these funds by using the money to raise or match other funds.

Our mission is to help support these local citizen activist preservation groups in their protection, preservation, restoration and educational efforts. We can only do this because of you, our members and supporters.

On October 27, 2012, I challenged you, our members, at the Sanibel meeting, to consider giving a one time gift to the Association of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more. I also challenged others to consider giving monthly gifts that can be used to fund our efforts. Many of you stepped up to the plate and made gifts and pledges of \$10,000 that day. To date, gifts and pledges from that appeal have totaled over \$35,000. That is amazing. You can be proud of yourselves.

Thank you, all of you who pledged and given. This is allowing us to pool these funds along with other income from meetings, our store, our membership and our specialty license plate program to give record amounts to our local preservation group members.

The work continues. The Cape San Blas need will be for another \$200,000. I hope we can be part of that continued effort. The need at Fowey Rocks is for another \$50,000. There are other needs.

If you have already made a gift this year, thank you. If you haven't, please consider a one-time gift or signing up for monthly giving.

Our Association pledge is to be good stewards of this money. Our grant approval system is one of the easiest for those applying, yet efficient in assuring funds are faithfully being used for preservation efforts of Florida's 30 remaining historic lighthouses.

Go to www.FloridaLighthouses.org and click on the "Donate Now" tab.

Thank you for helping keep the lights shining,
Ken

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LIGHTHOUSE BOOK REVIEW

By Eric Martin

President - Florida Keys Reef Lights Association



RESCUE AND REFUGE: FLORIDA

Jerry Biggs

A history of Houses of Refuge and Life Saving Stations along the Florida coast.

RESCUE AND REFUGE: FLORIDA



© Jerry Biggs

This book is not a lighthouse book. It is about Houses of Refuge and Life Saving Stations of Florida, which had the same mission, “save lives from the perils of the seas.”

In this work, we learn the difference between a House of Refuge, a Life Saving Station and a lighthouse. We also learn that Florida was the only state that had House of Refuge stations built. However, Jerry has dug deep in his research to find they were considered for Alaska, but were never built.

Although only one of the 11 houses of refuge stations survived, Jerry has covered all of them. He also covers the two life saving stations. Near the front of the book is a map showing the locations of all the stations, nearby lighthouses as well as cities or towns.

One of the things I enjoy about any history book is historic pictures and there are dozens of them. Also included are paintings of life saving and the author’s own photos of the remaining House of Refuge, Gilbert’s Bar, and Life Saving Station at Santa Rosa Island. I also like to know, “How did they do that?” This book tells how they did the drills with many paintings or photos.

The book includes stories of rescue. My favorite one is of the Heroic Daughters of a Surfman. The girls were 13 and 16 years old that helped their father save the crew of the Catherine, a Norwegian freighter, during a storm. The King of Norway sent gifts of thanks to the two girls.

Jerry Biggs is a member of the Florida Lighthouse Association. His copy editor was his wife Pat.

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 \$99 city view - \$119 bay view



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 (251) 625-0020
 \$99 King or 2 Queens



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 29725 Woodrow Lane
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**Mobile Middle Bay Lighthouse
 Joint Meeting, Alabama Lighthouse Association
 May 3-4, 2013**



Middle Bay Lighthouse
 and
 Tall Ship Joshua
 Fort Morgan



Biloxi Lighthouse



Pensacola Lighthouse

Register on line at
www.floridalighthouses.org

MEETING LOCATION

Friday night Board Meeting, abbreviated Membership Meeting and Social at the Daphne Bayfront Pavilion 6200 Bayfront Dr., Daphne Alabama 36526

Cost is \$80 for Florida Lighthouse Association and Alabama Lighthouse Association members and \$105 for non-members.

Deadline for online registrations is April 28th. If by mail must be received before the 28th!

Friday May 3, 2013

Bayfront Pavilion in Daphne Alabama
 6:00 - 7:30 PM FLA Board Meeting
 7:30 - 9:30 PM Abbreviated Membership Meeting and Social (heavy Hors'dovres, wine and soda)

Saturday May 4, 2013

8 AM, 11 AM & 2 PM - Boat trip on The Joshua tall ship to Mobile Middle Bay Lighthouse leaving from Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Point Clear AL
 9 AM - 1 PM Biloxi Lighthouse open for climbing
 9 AM - 5 PM Fort Morgan open
 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM - Pensacola Lighthouse open

Sunday May 5, 2013

If additional boat trips are necessary the times will be 8 & 11 AM.
 Biloxi Lighthouse and Fort Morgan times are the same as Saturday.
 Pensacola Lighthouse is open noon to 5:30.

THIRD ANNUAL LIGHTHOUSE CONGRESS AT SANIBEL

October 26 & 27, 2012



Right top, Ken with speakers Rick Cain and Thomas Tag from the American Lighthouse Coordinating Committee. Rick and Tom brought us up to date on the work of the ALCC, including Tom's tireless work of tracking Fresnel lenses in the USA.



Middle right, Ken and Membership Chair Linda Peck, present one of the new Platinum Certificates to a lucky new member. The certificate pays all fees for transferring a license plate to our FLA plate and one free year of registration.



Bottom Right, Ken with Eric Martin, President of Florida Keys Reef Lights Foundation, Chuck Larson and Elsa Alvear from Biscayne National Park.

Upper Left, Official welcome by Mayor Kevin Ruane.

Upper Middle, Alex Werner, President Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc., was our host and keynote speaker.

Left, Michael Towner, our specialty license plate consultant, was a featured speaker. Michael shared that the "Visit Our Lights" plate sales are up 10% while all other plates have taken a 15% decline.



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New members at the Sanibel meeting



Larry Davis ended our meeting with a very successful auction. All funds raised during these auctions go to lighthouse preservation efforts.



FLA members resting before the climb. Thanks to the City of Sanibel for providing support.



Thanks to the City of Sanibel for opening the lighthouse for climbing.



Betty Phelps and chance meeting with author Randy Wayne Wright. Randy is wearing an FLA t-shirt.



Judy Zimomra, City Manager, greeted all FLA members at the lighthouse and shared history of the area.

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THE EGMONT KEY MEETING

January 25 & 26, 2013



Above, Ken gives an official plaque to host, Richard Sanchez, President of Egmont Key Alliance. The plaques feature an authorized drawing of the lighthouse by Paul Bradley.



Upper right, Peter Clark, President of Tampa Bay Watch, welcomes FLA to their beautiful facility on the bay.



Top, Ken introduces a special guest, Chandra Tracy. Chandra is our bookkeeper and handles receiving and distributing our incoming mail. Middle, as a "Thank you," Ken gives Chandra a rare Harbour Light collectable replica of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse with rocket launch.

Middle right, featured speaker, Tom Watson, resident ranger on Egmont Key was riveting as he shared the history, biology and geography of Egmont Key.



Lower right, Ken presents an official plaque to keynote speaker, Alex Klahm. Alex is a world-class lighthouse restoration expert having worked on many East Coast restoration projects.



Left, Tampa Bay Watch facility. Note, the top is a Coast Guard recognized lighthouse.



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Aboard the Fort de Soto/Egmont Key Ferry



Thanks to the Coast Guard, the Egmont Key Alliance and Florida State Parks for hosting the meeting and allowing our members to climb to the top of the Egmont Key Lighthouse.



Richard Johnson, dressed in full Lighthouse Keeper uniform, was our guide inside the lighthouse.



FLA members tour the remains of one of the Egmont Key batteries



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Crooked River Wash House Restoration Nears Completion

Carrabelle Lighthouse Association Gives Back Unused Funds



This view shows the location of the historic Wash House to the right of the replica of the original keeper's house

The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association has been a wonderful steward of the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant and Tom Taylor Keepers Grant funds. Because of the generosity of Ducky Johnson House Moving Co., who deeply discounted the cost of moving the structure, Carrabelle Lighthouse Association has returned unused funds to the Gene Oakes Lighthouse Grant fund. We received this letter:

TO: Florida Lighthouse Association
FROM: Carrabelle Lighthouse Association
February 10, 2013

As we finish the final touches on our restoration of the original Crooked River Station 1895 Wash House, we are amazed at what we've accomplished with your help. We were right on target with our budget for the restoration. The relocation of the structure came in way under budget, thanks to the generosity of both the house movers and the folks who prepared the building for removal.

So we are happy to return the unused portion of the funds to be put back into the pot for other worthy projects. Perhaps some will go towards the colossal feat that Cape San Blas is undergoing!

We are developing our educational info panels, and will of course send you a final report when we stand back and say, "Wow! It's finished!" It really has been an exciting endeavor, and we very much appreciate the trust and confidence of the FLA; you make the whole grant process so easy and stress-free.

We look forward to our next project and hope to be working with you again.

Sincere thanks,
Joan Matey
Curator/Program Developer

Right - Reese Contracting has almost completed the restoration work on the historic Wash House. The Carrabelle Lighthouse Association will then develop the interior as a learning center.

Below right - Ramp connecting the museum with the Wash House.





Mobile Middle Bay Lighthouse

May 3, 4, 2013

EVENT RESERVATION

Reservation Deadline April 28, 2013

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

1) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone (Please list cell phone in case I need to get in touch with you during the event): _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (please print):

2) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone (Please list cell phone in case I need to get in touch with you during the event): _____

May Event

Total number of FLA Members _____ X \$80pp = _____

Total number of ALA Members _____ X \$80pp= _____

Total number of Non-members _____ X \$105pp= _____

TOTAL = _____

Boat trip to Middle Bay on Saturday May 4, 2013 (indicate first 2 choices)

8 AM _____

11AM _____

2 PM _____

Please make your check payable to the FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION. Mail this form and your payment to: **Ron Ecker, PO Box 372153, Satellite Beach, FL. 32937**

- The FLA has a no-refund policy in effect.
- An e-mail will be sent for reservation confirmation; if you do not have an e-mail I will mail you a confirmation.
- All reservations received **after** the deadline **will be returned**.



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Help Save Florida's Lighthouses!

FLA's mission is to safeguard Florida's remaining lighthouses for future generations by supporting community based restoration, preservation and education efforts. Only 30 lighthouses remain today. **The most recent State of Florida study estimates that it will take almost \$20 million dollars to preserve these towers.** Florida Lighthouse Association members and donors made it possible for FLA to give local lighthouse preservation groups \$103,377 in grants last year!

Yes, I/We want to make a philanthropic gift to help save lighthouses for future generations.

Make checks payable to FLA and mail to FLA, PO Box 1676, St Petersburg, FL 33731.

You may also charge your gift on FLA's website at www.FloridaLighthouses.org.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Please list my/our name on FLA's donor recognition list as: _

Please provide me with information on wills, trust and estate gift arrangements

Please call FLA for information on how to make any of the following gifts to help save lighthouses:

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FLA membership: Circle one

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