

LIGHT READING



Newsletter Spring 2018
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7th ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES REVIEW

The 2018 7th Annual Tour of Homes Committee hosted a successful fundraising event for the Cape St. George Lighthouse in February. With over 600 guests attending the event many St. George Island local shops and restaurants had a busy weekend as tour guests shopped and ate local seafood. Thanks to all the businesses that welcomed tour guests.

There were 7 beautiful homes on the tour that ranged from a cozy beach house to a large smart home featuring all the latest electronic gadgets. Guests enjoyed all the homes along with the Plantation Clubhouse and Cape St. George Lighthouse.

The Friday night kick-off social was well attended as everyone enjoyed a presentation by guest speaker, Janice Becker, Sea Turtle Coordinator at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). We love our turtles and appreciate ANERR for their passion to protect these gentle creatures.

The Tour would not have been possible without the generous support of our volunteers, homeowners, and Supporters/Sponsors. Visit our website [2018 Tour of Homes Recap](#) for more info.

Tour of Homes Raffle Winners



Model Boat

Connie Zagorc from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. This was her 2nd visit to St. George Island and enjoyed her 2 month stay on the island and the tour.



Framed Watercolor by Artist Sue McClendon

Barbara Berkel from Del Rio, TN has been coming to SGI every February for 6 years and this is her first Tour of Homes but will definitely not be her last.



Framed Original Photograph of Cape St. George Lighthouse
Mac Rochelle

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Lighthouse Membership Drive

Need to renew your SGLA Membership? Thanks to our new online service you can pay online, update your contact information, order brick memorial pavers, print your membership cards or just stay in touch with us.

You can still visit our gift shop and museum to renew or mail in your updated information along with a check as well. Joining Member Planet is free and secure. The first step to setting up your profile, then you can manage your membership payments online. Visit our [Membership Page](#) to learn more or print out a [Membership Application](#) to complete and mail in.



SGLA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 10th** in Lighthouse Park at 5:00 PM. There will be a short business meeting then outgoing Director Bud Hayes will be showing off his grilling skills by cooking hotdogs to perfection. Drinks, sides, plates, etc. all provided by SGLA as a thank you for being a valued member. Bring your lawn chairs and appetite for this membership social gathering.

GIFT SHOP CORNER!!!!

New Gift Shop Items! Beautiful shell trinkets and wooden folk art hanging displays are here. We have many items created by local artists and there's something for all ages.



Delicate handmade shell trinkets to hang in your windows, porches or Christmas trees



Wooden Folk Art Wall Hangings by local artists James & Diane Hargrove

FIRST ANNUAL SGI PAINT OUT BRINGS ARTISTS TO ST. GEORGE ISLAND



Panoramic painting of the lighthouse by artist, Catherine Hillis

The island was filled with artists who participated in the first annual SGI Paint Out in April. These talented artists used the lighthouse as the background for many of their creations. To learn about the artists and see more samples of their works, visit our website;

[SGI Paint Out Review.](#)

Thanks to all the artists and everyone involved with the event.

THANKS BUD FOR SERVING ON THE SGLA BOARD!!!!

IT'S BEEN A FUN RIDE .

Outgoing SGLA Director, Bud Hayes has been involved with the St. George Lighthouse Association since 2005 and served as a Legal Advisor or Director for the past 13 years.

Most of you have probably seen him in the St. George Island fire truck as a volunteer or driving his "unique" blue jeep around the island.

Bud's last official duty as SGLA Director will be hotdog cooker at the annual membership meeting on May 10th and although his loving sidekick, Fletcher is with the angels, his spirit will always be in our hearts. Thanks to Bud and Fletcher for the memories.



Full Moon Climbs for 2018

2018 Full Moon Schedule

Date	Day	Moon Name	Time
April 29, 2018	Sunday	Pink	8:00 - 9:30 pm
May 29, 2018	Tuesday	Flower	8:30 - 10:00 pm
June 27, 2018	Wednesday	Strawberry	8:00 - 9:30 pm
July 27, 2018	Friday	Buck	8:00 - 9:30 pm
August 26, 2018	Sunday	Sturgeon	8:00 - 9:30 pm
September 24, 2018	Monday	Harvest	7:30 - 9:00 pm
October 24, 2018	Wednesday	Hunters	6:30 - 8:00 pm
November 23, 2018	Friday	Beaver	5:30 - 7:30 pm
December 22, 2018	Saturday	Cold	5:30 - 7:00 pm

Once again, the Cape St. George Lighthouse will be offering Sunset & Full Moon Climbs in 2018. Full Moon Climbs include light hors d'oeuvres and a sparkling cider toast. 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 on the left. Prepaid reservations for any 2018 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 is 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.

Through A Child's Eye

Thanks to a young climber for this beautiful drawing of the lighthouse after she had finished the climb. Cape St. George Lighthouse continues to dazzle and welcome visitors both young and old.



Quick Blinks

- Read the great article published in the Bristol Herald Courier, a local newspaper in Bristol, Virginia!! [Lighthouse In The News from Bristol, Virginia](#)
- Huge THANK YOU to John Olander, Don Rozhon, Elaine Rosenthal, and Karen Redic for filling in as Lighthouse Keepers while Keeper Susan Uhl was on family leave.
- Museum Docents Needed - the Lighthouse Museum could use your help by serving as a museum docent. It only takes a few hours a week and you will appreciate our beautiful Lighthouse even more when you learn and share the history behind this historical structure. For more details, please contact Executive Director, Kate Aguiar at 850-653-5388 or KateAguiar@stgeorgelight.org.

A Parting Shot . . .

Amazing Climber— 93 Years Young!!

Ina Longway from Tennessee recently celebrated her 93rd birthday by climbing all 92 steps of the lighthouse with her son Ernie Longway. Ina was born February 17, 1925 and received a free climbing ticket and admiration from SGLA for being a wonderful inspiration.



Volunteer Keeper, John Olander, Ina Longway and her son Ernie Longway preparing for the climb to the top of the lighthouse.



Proud moment for Ernie and Ina standing at the top of the lighthouse. Beautiful smiles.



Ina enjoying the view from the top. Thanks Ina for inspiring us all!!

Ina proved you are never too old to shine and leave your mark on this planet!!!

Thanks Ina.