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NEXT LIGHTHOUSE TOUR SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER

Set aside Saturday, October 23, for the next Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour. This event will begin and end at the Pompano City Parking Lot just north of Atlantic Blvd. on North Riverside Drive. Come to that parking lot any time between 8:45 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to pay your parking fee (estimate two hours), check in, receive a wrist band and ride the chartered bus to the Lighthouse Station. Spread the word that non-members may join that day at our booth in the parking lot and take the tour. Our website gift shop will be set up as a real store, thanks to our gift shop nanager, Joyce Hager. You can't miss the location - a gazebo near the entrance to the Lighthouse Station as you disembark from the bus. Check out our complete line of T-shirts, books, etc. in advance by visiting the website <u>www.HillsboroLighthouse.org.</u>

There is always something new to see at the lighthouse. This time you can admire the entrance area of the lighthouse tower, all dressed up with renovations leading to our Centennial Celebration.

As you approach the tower, you won't see the old concrete steps adjacent to the door. Welcoming you will be metal stairs and an elevated walkway with railings leading to a new steel door with commercial grade hinges. Up at the 110' level at the Observation Deck, the railing has been repaired. Both railing and skirt under it are newly painted.

There is a new seawall being constructed at the western end of the property that is leased to Hillsboro Inlet District. That new seawall may, in the future, make it possible for us to again take the chartered boat instead of the bus for tours.

Another change you won't be able to see, but will be glad it's done - the Keeper Cottages connected to the nearby sanitary sewer line. When the outhouses were discontinued long ago, the cottages had indoor plumbing installed and were put on septic tanks.



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THE NEW DIRECTOR, A RETIRED USCG CAPTAIN

On May 14th, CAPT Gerald Bowe, US Coast Guard, District Seven, Miami, retired after almost 36 years of service. Capt. Bowe has been a cooperative liaison and friend of our Lighthouse Preservation Society.

HLPS members Hib Casselberry, Art Makenian, Frank Rysavy, and Scott Martin attended the retirement ceremony and reception. Scott, who is a professional photographer, took over 200 pictures of the elaborate event. With the help of his neighbor, Christine Dack, also an HLPS member, a beautiful album was created.

At the August HLPS Board Meeting, Scott presented the album to Capt. Bowe and Hib Casselberry presented the Captain a plaque in appreciation of his service as a friend and enthusiast of our lighthouse.

After the presentations, Stephen Attis made a motion that Capt. Bowe become an HLPS Board Member. The motion passed.

Capt. Bowe is a Floridian by birth, and as an enlisted Coast Guardsman was stationed at Hillsboro Light as an electrician when the station had a radio tower for navigational aid. He lives in Palm Beach County with his wife, Elaine.



MORE RENOVATION NEWS

Plans were drawn up almost two years ago for the major renovation for the Lighthouse foundation. The bidding process took a long time, but licom Contractors, Corporation of Homestead was finally chosen and the company began the two month long project the first week of August. The scope of the work included that mentioned on the first page of this newsletter and also major foundation work to the tower. Two pictures are included here to help you visualize the scope of the work. The tops of the concrete pads for the 8 legs were not intended to be underground as they have been for about 40 years. Also the 16 struts were meant to be 18" above ground level, not at ground level as we have seen them for many years. Picture #1 shows a back-hoe clearing that area of salty sand that had been causing deterioration. When the struts were cleared, they were chipped of deterioration, primed and painted. Picture # 2 shows the wood form for a curved wall on the seaward side of the lighthouse to prevent the sand to again accumulate around those struts. The finished wall has a slate veneer for appearance.



An HLPS – JKV Program with Elinor DeWire Florida Lighthouses, Yesterday & Today October 7, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at John Knox Village Auditorium Space is limited, Reservations required, Phone 954-783-4039

All you lighthouse lovers, come and be captivated by Elinor DeWire. She has been researching, photographing, and writing about lighthouses since 1972. She has visited more than 500 sentinels in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe, and Australia and is the author of ten books and more than 100 articles on the subject.

Audiences from Maine to Hawaii have enjoyed her slide talks and workshops. Retired Coast Guard Historian, Dr. Robert Scheina calls Elinor "America's most prolific lighthouse author and a driving force behind the recent upsurge in interest in preserving lighthouses and the history and nostalgia surrounding them."

Elinor's engaging style as a writer and speaker have earned her many appearances on radio and television, including Connecticut Public Television's "Lighthouses of New England" in 1986, the University of Wisconsin's "Earthwatch" in 1992, National Public Television's "Legendary Lighthouses" in 1998, and The Learning Channel's "Haunted Lighthouses" in 1998 and 2003. She has worked with the Children's Television Network, the National Park Service, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and the D.C. Heath Company to produce programs and materials to help people everywhere learn about lighthouses. Elinor chairs the American Lighthouse Foundation's youth initiative "Kids on the Beam" and writes a bimonthly column for kids in *Lighthouse Digest*. She serves as educational consultant for the Delaware Bay & River Lighthouse Foundation and the Florida Lighthouse Association, and is a member of the board of directors for both the New Dungeness Lighthouse and the Point Robinson Lighthouse. She has spoken to historical societies, civic organizations, libraries, yacht clubs, public schools, university audiences, and a variety of other groups and has been honored for her work in journalism, education, and historic preservation by the U.S. Lighthouse Society, the American Association of University Women, the American Lighthouse Foundation, New England Lighthouse Lovers, the Avery Point Lighthouse Society, the Florida Lighthouse Association, and the National League of American Pen Women.

Elinor is pleased to present the October 7th program in celebration of her two new books, Lighthouses of the South and Florida Lighthouses for Kids. These new books, along with a few of her older titles, will be available at the program for purchase and autographing. (Cash or checks only, please)

Elinor resides in Seabeck, Washington with her husband, Jonathan, a retired Navy officer, and her cat, *Lighthouse Kitty*, the mascot of the American Lighthouse Foundation's Youth Initiative. She will be returning to Washington State after her October 9th appearance as featured speaker of Florida Lighthouse Association's annual meeting at Ponce de Leon Inlet, Lighthouse & Museum, Ponce Inlet, FL, a place where the lighthouse



and museum are often described as the finest on the Atlantic coast of the USA..

Other Lighthouse Books by Elinor DeWire

The Guide to Florida Lighthouses, 1987, 2001 Guardians of the Lights, 1995 The Lighthouse Activity Book, 1995 Lighthouse Victuals & Verse, 1996 (out of print) Sentries Along the Shore, 1997 The Lighthouse Almanac, 2000 Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Coast, 2002 Lighthouses: Sentinels of the American Coast, 2003 Lighthouses of the Southern Coast, May 2004 Florida Lighthouses for Kids, September 2004

Visit Elinor's Web Address: <u>www.sentinelpublications.com</u> Email - <u>sentinelpublications@earthlink.net</u>

H.L.P.S. MARITIME MUSEUM

by Hib Casselberry

As most of you know, we have a small museum in the former Radio Room at the Lighthouse Station. It was started by Art Makenian in 1999. Unfortunately, it is open only 3 or 4 times a year when we have HLPS tours. Another drawback is space. This Radio Room has inadequate floor and wall space for the collection of artwork we have been collecting for seven years. Since 1997 the HLPS Board members have been looking for an "off-site" location for a larger maritime museum. Plans were even drawn for a building with exterior to replicate a Keeper's Cottage on what is now the new Pompano's Inlet Park southeast of the inlet bridge.

Since we have found no location for this project, our newest idea is a mobile museum housed in an attractive, portable 26-foot trailer which can be transported by any large SUV or pickup truck to organizational meetings, county and city functions, and schools. We would be able to display more photos, artifacts, charts and maps that are now packed away in warehouses. There are several fine video presentations of the lighthouse and reefs produced by our present vice president, Stephen Attis, that could be viewed within this unusual museum. We would like to include information on the following:

Shipwrecks and Treasures, early 1500s thru World War II.

Barefoot Mailman, 1885 - 1892.

Lighthouse History, 1901 to date.

Broward County's fragile reefs.

Broward County Beaches - upkeep, animals & foliage.

People - those who lived & worked around Hillsboro Inlet.

U.S. Coast Guard & Coast Guard Auxiliary.

We are now obtaining bids from five reputable trailer companies for this very customized vehicle so that you, the members of our Association, and other people of the Broward Community will hopefully want to contribute your time, talents, and donations to this worthwhile project. You will be receiving more information on this initiative in the near future.

Trailer Exterior





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Florida Lighthouse

Assoc., Inc.



September 11, 2004

Dear HLPS Members and Friends,

On March 28, 1907, a momentous occasion was marked in Broward County. On that date the newly erected lighthouse was illuminated at the Hillsboro Inlet to aid mariners plying South Florida's coast. The rest, as they say, is history. Well, perhaps.

As in all significant actions celebrating progress, the recording of vital historic events is not static, but a dynamic ongoing force. The safeguarding, maintenance, and continuation of a functioning lighthouse on our shores has been a central project of those committed to historic preservation and part of the rich cultural heritage of our area.

Many of us feel strongly that myriad key elements of our past such as the lighthouse, the natural history of the reefs, the evolution of the inlet, the dunes, sea oats, tides, storms, wildlife, nesting sea turtles; the romantic tales of the shipwrecks off our beaches; the early pioneers, the Barefoot Mailman, and others who shaped the character of Hillsboro Beach, the people who lived, worked and died here ... all of this should be communicated in an organized and attractive manner to our residents, visitors, students, and young people for generations to come.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc. is creating a mobile museum which will contain photos, artifacts, videos, charts, maps, and other interesting materials that catalogue and portray the history of Hillsboro Beach. This museum will be housed in an attractive, portable 26-foot trailer which can be transported by a large SUV, pickup truck or other such vehicle to schools and county and city functions (art shows, the County fair and Broward Pioneer Days).

We are writing to ask your help in underwriting this important project. We have estimated that we will need approximately \$35,000. to purchase the trailer, complete the interior furnishings, and provide insurance for one year. This is a daunting undertaking at the onset, but we have complete confidence that the basic worthiness of our cause will inspire many individuals and families to enthusiastically provide us with their support.

Hopefully, our brief description has piqued your interest and you would like to become a part of this outstanding initiative, and in a very real sense, become a part of our living history. To learn more about the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society, visit the website at <u>www.HillsboroLighthouse.org</u>. We look forward to talking with you and having the opportunity to tell you more.

Best regards,

Hibbard Casselberry, President, for the Society

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HLPS ACHIEVEMENTS MADE & AWARDS RECEIVED SINCE CHARTER

- 1. In 1997 we saved the 9 ft. diameter Fresnel lens from being removed from the lighthouse.
- 2. We restored the light with the help of the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary & the community.
- 3. We have conducted tours of the Lighthouse Station by chartered boat or bus, averaging 3 per year.
- 4. In 1997 we first published *Big Diamond* quarterly newsletter and have expanded it to 8 pages, with a distribution of 700.
- 5. In 2000 we established and continually update an information website, www.HillsboroLighthouse.org
- 6. In 2001 we established an on-line Gift Shop with sales there and product available during tours.
- 7. On June 16, 2003 we hosted the U.S. Postal Service celebration of the 37c Hillsboro Inlet FL stamp.
- 8. In 2003 we received the original stone statue of the Barefoot Mailman from the Town of Hillsboro Beach, had it refurbished and restored, then moved onto the Lighthouse Station grounds.
- 9. We have hosted two Quarterly Conferences for the Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc..
- 10. The Broward County Historical Commission recognized HLPS for saving the Lighthouse Lens.
- 11. We have received two Broward Pioneer Days awards.
- We have participated in many local holiday parades and joined the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade in 2003.
- 13. We have a signed license agreement with the US Coast Guard.

H.L.P.S. GÓALS FOR 2004 - 2007

- 1. To continue Lighthouse Station Tours, 3 or 4 times each year.
- 2. To arrange for future tours via boat, the most popular method of transportation.
- 3. To create a mobile Lighthouse & Maritime Museum to include the lighthouse, inlet, reefs, ship wrecks, beaches, marine life, and the people who worked and lived in the area.
- 4. To install a monument at Hillsboro Inlet Park dedicated to those who helped restore the lighthouse lens in 1999 with more than 2,000 volunteer hours.
- To place an historical marker commemorating the construction and lighting of the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse in 1906-1907.
- To increase the number of educational contacts with school children and adults on our local maritime history.
- 7. To install a drinking fountain near the West Gazebo at the Station.
- 8. To establish a project to replace exotic species with native trees and shrubs at the Station.
- 9. To develop a pool of active volunteers to support HLPS programs and projects.

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

- A. Docents staff the Mobile Museum at local schools and other events.
- B. Tour Guides give site history at the Station and provide visitor services.
- C. Parades participate in local parades.
- D. Art & Photography conduct annual shows or exhibits.
- E. Education create historical and environmental programs for the school children & adults.
- F. Publications produce newsletters, brochures, fliers, and a Centennial Booklet.
- G. Membership develop programs to increase membership, maintain email and mail lists..
- H. Fund Raising create / implement new ways to raise money or "service in kind".
- I. Meetings / Events help with HLPS lectures, slide shows, & other programs.
- J. Centennial preparation for HLPS's 100 years' celebration.
- K. Publicity get the word out about HLPS and its activities.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In this issue I want to concentrate on the Movable Museum described on the previous page. In order for this dream to be completed, we have hurdles to successfully pass. We are ready at the starting gate. The plans and complex specifications for construction to meet safe building and occupancy are complete. Now we are slowed up by the forces of nature. The trailer companies must bid on the job. After Hurricane Charley the estimators had to drop their usual duties and work with insurance companies to estimate ALL the mobile homes in Florida damaged by this killer hurricane. As I write this, we are awaiting Hurricane Francis, a much larger storm. These storms have delayed receiving final figure for construction, furnishing and insuring our museum.

Our next step takes us to "the campaign for funds" hurdle. The possible funds needed for construction, furnishing and insurance for one year may be as high as \$35,000. There are perhaps many generous folks who will be able to donate substantial funds, but they alone can not do it all. We all will need to help. Then the most important hurdle, in my estimation, will be volunteers – many people with large SUVs or pick-up trucks to take turns trailering the museum to a school site or community activity early A.M. and in the evening taking it back to home base. Volunteers will be needed inside the museum. They will be trained well. The phrase "many hands make light work" rings clear. Without volunteers this whole project is just a pipe dream. Remember, HLPS is a totally volunteer organization - no salaries for any officer or director. That is how it will stay.

Be thinking of all these challenges. How will you help fulfill the dream of HLPS's founders who, in their by-laws, called for the establishing of a museum to showcase our lighthouse, it's keepers, the people and places around it, the reefs and other sea life? Contact me or whoever answers our HLPS phone at (954)942-2102 with any of your willingness for volunteer services for the future of this project. If we are not available when you call, leave a voice mail and we will return your call.



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Meet Your HLPS Board of Directors

Second in a series by Martha Casselberry.

Dr. Ray McAllister has had a more exciting life than anyone I know. The excitement began way before his birth! His mother as a young child was rescued from certain death by her uncle, Raymond Pinder, an assistant lighthouse keeper at Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse. She was adopted into his loving family and spent happy, carefree years at the lighthouse. She later named her son Raymond in honor of that uncle.

At age 16, back in the late 1930s, Ray made his first deep sea dive in Long Island Sound wearing a home made helmet. On his third dive, he was down 165 feet and ran out of air. That close call did not stop him from pursuing a dream of underwater exploration as a vocation.

Today, Ray is known as The Diving Dinosaur, an enthusiastic diver and spokesman for Florida's southeast coast reefs, but Ray is definitely not extinct! He is always willing to speak to groups to educate young and old about Florida's reefs and Hillsboro Lighthouse. About 18 months ago I attended a fascinating lecture-slide presentation given by Ray at the main branch of the Broward County Library, sponsored by both the library and the Broward Chapter of Archaeological Institute of America. To tell you of some of Ray's accomplishments I'll repeat his bio as they stated it:

Dr. Raymond F. McAllister, Professor Emeritus, Ocean Engineering, Department of Ocean Engineering, Florida Atlantic University.

"Dr. McAllister has 60 years as an active participant in underwater archaeology. Throughout his career, Dr. McAllister has participated in field excavations all over the world, often acting as the field director. The sites are as far flung as the Aleutian Islands, Micronesia, Canada, Haiti, the Mississippi Delta, Bermuda, Texas, Bimini and Florida sites too numerous to list. He has written many published reports, articles and news columns as well as unpublished manuscripts. Dr. McAllister was contributing editor for McGraw Hill's 'Handbook of Ocean and Underwater Engineering' and consulted as a research scientist upon numerous occasions. He has designed and built various types of survey equipment." Dr. Ray McAllister has been a member of HLPS Board of Directors since the Society was formed in 1997. He is an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He has an impressive past and great plans for future preservation of our lighthouse and its nearby reefs



Keeper Pinder with Ray McAllister's mother.



Ray in USCG Auxiliary uniform during a HLPS tour.

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NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS SINCE H.L.P.S.'s APRIL '04 NEWSLETTER -- HLPS-file/04-Sept-NL/New & Renewals Since April 04.wpd ----

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-VOLUNTEER HELPERS H.L.P.S.

Newsletter Mailing: Laurie Kunkel, Leslie Denote, & Martha Casselberry

June 5 Lighthouse Tour: U.S. Coast Guard ANT, Group Miami: BM1 Ben Trautman & MK2 Matthew Lapointe; Coast Guard Auxiliary: John Becker, 37, Allan Burrows, 37, Gene Cain, 37, Liz Clark, 37, Scott Cleary, 34, Jerry Edelman, 36, Dave DeBoben, 36, Mel Gordon, 37, Helen Houge, 36, Art Makenian, 36, Ray McAllister, 36, and Jane Mueller, 37. <u>HLPS helpers:</u> Stephen Attis, Paul Bradley, Jack Burrie, Hib & Martha Casselberry, Leslie Denote, Linda Giles, Mike & Joyce Hager, The Hillsboro Club, Jim & Lori Kunkel, Marcia Norman, Linda Peck, Sands Harbor Hotel, and Sheldon Voss.

DONATIONS:

Mr. & Mrs John Deam - Drinking Fountain Mr. & Mrs. George McCullar - Drinking Fountain Mrs. Susan Taylor - In memory of Tom Taylor Scott E. Martin, Photography

PROJECTS NEEDING FUNDING:

Plaques for the Barefoot Mailman statue pedestal. Drinking Fountain. Native Tree Replacement. Museum & Storage Space

Boat Landing Fund.

Mason, Herb Matthews, Victoria McBride, Nancy McCullar, George & Muriel McKay, Nancy Mederos, Jorge Miller, Carolyn B. Mills, Douglas Milshtevn, Tamila Moccia, Ralph & Roberta L. Montoya, Dario Moore, Bruce Mowry, Dick & Mary Mulka, Mike & Frances Neil, Joseph & Carol Norman, Graham & Marcia & William Worley O'Connell, Bob & Terry Peck, Jim & Linda Pease, Dave & Christy Peterson, Scott & Katie Phelps, Christopher & Susan Proteau, Joshua Raether, Kathryn E. Redd, Carol Rehwald, Katherine Rettstadt, Rich

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Early 1970's - Note the Radio Beacon Tower at far right, next to the Radio Room.