



NEWSLETTER

Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse

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What is this?



One of hundreds of Monarchs who fueled up on Wood as they headed South.
(photo by Cliff Trebilcock)

Wedding on Wood Island

Keeper Cliff Trebilcock and Linda Doughty are married on Wood Island - Linda in a beautiful Victorian style dress and Cliff in a replica USLHS Keeper's uniform, both in keeping with the period to which the Lighthouse will be restored. Linda now joins Cliff in volunteering to help FOWIL. Along with work/paint days, Cliff comes in his uniform to help add a special dash to lighthouse events.



(photo- Sean Murphy)

Senator Susan Collins visits Wood Island

The American Lighthouse Foundation and FOWIL recently hosted a visit to WIL by Senator Susan Collins. The Senator saw first-hand how an appropriation she is sponsoring can help ALF chapters like FOWIL restore and preserve federally-owned lighthouses under their care. WIL and FOWIL served as a model of what is being done to preserve these historic structures and to promote their potential as invaluable educational resources.



(photo-Anne Trapani)

Guess What....



That's right.....



The house got painted!

(Many volunteers joined the above, Brad Coupe, A Silver, Jack Moore and George Bruns in painting the dwelling house. It took all summer.)

Tower Handrail Installation



(view down the tower stairs)

Installation of handrails up the tower staircase is underway. Architect David Curran found "Bendy Wood," a flexible wood product, and designed two railings tracing graceful helical arcs up both sides of the tower stairs. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission gave its stamp of approval. Local builder Kyle Noble of Noble Housewrights, dampen the wood for several weeks - sort of an enclosed pickling process. The pieces were then epoxied together and threaded into the tower where they were braced in order to create the helix form. As the product dries, it will become rigid and will be attached to both the wall and to the stanchions creating a handrail on each side of the stairs.

(photo by Kyle Noble)

Biddeford Middle School

8th grade comes to Biddeford Pool and to Wood Island.



Keeper Cliff is there in the middle of this group of 8th graders. He is wearing his USLHS uniform and he, along with 9 other volunteers, teach the kids about how the light works, why it is needed as well as its storied 200 year history. Many thanks to BMS science teacher Barbara Fortier for getting this program going. This is the second year that these young people came to learn and FOWIL looks forward to their return visit next year.

(photo by George Bruns)

**The Friends of
Wood Island Lighthouse**

is a chapter of the

American Lighthouse Foundation.

It was formed in the Spring of 2003 specifically to
preserve and restore the Wood Island Light Station.

Please visit our website.

www.woodislandlighthouse.org



(photo by Joe Tully - engineer in charge of
the Coast Guard's 1994 restoration of the lighthouse)