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Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse Newsletter

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WHO IS THIS?



Keeper Laurier Burnham 1959-62

(last month's picture was of
Keeper Jerry Murray 1973-76)

From the Newsletter Staff

With this issue, we are saying goodbye until the Fall. We planned to have 6 issues during the year. Four issues in Spring and early Summer because so much is happening. One issue in the Fall to wrap up Summer and One issue in Winter to keep you posted on progress.

From the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has targeted the Lighthouse as the prime area for the first restoration efforts. The top priority is the immediate needs both inside and out, to insure the safety of our visitors as well as longevity of the Tower's life. It has been disappointing not to be able to allow visitors to ascend the tower due to the lack of handrails. Money is being raised now and the Maine Historic Preservation folks will be giving us guidance as to how to accomplish the improvements necessary. We are happy to report that our island tours are underway. Our very first visitor was a descendent of [Keeper Edwin Tarbox](#) 1865-1872. (For more information click here on [TOURS](#).)



The Fresh Paint Committee has a great Fresh Paint Day

Auction Planned!!!

If you haven't already, **make your reservations now** by Sandy Wolcott at 284-9807.

**Bob Trapani,**

new Director of the American Lighthouse Foundation comes to speak with the Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse at their June General Meeting. He reminded us of the importance of educating people about Light Houses and their preservation and was encouraging about the future of fundraising for these purposes. Tim Harrison, still a main force and inspiration attended as well and both took a tour of the lighthouse aboard *Light Runner* after the meeting.

Bob mentioned that the Museum of Lighthouse History will be celebrating it's Grand re-opening on August 7 at 11:00 am. and all FOWIL members are invited to attend. This museum has been a great source of information for the FOWIL History Group.

Mim Kennedy,

a Biddeford Pool artist who works in Mexico in the found a photo of the Wood Island Lighthouse while in M The photo was taken by B.A. King, the only photo that of Wood Island while visiting Maine doing hi photographic art work. The shipwreck in the foregrot been on the island for several years and is slowly destroyed by the seas. The Lighthouse appears background of this beautiful watercolor. The ship was 1988, according to the inscription on the bow. Ms. K has very graciously offered her painting for auction a Paint Day, the proceeds of which will go to prev Lighthouse from having the same fate as this beautiful crafted wooden boat.



Mim Kennedy at the Saco Art Fair - 2
Notice the grounded ship and the

Lighthouse.



Photo from which she did her painting;

See the shipwreck below



Work Party really worked hard!

18 people showed up to start replacing the boards in the lower boat ramp and repairing the flag pole.

Hats off to these folks!!

51 boards need replacing and 21 have been completed. Sean Murphy will announce when the next work party will take place.



summer 2004.

The shipwreck as it appeared



week.

The shipwreck as it appeared

Shipwreck Map

by artist Iona Desmond
22"x28"



Iona has donated this artwork for auction at Fresh Paint Day. What could be better than a painting of shipwrecks in the Wood Island area by a descendent of a Wood Island Lighthouse Keeper appointed by President Lincoln and who was a decorated hero as well!

Original Hooked Rug

by Biddeford Pool/Albuquerque, New Mexico artist Richard Levy



You would have to go to a gallery to see the original but you can have beautiful postcard or notecard of this wonderful artistic image of Wood Island Lighthouse.

All have been entirely donated to FOWIL for sale - the proceeds will help in the restoration efforts and will help create a secure future for the great island Lighthouse. They will be on sale at the Fresh Paint Auction anyone can help in the sale of these items and others please notify

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is a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation. It was form Spring of 2003 specifically to preserve and restore the Wood Isla Station. Please visit our website for information.

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