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### Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse Newsletter

#### WHO IS THIS?



photo from Roderick Jeffers

Thomas Henry Orcutt, WIL  
keeper 1886-1905.

Sailor the famous Bell Ringing  
dog belonged to Thomas and his  
family.

One of *Light Runner's* Captains  
is a grandson of this keeper.

[Sailor's Story](#)

#### From the Executive Committee

Summer tours will be offered this season using a new phone reservation system which will be outlined in our May Newsletter as well as on our [Tour Link](#). Reservation benefits will be available to 2006 members. Our fundraiser Fresh Paint Day will not take place this year, but we will be having an event on July 29th centered around the "New England Ghost Project's" investigation of the lighthouse for paranormal activity.

As reported in the [Winter Newsletter](#), our memberships and donations have been very succesful so far this year and we hope that more people will continually be getting involved with the project of restoring the lighthouse.

We are hopeful that the plans for tower access will be completed early in the summer. The view from the top is spectacular!

#### Don't know if you have sent in your annual donation for 2006?

You can check with our  
membership chair by  
e-mailing

[Anita@woodislandlighthouse.org](mailto:Anita@woodislandlighthouse.org)

**Please note that only checks  
made out to the Friends of  
Wood Island Lighthouse  
constitute a membership in**

#### Tower is decorated with Christmas Lights!

**FOWIL.**

Checks made out to the  
American Lighthouse  
Foundation are for membership  
with ALF.

ALF supports all lighthouses.  
FOWIL supports Wood Island  
lighthouse only.

Membership in ALF does not give you a  
membership in FOWIL.



Did you happen to gaze out at Wood Island at night this winter? If you did you would have enjoyed a spectacular display. Check out this amazing story about how Sean Murphy single handedly decorated the tower with Christmas lights! Margo Alley's story is on the American Lighthouse Foundation site [Lighted Tower Story](#)

**Son of WI Keeper Edward Frank finds  
The American Lighthouse Foundation**  
and of course  
he is invited to share his experiences.

**FOWIL is always happy to  
respond to questions about the  
lighthouse especially from  
children.**

A query came to us from  
Elizabeth, a student in the Moore  
Public Schools Gifted & Talented  
Program in Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma.

With our response, they learned  
about Wood Island Light and we  
learned about  
East Wharf Lighthouse, the most  
inland working lighthouse in the  
United States!



Steve Frank speaks to the American Lighthouse Foundation at their volunteer awards dinner, April 1, 2006. He shares stories of his life on Wood Island as his father tended the light from 1952-1956. Steve started his life on Wood Island at 10 days old.





Oklahoma Lighthouse

Are you interested in being a host for the Wood Island Tours this summer?

Contact

[Sheri@woodislandlighthouse.org](mailto:Sheri@woodislandlighthouse.org)



Steve talking about his father and himself in the photograph... what a wonderful show!

### What has been going on?

If you want to catch up with the activities of FOWIL, since it's inception in Spring 2003 click on the "[Read the News](#)" link on our homepage.

### Island Tours

Keep posted on changes to island tours for the summer of 2006 at the [Tour Schedule](#) link on our homepage.

**NO MORE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.**

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS BY PHONE.**

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### 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 for information. [www.woodislandlighthouse.org](http://www.woodislandlighthouse.org)

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