

The first project NSLPS undertook was the preservation of Sambro Island Lighthouse at the entrance to Halifax Harbour. It is felt that due to its lengthy history, Sambro Island can 'illuminate' many of the important technological developments in lighthouse history. Work has begun on registering the lighthouse as a heritage building.

The group has cleaned the interior and replaced the roof of the Gas House. Projects still to be done include cleaning up the surrounding area, building a deck for the entrance, installing doors and windows, reshingling the outside walls, and outfitting the rooms with period furniture.

NSLPS has plans to organize tours to the lighthouse for the public, and plans activities at the site for NSLPS members. The long range goals are to continue lighthouse and related marine research, collecting artifacts, lore, photographs, and oral histories.

Membership is \$10.00 for an individual, \$20.00 for a family, \$30.00 for an institution or group, and \$100.00 for patron membership. For further information, write to The Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society; c/o Maritime Museum of the Atlantic; 1675 Lower Water Street; Halifax, NS Canada B3J 1S3.

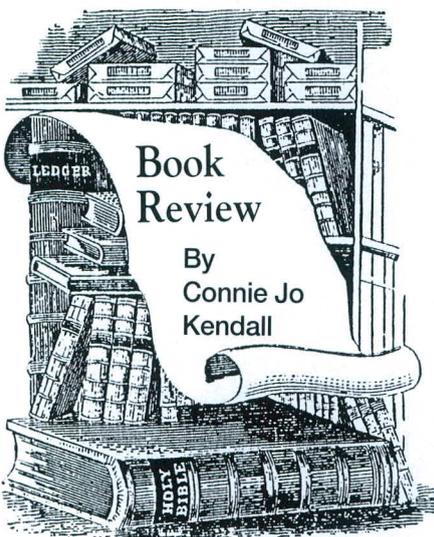
Scottish Lighthouse Calendar Available

The Northern Lighthouse Board has announced the availability of a handsome color calendar of some of their beautiful lighthouses. In 1995 they produced their first calendar which coincided with the centenary celebrations of the death of Robert Louis Stevenson. It proved such a great success that the Board felt it worthwhile to produce a calendar for 1996. We have received a copy of the calendar and it is a beautiful effort in full color . . . or as they say, 'colour.'

Each lighthouse depicted is accompanied by information about when it was constructed, the engineers responsible, location, etc.

The calendar costs 9 LBs Sterling outside the British Isles, which includes postage and handling. This is about \$15.00, but please check the exchange

rate before you send for one. The calendar may be ordered by writing to—Northern Lighthouse Board, 84 George St. Edinburgh EH2 3DA Scotland.



Guardians of the Lights - Stories of U.S. Lighthouse Keepers

By Elinor DeWire

At a time when one can only dream of the quiet life of a lighthouse keeper, Elinor DeWire combines more than twenty years of research to show us what that life was really like. She reminds us of the everyday duties required of all keepers, but adds the behind the scenes information necessary to bring this position to life.

The chapter titled "A Light Less Bright" contains excerpts from keepers' logs showing how personality differences could make this an unhappy way of life. Other chapters discuss animals that keepers had as pets, ghosts in various stations, and children's roles at light stations.

The closing sentence of the book jacket says it all: ". . . this book is a fitting tribute to these tough, usually solitary, and dedicated heroes who kept the lights burning every night, without fail." *Guardians of the Lights* will be a delightful addition to any library, whether they are a lighthouse lover or not!

Hard cover, 6 1/4" x 9 1/4", 340 pages, 15 color photographs, 119 black

and white photographs, 10 drawings, author Elinor DeWire, publisher Pineapple Press, Inc. Available through the Keeper's Locker for \$27.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling.

Video Review On A Barren Rock

The Lighthouse at Point Reyes, Calif. A film by Richard Brown
Reviewed by Wayne Wheeler

The film jacket reads, in part, "Whipped by winds clocked at 130 miles an hour and often shrouded by deep fog, the rugged coast of Marin County has claimed more than one hundred and thirty ships since the first recorded maritime disaster (at the Point) in 1595. In 1870, a lighthouse was constructed on the rocky headlands at Point Reyes, and the site immediately became notorious for its isolation and severe weather conditions."

There are a lot of lighthouse videos on the market and most of them aren't worth watching. We carry only a few quality videos in the Keeper's Locker, but this is a film we will gladly add to our limited stock. *On a Barren Rock* is a charmer, and, although only 12 minutes long, very nicely tells the Point Reyes Light Station story, as well as providing the flavor of 19th century lighthouse life. Unobtrusive music is sprinkled throughout the film and nicely accompanies the dramatic opening segment. Director Brown took a page from Ken Burn's Civil War series in using his camera to pan historic still photos. Throughout, the video smoothly shifts between stills and moving film, black and white, and color. It cleverly uses voice-overs to read keeper's log entries and official reports.

On A Barren Rock is a quality video, well researched and directed, and a welcome addition to any lighthouse video library. It would serve well as an educational tool for all elementary school grades.

It is available through the Keeper's Locker for \$14.65, which includes domestic shipping.