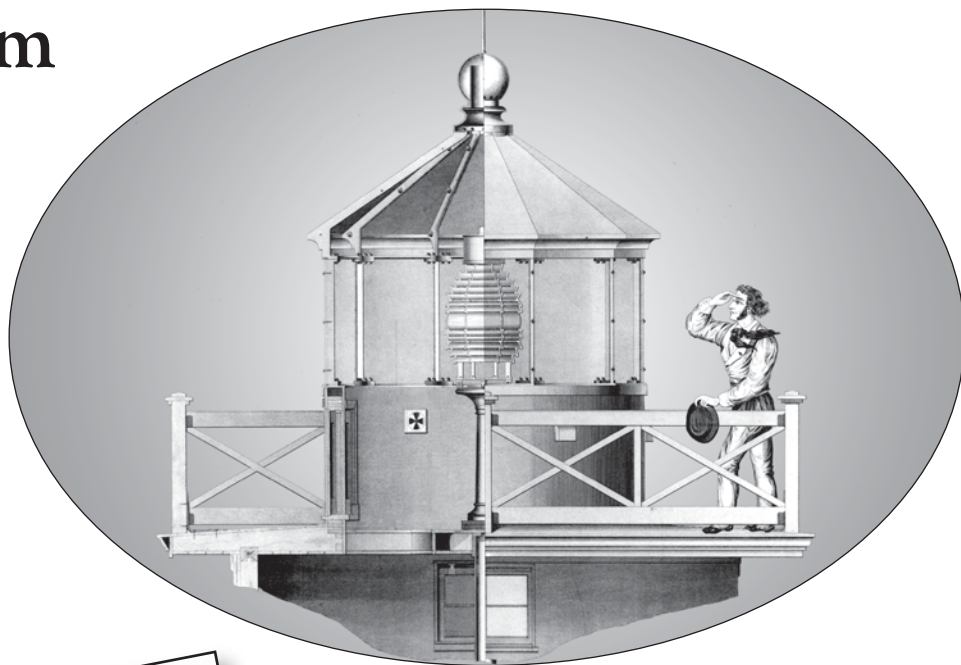


The View From the Lantern Room



Presidential Award Recognizes U. S. Lighthouse Society

Preserve America is a Presidential initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities. Mrs. Laura Bush, the former First Lady of the United States, is the Honorary Chair of Preserve America.

In 2004, the United States Lighthouse Society entered into a 90-year lease for the Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse, a National Historic Landmark that is located about 1-1/2 miles offshore in the Chesapeake Bay. Since then, volunteers of our Chesapeake Chapter have done everything from window restoration to lead paint abatement and much more as part of building rehabilitation. Volunteers also conduct research and serve as docents for public tours.

I am privileged to report to all our members that the U. S. Lighthouse Society and the Chesapeake Chapter have been chosen to receive the Preserve America Steward Award, a fitting event during the Society's 25th anniversary year. The official letter from the White House designating us as a recipient was signed by Mrs. Bush on January 12, 2009.

This is quite an honor for the Society. Most importantly, however, this recognition honors all the volunteers and friends that have generously given so much of their time, enthusiasm and talents to preserve a beloved Chesapeake Bay icon and National Historic Landmark.

Keep the lights shining,
Henry Gonzalez
Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Manager
Vice President, U. S. Lighthouse Society

THE WHITE HOUSE
January 12, 2009

Dear Volunteers of United States Lighthouse Association,
Congratulations on the designation of United States Lighthouse Association as a Preserve America Steward! The preservation of our historical and cultural resources honors our nation's rich heritage. President Bush and I applaud your achievement.

Your volunteer efforts inspire our fellow Americans and set a great example for communities around the country. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the Preserve America initiative.

Sincerely,

Laura Bush
Honorary Chair, Preserve America