



Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Coast

By Elinor DeWire, with photographs by Paul Johnson

We recently received a copy of Elinor DeWire's latest work. She has authored nine books and written some 350 articles on the subject of lighthouses over a period of 25 years. Her work is always accurate and her writing style interesting. *Lighthouses of the Mid-Atlantic Coast* is no exception. Adding to her colorful text are the sumptuous photographs of Paul Johnson.

This work takes a different slant on the subject of lighthouses. The prologue sets the pace by combining the history of Delaware's Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse with an interview of a keeper who was stationed at that lighthouse years ago. Other chapters deal

with such subjects as early American lighthouses, women keepers, old and new keepers, fog signals, lightships and even a dissertation on ugly lighthouses. The book ends with a guide to mid-Atlantic lighthouses: New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. Each lighthouse receives a short paragraph. But the main body of the work is what this volume is all about. It's not linear, but skips around the mid-Atlantic area of our country, weaving the history of individual stations, with human experiences and technology. A few sparkling quotes stand out: "The night is dark, and I am far from home." – John Newman from *Lead Kindly Light*; "From a lighthouse beyond the harbor's mouth, a foghorn is heard at regular intervals moaning like a mournful whale in labor." – Eugene O'Neill from a *Long Day's Journey Into Night*.

And then, there are the photographs; a few historical photos as well as romantic images of lighthouses, close-ups of interiors and the elements that make lighthouses what they are. This book could easily stand alone as just a book of text or just a book of photographs. That it combines both, and artfully so, makes it a real winner and a natural for your shelf of lighthouse books.

Hard cover – 160 pages, 125 color and black and white photographs, index and bibliography, \$29.95.

Foreign Affairs Lighthouse For Sale

Llandudno, North Wales, UK

The Great Orme Head Lighthouse is for sale for 575,000 pounds (USD \$916,000). The 1862 lighthouse is perched on the edge of a steep cliff, about 370 feet above the water. The granite structure resembles a small castle and contains a reception room, drawing room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, lens room (used as a living room), telegraph room, keeper's suite, a total of seven bedrooms, and two outbuildings situated on a half acre.

The building is steam heated and has its own water system from a spring and thorough filtration facility. Taxes are estimated at USD \$1,760 a year.

The property is located about 6 miles from the seaside town of Llandudno and has been used recently as a bed and breakfast. For more information, or to place a bid, you may contact John Callin by phone: 01492 876819, E-mail: enquiries@lighthouse-llandudno.co.uk or visit the website: WWW.lighthouse-llandudno.co.uk



Right – Great Orme Head Lighthouse. Note the lantern room on the ground in front of the dwelling. The lantern room is now used as a living room. What a view! Photo courtest of John Callin.