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Passport Club Stamp

Everyone in the Club should have received their copy of the newly created Passport Club stamp. If for some reason you did not receive the email containing the attachment with the stamp or were not able to download the attachment, let us know and we will resend it to you via snail mail.

USLHS Tours

One of the best ways to add stamps to your Passport is by taking a tour with the Society. Many of the tours scheduled for this year are full, but news about 2013 tours will soon be available in the next Society Bulletin, which should be out by the beginning of May.

New locations for Texas & Louisiana Lighthouse Stamps

Speaking of tours, on the Society's recent Texas Lighthouse Tour, we were able to find homes for five stamps (4 in Texas and 1 in Louisiana). Remember to check individual location websites for up to date hours and days they are open. Following are the lighthouses and the stamp locations:

Aransas Pass (Lydia Ann) Lighthouse

Stamp is located at the Port Aransas Museum, 101 E. Brundrett at Alister St., P.O. Box 677
Port Aransas, Texas 78373, Phone:361-749-3800
Website: <http://portaransasmuseum.org/> Email: portamuseum@centurytel.net

Texas Maritime Museum Lighthouse

Stamp is located at the front desk of the Museum, 1202 Navigation Circle, Rockport, TX 78382,
Phone: 361-729-1271 Website: <http://www.texasmaritimemuseum.org/>

Half Moon Reef Lighthouse

Bauer Community Center, 2300 Highway 35 North, Port Lavaca, TX 77979
Phone: 361.552.2959 Website: <http://www.portlavacatx.org/>

Two different stamps (1 USLHS stamp and 1 Port Lavaca stamp that features the Half Moon Reef light) are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office next door to the lighthouse in the Bauer Community Center.

Matagorda Island Lighthouse

Calhoun County Museum, 301 S. Ann, Port Lavaca, TX 77979, (361)553-4689

Website: calhouncountymuseum.org/ Email: director@calhouncountymuseum.org

Note: This is also the home of the 3rd order lens from the Matagorda Island Lighthouse.

Sabine Pass Lighthouse

Stamp is located at the Johnson Bayou branch of the Cameron Parish Libraries

4586 Gulf Beach Hwy, Johnson Bayou, LA 70631. Phone: 337-569-2892
<http://www.cameron.lib.la.us/johnson-bayou-library-branch>

The Point Bolivar Lighthouse is currently available through Society headquarters. Remember, if you want a copy of this stamp send us a photo you took at the lighthouse along with a dollar and a SASE. We will continue to seek a home for the stamp near the lighthouse.

Other New Participating Lighthouses

Boon Island Lighthouse, Maine

The stamp is located at the Sohler Park Welcome Center, 186 York Street, York, Maine. This is the same location as the stamp for the Cape Neddick (Nubble) light.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse, California

A new Society stamp is now available at the Pigeon Point Light Station located off Highway 1 near Pescadero, California (about 50 miles south of San Francisco). For information, call the Pigeon Point information line at (650) 879-2120 Friday through Sunday or visit online at www.parks.ca.gov. There is also a second stamp located at the Pigeon Point Hostel, which is at the same location.

Fort Point, California

A new stamp was designed for this location in January 2012. The old stamp is still there. Both are accepted for the Passport awards. They are located at the Fort Point National Historic Site at the South anchorage of the Golden Gate Bridge.

Muskegon South Pier Lighthouse, Michigan

The Muskegon County Convention & Visitors Bureau is the location of a new stamp for the Muskegon South Pier Lighthouse. Their address is 610 W. Western, Muskegon, MI.

For these stamps see listing on the Passport website for more contact information and times of availability.

Maritime Museum and Fresnel Lens Stamps

Remember that stamps may also be available for maritime museums that have Fresnel lenses and/or displays of lighthouses artifacts. Some have Passport stamps for their museums or a nearby lighthouse. A list of these museums is found at the bottom of the webpage of participating locations. The museum stamps are acceptable for the Passport Book and award levels.

Two new lens stamps are now available at the Museum of Chincoteague Island, 7125 Maddox Blvd, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 (757-336-6117).

Assateague (Virginia) First Order Lens

Fort Washington (Maryland) Sixth Order Lens

Correction

In our last Stamp Flash, the address we provided for the Cedar Key Lighthouse stamp at the Cedar Key Historical Society was incorrect. The stamp is found at the Society's building at the corner of D Street and 2nd in Cedar Key. The participating sites list has been corrected. The Historical Society is depicted on the left – The middle stamp is an image of a stamp that can be found at the Cedar Key National Wildlife Refuge (see website listing for details). The third image is a copy of the old stamp.



Patch Awards

Congratulations are in order to the following individuals for completing their Passport book:

Ann Thorne – Silver Star Level (120 stamps)

Stamps Only Achievement Award

Special recognition is given to the following for receiving award patches plus Stamps Only Achievement Awards. Remember, this is the highest level of achievement for the Lighthouse Passport Club and means you have filled your book with only stamps (no photos).

- John “Mac” MacFarland – 2nd Platinum Circle Wing (360 stamps). Mac will also receive the Stamp Only Award for his previous 5 completed stamp only Passports.
- Jason Yao – I’ve Seen the Light (60 stamps). This is a wonderful way to start!

Seven Level Stamps Only Awards

Finally, special recognition is in order for Al King who is being awarded a Stamps Only Achievement Award for all 7 levels (420 stamps) for books that he has previously submitted. This is the ultimate accomplishment for the Passport Club and makes him the first ever to accomplish this feat. Congratulations Al!

Upcoming in future “Flashes”

- New Designs - Over time, some Society stamps have been misplaced, lost or become worn out. When these are replaced, they may or may not have a new design. In the next “Flash” we will give you some examples of these new versus old designs. If you have one of the old designs, you can add the new design to your Passport book. For others who obtain the new design, you never know if you might also find that other stamp hiding under a counter at a gift shop!
- More two stamp locations
- More awards

Don’t forget to share your questions or Passport stamp hunting adventures with us. We will be happy to include them in a future “Flash.”