



STAMP FLASHES

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Response to Call for Passport Program Volunteers

In our last Flashes we asked for volunteers to help with contacting our stamp locations in an attempt to provide the most up-to-date information to stamp collectors. The response was overwhelming and we ended up with more folks than we could use! Thanks to ALL of you who offered to jump in and assist with the task of communicating with over 500 participating organizations. In the end, 19 people were assigned to 5 different regions (see example at right) covering the entire country. Since the Passport Program is run by volunteers it is doubtful that without the help of the following the program could continue to exist:



West Coast Region

- Linda Elliott, Rosburg, WA (OR & WA)
- Bob Eugley, San Diego, CA (South CA, HI, TX & AK)
- Marie Holley, San Jose, CA (North CA)

Great Lakes Region

- Marge Czop, Lindenhurst, IL (Lake Superior)
- LaVon Marshall, Indianapolis, IN (Lake Michigan)
- Judith Grigg, Bad Axe, MI (Lake Huron)
- Sue Moffit, Rochester, MN (MN & North WI)
- John Griner, Oconomowoc, WI (WI)
- Dave Lindamood, Cadillac, MI (Lake Erie)

Mid-Atlantic Region

- Chris Laubach, La Verne, CA (MD, DE & VA)
- Tedd & Andrew Van Buskirk, Summit, NJ (NJ & Long Island)

New England Region

- Rick McDermott, Lackawanna, NY (NY & ON)
- Scott Walbert, Allentown, PA (CT & RI)
- Wayne Cotterly, Poland Springs, ME (ME)
- Bob Zimman, Portsmouth, NH (NH & MA)
- Anne Salatiello, Uxbridge, MA (MA)

South Atlantic & Gulf Coast Region

- April Lowe, Helenwood, TN (East FL, Keys & GA)
- Toni Collins, Chiefland, FL (West FL, MS & AL)
- Yvette Dills, Lincolnton, NC (NC & SC)

SASE + Donation = Stamp by Mail

We are working on identifying the passport stamp locations willing to provide you a copy of their stamp if you were unable to obtain it when you visited their lighthouse. It will take several months to complete this task. In the meantime, if a listing indicates that they will provide the stamp by mail you MUST include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) and a minimum of \$1 donation. If you are so inclined, make a bigger donation. This is one way to help support lighthouse preservation efforts. Without these two enclosures, you will most likely not receive your stamp. You should always make a donation whenever you receive a stamp (in person or by mail) and by sending the SASE you are not asking these nonprofits to absorb your mailing cost. If a listing does not indicate it will accept mail requests you need to contact them before sending anything.

Foreign Lighthouse Stamps

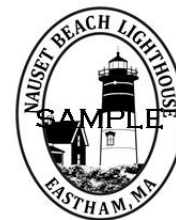
We continue to get questions about including foreign lighthouses, including Canadian lights, in the Passport. The policy is that if there is a stamp, it can be included in your Passport Book and it will count towards the award levels. However, photos of foreign lights will NOT count. The few Canadian stamps we have are listed with the participation locations. Here are some other examples that have been submitted:



Lighthouse Stamps with New Designs

The following lighthouses have stamps with new designs:

- Wind Point Lighthouse, Racine, Wisconsin
- Absecon Lighthouse, Atlantic City, NJ
- Brown's Point Lighthouse, Tacoma, WA
- Nauset Lighthouse, Eastham, MA



Camden Harbor Cruise Stamps

Camden Harbor Lighthouse Cruises depart from Camden, Maine (Mid-May until Mid-October) and now have stamps for six lighthouses which are available on their cruises. Check their website to determine which cruise passes the following lights: Brown's Head, Curtis Island, Grindle Point, Indian Island, Owls Head and Rockland Breakwater. It should be noted that all of these stamps are available elsewhere, but this is the only location with all six. U.S. Lighthouse Society members receive a 15% discount off the regular cruise prices.



<https://www.camdenharborcruises.com/>

960 Stamps! How is that Possible?

We recently received the 16th all stamp book from one of the Passport Program's elite stamp hunters, John "Mac" MacFarland. Some have wondered how Mac has accumulated so many stamps, when there are currently only 550 locations which actually have a stamp. One reason is that he is an expert at finding multiple stamps at the same location. He suggests that you always ask if there are other stamps available. On many occasions, he has located stamps that the local docent did not even know they had! Another way he adds to his collection is that he always returns to a lighthouse when a new stamp is designed because the other one was lost or worn out. Mac also communicates with other well-known stamp hunters like Al King III and James Hill, both who have been featured in USLHS and Passport Program publications. They are always on the lookout for new findings, which they readily share with each other and Society Headquarters. Our award levels only go to 420 stamps. New awards for collectors like Mac are in the works.

More Life-Saving Station Stamps

We continue to add more Life-Saving Stations to the Passport Program, giving you more opportunities to fill up those Passport books. It is definitely worth your time to stop at these locations to learn about their history. We now have a stamp for the only floating and inland life-saving station as well as one for the boat that starred in the movie "The Finest Hours."



Old Harbor Life-Saving Station, MA

Originally located at Nauset Beach, near the entrance to Chatham Harbor the station is now located in Provincetown, Massachusetts, at the end of Race Point Road, where it was moved in 1977 because it was threatened by erosion.

Gold Medal Motor Lifeboat CG36500, MA

This is the actual CG36500 motor lifeboat that was involved in “the most dangerous rescue mission in Coast Guard history” chronicled in the Disney 2016 film, *The Finest Hours*. In the summer it is normally in the water at Rock Harbor in Orleans, Massachusetts.



Pier's End Boathouse, Garibaldi, OR

Originally associated with the Tillamook Bay Life-Saving Station in Barview, Oregon, this boathouse was built in 1936 and used by the Coast Guard until 1964. It sits at the end of a 750' pier which leads to the boathouse. The stamp is at the Garibaldi Maritime Museum.

Louisville Life-Saving Station #10, KY

Our first stamp for a location in the state of Kentucky is for the Louisville Life-Saving Station, the only inland and floating life-saving station in the country. Today it serves as the ticket office for the steamboat, *Belle of Louisville*, which is where the stamp is located.



Surfside Life-Saving Station

Built in 1873, this Life-Saving Station has found new life as the Star of the Sea Hostel, located on the south side of Nantucket Island in Massachusetts. Open Memorial Day to Columbus Day. Stamp is located at the Hostel and is not available by mail.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved

I've Seen the Light (60)

- Janet Brodhead
- Mary Ellen Chatigny
- Tom & Sandy Crabill*
- Russell & Elizabeth Crane*
- R. Dusty Dawson*
- Chris Dufford
- Julie Gallegos
- Gene & Ann Grimes*
- David Hebben*
- Russ Katje*
- Kirby Lemon*
- Steven Lindsay*
- Michael Minchak*
- LaVon Marshall*
- Sue Moffit*
- Diane Nuss

- Judith Smith*
- Scott & Amanda Staggs*
- Barb Wolfe*
- Jane Zeiger*

Silver Star (120)

- Dave Lindamood*
- Sandi Mooney
- Kathryn Woodson**

Gold Star (180)

- Dan O'Neal***
- Jerry Walker***

1st Wing (300)

Steven Hagen*****
Vladimir Hurych**
Nancy McDorman-Kane*****
Corey Rudzinski*****
Van Dyke Family*
Ann Thorne
Bruce Wilbur*

More than 420

Mac MacFarland - 960 (16 All Stamp)
Jeannette O'Neal - 480**
Joyce Waggett - 480*****

2nd Wing (360)

Marge Czop**

Remember to check the Hall of Fame listing on the website to make sure your name and award level are correct. Send any corrections to passportclub@uslhs.org

Help Celebrate and Support the Boston Lighthouse

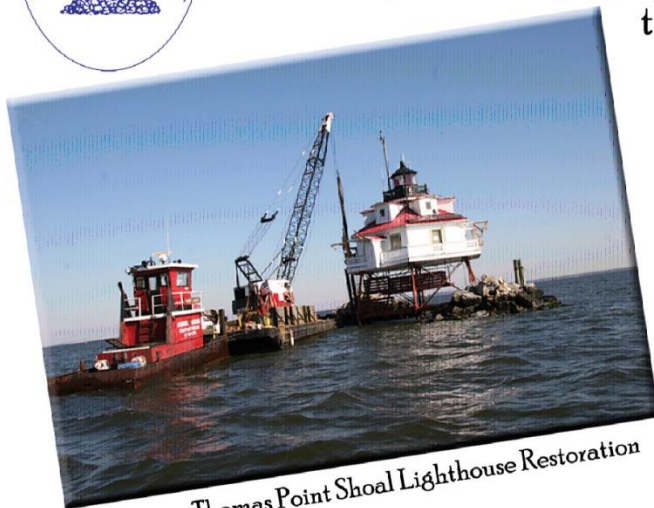
This year's Society collectible brass holiday ornament features the Boston Harbor Lighthouse, in celebration of their 300th anniversary, who will receive proceeds from our ornament fundraiser! Also this year we are proud to offer our brand new "keeper of the lights" Society ball cap! For more information and to order visit:

https://uslhs.org/2016_holiday_donation_page



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Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse Restoration



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