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STAMP FLASHES

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As the Leaves Turn

As fall approaches, I hope everyone had an opportunity to visit lots of lighthouses and participate in many lighthouse tours, cruises, festivals and challenges this summer. As you can see from the additions to the Hall of Fame, many stamp collectors have submitted their Passports for verification and awards. More and more of you are submitting books with all stamps. These are a joy to review and we are able to see where you have been by the stamps that you have collected. With each stamp representing a donation to a lighthouse, we are confident that Club members are doing their part to preserve America's maritime treasures. While summer may be over, many lighthouses are still open. The air is crisp and clear and the crowds have diminished making it easier to take photos that don't require as much "photoshopping!" So, before the snow flies, gather those last few stamps you need to fill up that Passport.

Get Ready for the Holidays

Once again the Society will be offering their Holiday Ornament. This year's ornament celebrates the 200th year anniversary of the oldest standing lighthouse in North Carolina, Bald Head Island (Old Baldy) Lighthouse. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the lighthouse for their continuing preservation efforts. We will also be offering the companion Passport Holiday Stamp as well as stamps from the previous five years. Details will be forthcoming in a special holiday issue of *Stamp Flashes*.



A Shout Out to the Regional Passport Stamp Volunteers

Special thanks are in order for the 16 individuals who continue to volunteer as regional passport stamp representatives. Their work this past year resulted in our being able to make direct contact with 97% of all the stamp locations to verify that the information we have on the website is correct. Without their effort, I guarantee you that the program would grind to a halt. If you know any of these folks please give them a special shout out for their service!

West Coast

Marie Holley

South Region

Yvette Dills

Toni Collins

April Lowe

Great Lakes

Marge Czop

Judy Grigg

Dave Lindamood

LaVon Marshal

Sue Moffit

New England & Mid-Atlantic

Wayne Cotterly

Chris Laubach

Rick McDermott

Anne Salatiello

Tedd Van Buskirk

Scott Walbert

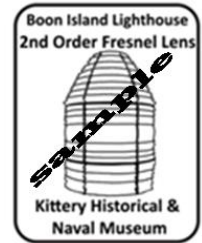
Bob Zimman

I would also like to thank those of you who have emailed me or the Passport Club with fresh information discovered on your lighthouse travels. Hearing from you really keeps the listing up to date.

New Stamps

Tarrytown (Sleepy Hollow) Lighthouse, New York

The new stamp reflects their preference to be referred to as the Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse.



Wood Island Life-Saving Station & Boon Island Lighthouse Lens, Maine

The Kittery Historical and Naval Museum now has 3 stamps. One for the museum itself with additional ones for the Life Saving Station and Boon Island Lens. The museum is located at 200 Rogers Road Extension, Kittery, ME 03904.

New London Ledge, CT

Stamp will be available from the **New London Maritime Society**, Custom House Museum, 150 Bank St., New London, CT 06230. 860-447-2501. They also have a stamp for the Race Rock Lighthouse.

Buffalo Harbor Stamps, NY

The Buffalo Lighthouse Association now has three more stamps for the Buffalo area lighthouses. They are for the **Horseshoe Reef Lighthouse** (in ruins), **Buffalo Harbor Lighthouse** and the **Buffalo North Breakwater "Bottle" Light**. These stamps are available during open houses and tours as well as by mail with a SASE and donation.



Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, NC

The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, North Carolina will soon have new stamps for two displays at the museum. One is for the **Cape Hatteras Lens** and the other is for the **Diamond Shoals Lightship LV-71 Bell**. The lightship is best remembered for her sinking in 1918 during World War I when a German U-boat attacked her off North Carolina. What remains of the lens, which was damaged by vandals and had portions of it stolen from storage, can also be viewed.



Manistique, Michigan

The Seul Choix Lighthouse had so many people ask if they had a stamp for the Manistique Breakwater Lighthouse they decided to have one made. When you are visiting the lighthouses along the southern coast of the Upper Peninsula, you can now get this additional stamp. So, you see you can sometimes get stamps added to the program just by asking!

Are You a 1st Order Wickie (Part 2)

In our last *Flashes* we introduced you to the behavior patterns of a First Order Wickie. Here are a few more: You might be a 1st Order Wickie if:

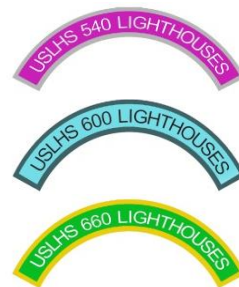
- You have ever waded through waist deep water in a swamp in your bare feet to reach a lighthouse.
- Your backpack contains a rope ladder, skeleton keys, bolt cutters, grappling hooks, chain saw, night vision goggles, insect & bear repellent, 4/64GB SD cards, back up camera, LH Passport book & extra ink pad, duct tape and ace bandages.
- You have ever had to purchase an extra suitcase to carry home your lighthouse souvenirs – you are a first order shopper, but not necessarily a first order wickie.
- You have ever climbed a lighthouse tower that has no hand rail and the steps are no longer attached to the tower wall.

Finally - If you wore a lighthouse t-shirt to your wedding - you ARE a First Order Wickie!

Diamond Level Awards



As we announced in the last *Flashes* we have created a new award level for stamp collectors. The first Diamond Level patches have been sent out to the nine individuals who have collected 480 stamps. The three wings for this patch bring the total to 660. At this point we have three individuals who have been awarded the Diamond patch with all three wings: John MacFarland (1020 Stamps), Sharon Mills (960) and Hilari Seery (780 stamps). Congratulations to all of our Diamond collectors!



Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. If you received more than one patch since the last listing; you are listed under the highest patch achieved. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved.

I've Seen the Light (60 Stamps)

Sandra Calcagni*
David Chaffin
Joe Christiana*
Melissa Horn*
Jonathan Katje*
Chelsie Mulholland*
Michael Soto*
Elaine Tucci*
Dayna Yabsley
Richard Yabsley
Rafael Zambrano*
Matthew Zarzecki*

Russ Katje*****
Diane Nuss*
Allen Walski*****

2nd Wing (360)

Vladimir Hurych***
Carole McCoy*****

3rd Wing (420)

Norm Bosse*****
Randy Chase*****
Duane & Mary Jo Davis*

Silver Star (120 Stamps)

Brian & Linda Elliott**
Carolyn Pearson**

Diamond Circle (480)

Machelle Dumaine (8)*
Julie Lake (4)*
Joyce Waggett (7)*
Diane & Scott Walbert (8)*

Gold Star (180 Stamps)

Jan Dumonson***
LaVon Marshall***
Lisa & Evan Mintz
Sue Moffit***
Bob & Marilyn Zimman***

4th Wing (540)

Burch Alford (9)*
James Hill (9)*
Anita Norris (6)*
Jeannette O'Neal (3)*

Platinum Circle (240 Stamps)

Wanda Mayo*
Debbie Price
Randall Speas

5th Wing (600)

Al King III (10)*

1st Wing (300)

Cindy Hopp*****
John Hopp*****

6th Wing (660)

John "Mac" MacFarland (1020 Stamps) (17*)
Sharon Mills (960 Stamps) (9*)
Hilari Seery (780 Stamps) (13*)