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STAMP FLASHES

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE USLHS PASSPORT CLUB



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As Summer Fades

Summer is winding down and schools are reopening, but there is still plenty of time to visit and climb Midwest and Northeast lighthouses before they close for the year. Given the number of Hall of Fame additions, passport books sold and new Passport Club members, it is clear that you visited many lighthouses this summer and received a lot of stamps. Special kudos to the 75 individuals who recently submitted completed passports and qualified for the *All Stamp* award! That represents dollar donations totaling \$4,500! With the number of Club members approaching 5,000, the potential for having an impact on lighthouse preservation is increasing. If all 5,000 completed a single passport (60 stamps) and contributed a dollar for each one, it would result in donations of \$300,000!

Acceptable Passport Entries

Since so many collectors continue to join the Passport Club, let's reiterate what type of passport entries count towards the achievement awards. Here is the short version of what is acceptable:

- Ink stamp images from locations listed on the Passport Club website as well as any international lighthouse.
- Photos will count, if limited in number, but only if they are on the list of participating locations. Photos of international and domestic locations not on the list cannot be accepted.

That's it! So, just stick to the list for stamps (plus any international stamps) and photos of lighthouse on the website list. This provides plenty of opportunities to collect a lot of stamps. There are more than 625 locations, some have multiple stamps and some are available by mail. Complete policies and procedures are found on the Passport Club website.

A New Collector Series - Lost Lights

The USLHS Passport Program celebrates visiting lighthouses and their ongoing preservation. However, there are a great many significant lights that are now lost. Some were destroyed by natural disasters, while others were torn down purposefully. We would like to honor these proud beacons by offering a series of commemorative stamps along with a description of their historical significance. By purchasing these stamps, not only will you add to your collection, you will be helping to make the Passport Program self-sustaining and free to everyone. More information about this series will be emailed to you in the next couple of weeks.

Notes from the Field

This new segment of Stamp Flashes will contain short descriptions about some of our stamp collectors and/or their collecting adventures. We would especially like to hear from those of you who have made this hobby a family affair and are using the program as an educational and family fun activity.

- While reviewing some passports submitted for awards, we encountered a couple of familiar names. Sierra and Kayla Farrell two youngsters from Florida who were featured in a holiday issue of Stamp Flashes back in 2015. At that time they were 5 and 2 years old and had collected 17 and 15 stamps. They now both have completed their first book and have received their “I have seen the light” patch along with all stamp flags. We look forward to hearing from these little wickies again in the near future when they submit their second book. Congratulations to Sierra & Kayla.
- Another interesting submission came from Mark Phillips, a Kentucky resident, who also completed his first, all stamp passport. What made it stand out is that all his stamps were obtained on multi-day bike rides. First, along the California coast (2 ½ weeks), then around Lake Erie (16 days) and finally around Lake Ontario (16 days). In addition to the 60 stamps, Mark included photos of himself and his bike at many of the lighthouse locations, which made his award submission even more enjoyable to review. He started his second passport while circling Lake Ontario. We look forward to hearing about his future adventures and receiving his next completed book.

Stamp Updates

- Stamps once provided by Brian Keena of the USLHS Long Island Chapter are no longer available. A number of these stamps are worn out and all have been returned to the Society office. We have located another volunteer who will be handling these stamps in the future. How to obtain them will be communicated to you in the next Flashes. In the meantime, most of the stamps are available at other participating sites.
- The often elusive sticker for the **Fond du Lac (WI) Lighthouse** is once again available. It is one of the few stickers that we accept as part of an all stamp book. It can be obtained at Destination Lake Winnebago Region, 23 S. Main Street; Fond du Lac, WI.
- **Rose Island Lighthouse (RI)** now has a new stamp with a different design
- In the works but not yet available:
 - Three new stamps for the lighthouses on **Lake Sunapee (NH)** will soon be available. The three lights are Loon Island, Herrick Cove and Burkenhaven.
 - A stamp for the **Mendota Lighthouse** in Michigan will come out soon and be available by mail only.
 - Stamps for **Five Mile Point and Southwest Ledge Lighthouses** are once again available. They can be obtained at the City of New Haven Department of Parks and Recreation and also at the Five Mile Point Lighthouse when open for tours. The lighthouse will be open September 16 for their Annual Migration festival. Note: There is a fee for parking Memorial Day to Labor Day.

New Stamps

Rock of Ages (MI) - The Rock of Ages lighthouse in Lake Superior now has two stamps (same design). One will be available at the lighthouse during volunteer work trips and at presentations. Another stamp, with the same design, is located at the Windigo Ranger Station when the park is open.

Monomoy Point (MA) - The Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge also now has two stamps (same design). One is available at the lighthouse keeper’s house when open for special guided tours. The other can be obtained at the Visitor Center located in Chatham.

Cape Decision (AK) - Stamp will be kept at the lighthouse. Visitors need to contact the Cape Decision Lighthouse Society (253-678-5303) before attempting to visit.

Delaware Breakwater East End Light (DE) - Stamp is available on trips with the *Cape Water Tours & Taxi* out of Lewes, Delaware. They operate seven days a week, May through October.

www.capewatertaxi.com. Remember that a different stamp for the same lighthouse is available from the Delaware River and Bay Lighthouse Foundation.

Halfway Rock Lighthouse (ME) - This new stamp is available via trips with Seacoast Helicopters, Portland, Maine. Check out their website at: <http://seacoasthelos.com>. The Portland Head Lighthouse also has a stamp in the museum for this same lighthouse.

Long Island Head Lighthouse (MA) - Stamp is available aboard Boston Harbor Islands lighthouse cruises. There are still several trips scheduled for this year in September. Check the website (www.bostonharborislands.org/bostonlight) for dates and times. Last we heard they would also have a stamp for the Graves lighthouse and Boston Harbor lighthouse which has been closed this summer for repairs.

Menominee North Pier Lighthouse (MI) - One stamp is at the Lighthouse, located at the "mouth of the river" Harbor Drive, Menominee, MI and a 2nd stamp (same design) is located at the Menominee Heritage Museum. 904 11th Ave, Menominee.

Hall of Fame Additions

Congratulations are in order for the following individuals who have achieved new award levels. Your name appears under the highest level you have achieved. Number in parentheses indicates number of all stamp flags awarded. Please let us know of any errors here or on the website.

A special shout out to Hilari Seery who has submitted 15 completed passports with all stamps. That is 900 stamps. Congratulations, Hilari.

I've Seen the Light (60)

Nick Aldrich (1)
Melissa Ansel (1)
Bre & Bill Beaver (1)
William J Carey (1)
Timothy Darling (1)
Marlise Edwards (1)
Shannon Emery (1)
Kayla Farrell (1)
Sierra Farrell (1)
Laura Fenske (1)
Airdrie Kincaid (1)
Paul Kinnaly (1)
Cathlyn Kulba (1)
Greg Laird (1)
Kevin Marks (1)
Mark Phillips (1)
Patty Ross (1)
Jo Ann Severini (1)
Sheila Spaeth (1)
Scott Suozzi (1)
Sandra Thorn (1)

Silver Star (120)

Russ & Beth Crane (2)
Joseph & Sue Christiana (2)
Wendy Norwitz (2)

Lori Riopelle (2)
Linda Rivera (1)
Greg Schneifer (2)
Judith Smith (2)

Gold Star (180)

Nancy Camp (3)
Susan Duke (1)
Bonnie Brown
Patty Ross (3)
Craig Spoto (3)

Platinum Patch (240)

Christopher Dufford (3)
John Hancock (4)
Sue Moffit (4)
Lisa Sidorsky (3)
Jerrold VanKirk (3)

300 Stamps-Wing #1

Jitendra Trivedi (2)
Bob & Marilyn Zimman (5)

360 Stamps-Wing #2

Steven Hagen (6)
Allen Walski (6)

Diamond Patch (480)

Bill Bates (6)
Carole McCoy (8)
Eric Sharp (7)

540 Stamps Wing #4

Randy Chase (8)
Palmer Kane (8)
Russ Katje (9)
Joyce Waggett (9)

600 Stamps Wing #5

Jeannette O'Neal (10)

900 Stamps

Hilari Seery (15)

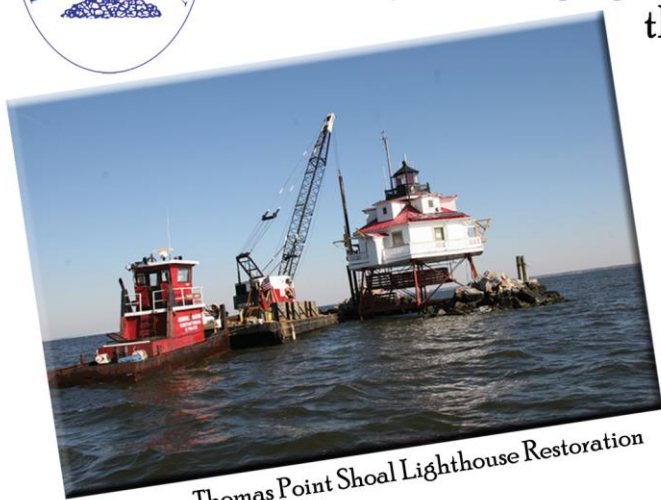
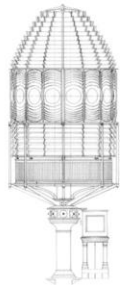
1,020 Stamps

Sharon Mills (10)



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