



LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

Summary of June 2013-
May 2014

Special points of interest:

- **Help us Save Our Swallowtail.** Donations, volunteering, in kind are all appreciated.
- Want to be on our organizing committee? Have a great idea? Old photographs? Information about the former lightkeepers and their family life at Swallowtail? Let us know.
- Love Swallowtail? So do we. Keep up-to-date by reading our blog: www.Swallowtailkeepers.blogspot.com or LIKE our Facebook Page: **SwallowTail Lighthouse** or join our group **Save Our Swallowtail**

Swallowtail Keepers Society

*Remembering our
Lightkeeping Traditions*

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(Laurie Murison)



Symbolic passing of the key to the lighthouse. Honourable John Williamson MP, Mayor Dennis Greene and Wayne Clifford, July 7th, 2013.

LIGHTHOUSE RENOVATIONS



Work began with the repair of the footbridge support the end of May, beginning of June. This work was critical to maintaining the stability of the bridge and stairs. The majority of the lighthouse restoration began in September 2013, after confirmation of grants from ACOA, two provincial sources: RDC (Regional Development Corporation) and Built Heritage, the Grand Manan Rotary Club and donations both monetary and in kind supplies, and fund raisers, although some work such as cleaning had begun earlier.

Critical restoration work included:

- rebuilding the stone foundation, by a stone mason from Ontario, Peter Devine
- replacing the asphalt shingles on the bell house
- fixing the northern wall of the bell house where salt corrosion had destroyed the board fasteners
- fixing several areas of cedar shingles on the bell house and finishing areas that did not have cedar shingles
- rebuilding the floor between the lighthouse and bell house (removed to rebuild the foundation)
- repairing two areas on the lighthouse that were compromised by rot including the area around the generator vents and fog detector
- stripping the lantern roof and replacing with fibreglass
- having an aluminium swing stage built to work on the outside of the lighthouse
- scraping, priming and painting the lighthouse and bell house (caulking exposed nail heads to prevent further rusting)
- preparing the lantern and rails for paint
- digging footings for boardwalk
- repairing front support beam and front step
- cleaning, scraping and priming inside of bell house and lighthouse where possible
- repairing and rebuilding windows in bell house and transom over northern lighthouse door
- building three gablets and storm windows to replicate former windows in the lighthouse



Top to bottom:

- A. New concrete pier under the bridge.
- B. Expansion of lower parking turning area
- C. Repairing lighthouse stone foundation

- converting three 1849 12x12 windows to 12x8 sashes (strip, paint and reglaze)
- installing gables, windows, storms and window mechanisms in the lighthouse
- expanding the turning area by the stairs with fill from the Grand Manan Whale & Seabird Research Station construction project
- continuing painting and other work in the keepers house



Repairs to foundation of bell house

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST YEAR

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE & LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND. Sterling Carpenter, and Art Gunn set up in the lighthouse for the International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend in August, 2013, using their ham radios to communicate with other lighthouses around the world. Rick MacMillan paddled to Great Duck Island, camped and broadcast from there.

INTERIOR PAINTING. We have been slowly working on the interior and now that the storm windows are in place and the chimneys repaired, we don't have to worry about the water damage that had been occurring inside the keepers house. Linda and Laurie, worked many Thursdays in September and October, to sand and prime most of the rooms.

SHOSHANNAH WHITE displayed her art made during her residency at the Swallowtail Light House in 2012 at the Grand Manan Gallery, the Center for Maine Contemporary Art in Rockport, Maine, and the Tides Institute in Eastport, Maine, which would not have happened without the support of Maine Arts Commission, Arts New Brunswick, the National Endowment for the Arts and Swallowtail Keepers Society. Her work created during the Grand Manan residency has been instrumental in securing her a place on a tall ship heading to the Arctic Circle in 2015. The floating residency will leave from Svalbard and sail for 3 weeks on a research expedition with scientists and artists aboard.



New roof, painted fog horn and bell house, window going in

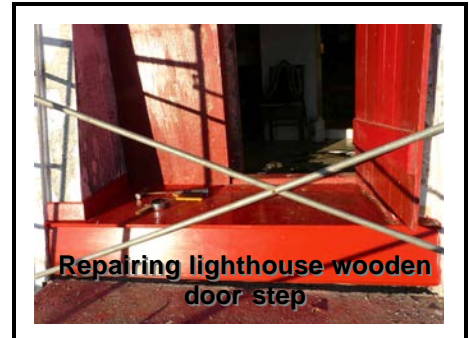
QUILT FUND-RAISER. Raffle tickets were sold in 2013 raising on a beautiful quilt entitled "Fog Bound" donated by Tidal Threads, a local quilting group Penny O'Neill won the quilt which seemed fitting being the daughter of a light keeper, growing up at the Ross Island lighthouse, **Fish Fluke Point**, which unfortunately fell to the ground in November 2013 after being abandoned for many years. \$4,300 was raised.



Drawing winning ticket

HUG OUR LIGHTHOUSE and LIGHTHOUSE TOURS: Our annual flag raising and bell ringing on July 7th, the anniversary of the first lighting of Swallow Tail, was augmented by the first open house at the lighthouse. Free tours were offered from 2 until 4 pm with music provided by Bob Bowman and his acoustic guitar. Guided tours continued throughout the summer and were well received. Money raised from the tours helped with the restoration work. In 2014 they will be available most days from 10 am to 6 pm. The easiest is to stop in to the Welcome Centre to pre-pay. We are suggesting \$5.00 per person. Donations are also accepted at the lighthouse.

WELCOME CENTRE & GIFT SHOP: The provincial SEED program and the federal Summer Placement program funded a total of 15 weeks for two students in 2013. Thanks to Annie Gagné and Jesse Gagné, and volunteers who helped set up or worked in the fall including Linda L'Aventure, Carol Green, Frances Hodge, Ken Ingersoll, Mary McClintock, Laurie Murison, and Alexis Phillips. Over 6,100 people visited during July and August during business hours (10 am—6 pm). Our gift shop has t-shirts, cotton bags, buttons, postcards, historic prints, and an assortment of lighthouse jewellery, ornaments, etc. Many new items, some custom designed for us, have been purchased for 2014. We will also be able to accept credit cards and debit.



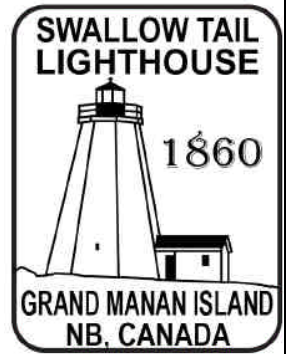
Repairing lighthouse wooden door step



Painting lighthouse exterior walls



Repairs to lighthouse exterior walls



New deck for lantern

US LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY VISIT AND PASSPORT PROGRAM. We have our stamp from the U.S. Lighthouse Society and passports to sell. The Grand Manan Museum is also involved in this program because of the Gannet Rock fresnel lens They have two other Canadian sites—Campobello Island (East Quoddy and Mulholland Point) and Victoria, BC (Fisgard Light). Passports are \$15 and it is suggested that holders leave a small donation (\$1.00) at each participating lighthouse when they get their passports stamped. You can find more information about this on the US Lighthouse Society website, www.uslhs.org.



Repairs to fascia on lighthouse

INCREDIBLE SNOW STORM No. 2. While not matching the February 9, 2013 snow storm, another February snow storm in 2014 also saw the grounds and buildings covered in frozen sea water from pounding waves and spray. The bell house, lighthouse, keepers house and boat house had the northern sides covered in over 2 cm of ice with icicles formed horizontally! Power was again interrupted with the salt spray interfering with the electrical transmission lines. The battery and charger for the fog horn was replaced in June 2014 which should keep the fog horn going during power outages. The back-up generator in the lighthouse is no longer in use.



Rebuilt transom on northern door of lighthouse

WEBCAMS. Alpha Security donated webcams and the Village of Grand Manan installed high speed internet so the video can be broadcast live. Check them out: www.villageofgrandmanan.com/photos/ (follow the instructions to log on).

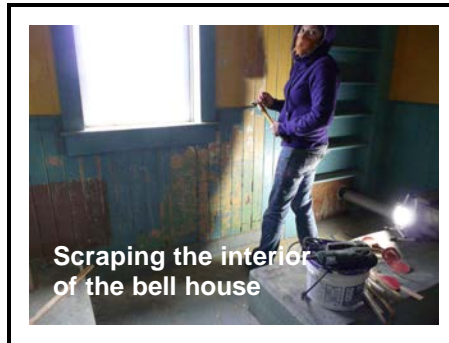


Installing web cameras on the Welcome Center

FERRY INTERNET: A set of relay antennae for the WiFi on the Grand Manan ferries were located on the boathouse at Swallow Tail. They have been recently relocated to the top of the lighthouse. Public WiFi is available at Swallow Tail in exchange for hosting the antennae. We may get another set of antennae as part of the Motus Wildlife Tracking System of migrating birds, a joint project of Bird Studies Canada, Univ. of Guelph, Acadia Univ. and Western Univ.



Building lighthouse windows



Scraping the interior of the bell house



WiFi antennae for the ferry internet on the boathouse



Northern window on lighthouse



Southern windows



Example of damage to plaster walls

<p>June 2013-May 2014 Committee Members (also volunteer time for projects):</p> <p>Laurie Murison & Ken Ingersoll Kevin Sampson Bryant & Martha Eaton Sue & Mike Stymest Theresa & Lloyd MacFarland Laura Buckley Sue & Clyde McCulley Paul Bakke & Carole Green Claire Foster Burton & Rowena Small Cara Greenlaw John Edwards Kirk Cheney MJ Edwards</p> <p>Frank Longstaff, Legal advisor</p>	<p>Fund-raising Events: June 2013– May 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobster Roll Supper with Before the Mast and Yarmouth Shantymen • Before the Mast Concert at Covert Hall • Lighthouse Tours • Raffle of Tidal Threads donated Quilt “Fog Bound” • Donation boxes and T-shirt, button, postcard, etc. sales in the newly opened Welcome Centre, staffed by students and volunteers • Ditch cleanup in North Head <p>Thanks also to those who donated material, worked or were otherwise involved in the fund raising activities (lobster roll supper, music, ditch cleanup), and, of course, those who attended the events. They would not have been successful without everyone’s support. We also appreciate our neighbours for their support.</p> <p>We also appreciate the dedication of the paid contractors and their assistants who worked on our projects.</p>	<p>Swallowtail Keepers Society is a registered non-profit dedicated to the protection and restoration of the Swallowtail light station and subsequent development of public education and promotion of the site. We appreciate any donation (monetary or in kind) or volunteer labour. All monetary donations and in kind donation of materials can be tax receipted for Canadian income tax purposes. Fill out the enclosed form and send it back to us or donate online through Canada Helps (www.canadahelps.org).</p> <p>Check out our blog: swallowtailkeepers.blogspot.ca or we are on Facebook</p>
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Volunteers (restoration, fund-raising), June 2013-May 2014:				In-Kind, June 2013-May 2014:	
<p>Ken Ingersoll Laurie Murison Linda L’Aventure John Edwards Alexis Phillips James Bates John Pattison Bryant & Martha Eaton Glenn Foster Kirk Cheney Sue Stymest</p>	<p>Theresa Noel Sue & Clyde McCulley Carol Green Kathy Post Marie Charpentier Frances Hodge Mary McClintock Laura Buckley Dinah Romig Diane Jaillet Emmy, Megan & Jana</p>	<p>Greenlaw Tina Ingersoll Shoshannah White Before the Mast Yarmouth Shantymen Alexandre Banks Larry Parker Walter Wilson Michael Anderson Nancy Estle Dawn Locke</p>	<p>MJ Edwards Wayne Clifford Liz Hazek Esme Zwicker Bob Bowman</p> <p><i>(Please forgive us if we missed anyone)</i></p>	<p>Inn at Whale Cove Cottages Hole-in-the-Wall Campground Pettes Cove Arts G. M. Atlantic Save Easy Seacliff Cottages Theresa Noel Nick Green Glenn Foster Cecilia Bowdoin Walter Wilson</p>	<p>Peter & Marilyn Cronk Deane Griffin Sarah McDonald Linda L’Aventure North Head Bakery McLaughlin Wharf Inn Deborah Tremblay Marathon Inn Before the Mast</p>

Donations, June 2012 - May 2013:		
<p>Dr. Shirley Y. Alcoe, Grand Manan, NB Hallie J. Bass, Grand Manan, NB Elizabeth Bass, Grand Manan, NB Janet Blakely, Stouffville, ON Cecilia Bowden, Grand Manan, NB Gene & Karen Brewer, Northfield, VT Laura Buckley, Grand Manan, NB Mary Lou Campbell, Grand Manan, NB Sterling Carpenter, New Maryland, NB Kirk Cheney, Grand Manan, NB Ann Chudleigh, Grand Manan, NB John & Jeanne Classe, Birmingham, AL Ed and Randi Corey, New Maryland, NB Patricia Cove, Mallorytown, ON Whidden & Moira Cowie, Trenton, ON Ronald & Pamela Cronk, Grand Manan, NB James S. & M. Patricia Cruickshank, Needham, MA Carolyn Dalzell, Moncton, NB Halton Dalzell, Lincoln, NB Kenneth Dean, Grand Manan, NB Sarah DeMerchant Harry & Evelyn Deroian, Groveland, MA Ann M. Deveau, Fredericton, NB Elizabeth Duford, Rochester, NY Glenn Foster, Grand Manan, NB Joel Frantzman, Sullivan, ME Natasha Frid, Toronto, ON Nick Green, Grand Manan, NB Deane Griffin, Grand Manan, NB Alison Griffiths, Milton, ON Pam Harrison, River Hebert, NS Guy & Gail Hamel, Toronto, ON Fran Hunt, Brockville, ON Artje Ingalls, Grand Manan, NB</p>	<p>Paul Ingalls, Calgary, AB Barb & Eugene Ingersoll, Grand Manan, NB Pat Ingersoll-Gosselin, Wellington, ON Elizabeth Jordan, Grand Manan, NB Susan Korwin, Stittsville, ON Marion Leaman, Fredericton, NB Richard MacMillan, St. Stephen, NB Jeffrey and Judith Mattson, Manchester, CT Susan McAllister, Scarborough, ON Jeremy Miller, Grand Manan, NB Ruth Weslyn Miller, Peterborough, ON Neil & Trudy Morse, Grand Manan, NB Dr. Ieva Neimanis, Hamilton, ON Lester & Norma Neves, Grand Manan, NB Jean O’Grady, Toronto, ON Nevin & Christina Reid, Oromocto, NB Donald Ritchie, Grand Manan, NB Shepley L. Ross II and Karen Ross, Auburn, ME David & Andrea Schaub, Rockville, MD Deborah Harrison & Walter Schenkel, Grand Manan, NB Barbara J. Schnoor, New York, NY Katherine Seiden, Sea Cliff, NY Kathy McCavour Sessamen, Saint John, NB Hilda Shaffelburg, Toronto, ON Kathleen Small, Fredericton, NB Lynne Tompkins, Fredericton, NB Evelyn Vannier, Grand Manan, NB Jan Vertefeuille & Benjamin Abramson, Arlington, VA Doreen Wallace, Fredericton, NB Eleanor Whitman, Washington, DC Roy & Kathy Wheeler, Nepean, ON Edward Whelpdale, Ottawa, ON Jean Yungfleisch, Jericho, VT</p>	<p>Leverne Zwicker, Ottawa, ON</p> <p>Allen Family Foundation, Toronto, ON Alpha Security Services Inc., Grand Manan, NB Boys & Girls Club, Grand Manan, NB James Bates, Grand Manan, NB Cooke Aquaculture, Saint John, NB Island Truck Repair, Grand Manan, NB Sea Watch Tours, Peter Wilcox, Grand Manan, NB The Rotary Club of Grand Manan Island, Grand Manan, NB Village of Grand Manan, Grand Manan, NB</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">IN MEMORIAM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M. Jean Wallace Basil Small Cornelius Anderson Silber John Toyer Lester Neves Brenda Bass Henry Flood Maude Trecartin Bruce Dick Ronald Sullivan Burton A. Tucker Mary Greene</p> <p style="text-align: center;">IN RECOGNITION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Raima and Perry Stanley</p> </div>