



Photo by M. Cisneros

Our Mission

“To preserve and restore Grand Haven’s Entrance and Inner Lighthouse structures along with any associated artifacts. Through public promotion and education, on site interpretive displays and artifact presentations the history and importance of the lighthouse structures will be conveyed to residents and visitors alike.”

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News from the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy

US COAST GUARD TO THE RESCUE

The Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy has received word that much needed repairs to the west wall of the fog horn lighthouse will be handled by the United States Coast Guard. These repairs, which could cost as much as \$40,000 when completed, will ensure that the wall facing the lake will be shored up and structurally reinforced to guarantee its long term integrity. This commitment is further evidence of the strong bond between the Coast Guard and the City of Grand Haven and will allow us to apply the donations generated from our campaign efforts to be put to use in other ways. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to the USCG Officials that made the determination to invest in this historic structure. Plans call for the repairs to be made yet this year in order that the next phase of the

preservation can be kept on track for the Spring of this coming year.



Photo by Jim Bonamy

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS OFF TO A GREAT START

The Lighthouse Conservancy fundraising efforts headed up by Denny Swartout has produced significant results in just a short period of time, thanks to many supportive individuals and funding groups. Thus far \$303,079 has been pledged or donated since the first contributions started coming in late last year. Major gifts from the likes of The Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund, The Loutit Foundation, The Boer Family Fund, and Shape Corporation have been combined with a host of other donations both large and small. A Grand Haven Area Community Foundation challenge grant,

which was announced as part of its 40th anniversary celebration in the fall of last year, represents a third of this total thereby making our campaign goal even more attainable. The conservancy is on track to financially underwrite the total cost associated with the initial cleanup and repainting of the lights by spring of next year. “This initial wave of support has been just outstanding,” stated Swartout, “this is one more example of how this community gets behind a worthwhile project further demonstrating its understanding of the importance of preserving our history.”

LIGHTS TO RECEIVE FACELIFT IN SPRING OF 2013

The Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy has received a firm quote from Pro Tech Environmental & Construction Services Inc. of Grand Rapids to begin the first phase of the cleanup work on the south pier lights. According to the specifications included in the RFP they will be removing all the lead paint both inside and out on both the fog horn house and the tower. In addition, hand rails and windows will also be replaced where needed. Plans call for the work to be completed in early spring of next year. The contract work is pegged at \$259,577 due in large measure to the added environmental safeguards that are required. The donations and gifts provided in the initial phase of the GHLC campaign will go directly towards this critical cleanup portion of the lighthouse preservation project.

RETAIL CAMPAIGN KICKS-OFF

The Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy marketing committee, headed up by Marci Cisneros, launched the retail portion of the community-wide fundraising campaign on Memorial Day week-end. Due to the full support and hard work of Ken Formsma a booth was setup at the entrance of the pier where people could show their support with the purchase of an engraved brick for \$100. Bricks purchased, personalized with two lines of up to 12 characters per line, will be installed on the walkway at the foot of the south pier. Special edition lighthouse t-shirts, designed by Michigan Rag, were also available for \$12, as well as, a Lighthouse puzzle featuring a photo by Ed Post, for \$10. Proceeds go toward the 99 day challenge – an effort to raise \$99,000 from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Formsma has also secured advertising support that has been promoting the lighthouse project since early June. Funds generated will go to help support the first and second phase of the lighthouse preservation project. For every brick purchased on Memorial Day, donors received one entry per brick, for a chance to win a VIP Tour of the entrance and inner lighthouses for up to five people. The “Keep the Lights On” fundraising campaign hopes to raise enough financial support to fulfill the mission of the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy.



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WITH YOUR SUPPORT WE CAN “KEEP THE LIGHTS ON”

Time and time again, people like you have come together in support of worthwhile causes and helped to enhance who and what we are as a community. The preservation and upkeep of these two iconic lights represent once again a need that can only be realized with your financial support.

Donor levels are listed below and can be pledged over a five year period if you so desire. *No gift is too small or insignificant.* Please take a moment and consider what level of contribution you wish to make and mail your check (made out to the Lighthouse Community Service Fund) to:

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
One South Harbor Drive
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Lighthouse Campaign Donor Levels

\$100,000 – Luminary	1st Order of Lens - \$2,500
\$ 75,000 - Light Keeper	2nd Order of Lens – 2,000
\$ 50,000 – Beacon	3rd Order of Lens - \$1,500
\$ 25,000 - Guiding Light	4th Order of Lens - \$1,000
\$ 10,000 – Lumen	5th Order of Lens - \$500
\$ 5,000 – Wickie	6th Order of Lens - \$250

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

Light for the early beacons came from flaming wicks fueled by mineral oil or kerosene. The wicks light was magnified and reflected by French Fresnel glass refractory lenses. The Fresnel lens were classified into orders ranging from one to six, a 1st order lens being a monstrous 12 feet tall and 6 feet in diameter while a 6th order lens was just under one foot. Lighthouse Keepers were judged by how well they kept their lamp wicks trimmed to create the best light, which lead to their nickname – “Wickie.”



HOLIDAY INN FUNDRAISING EVENT HELD

The Lighthouse Conservancy Group would like to thank the Holiday Inn for holding the First Annual Glowing for Grand Haven Fundraiser event and their donation of \$3,118.