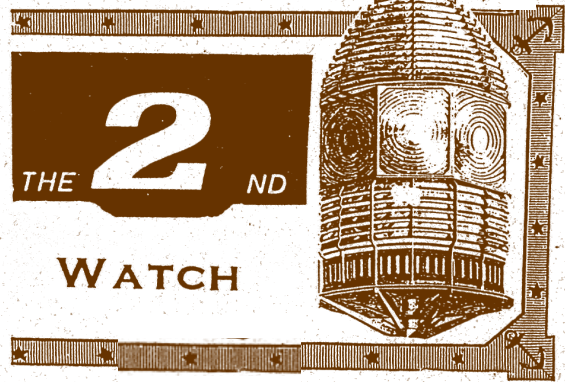
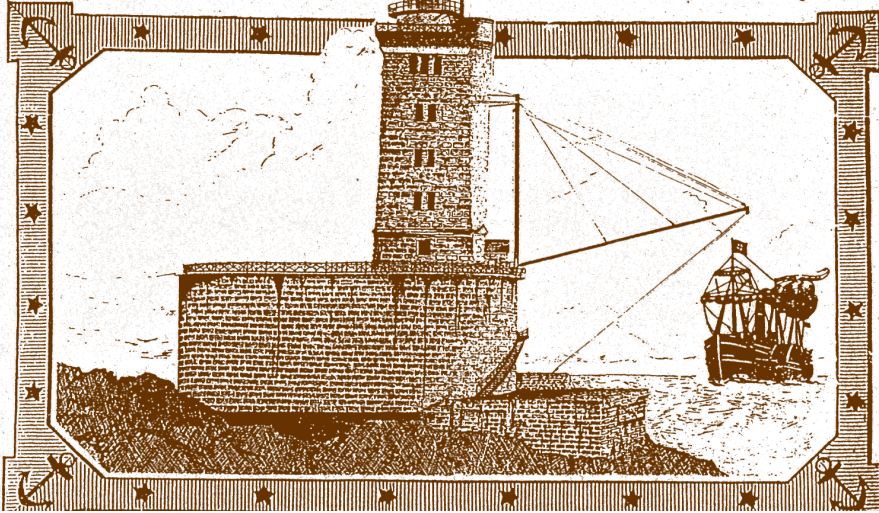


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NOTICE

Looking to the future.....

We are planning a tour for either late October or early November 2023 and Memorial Day weekend, 2024.

Please put those dates on your calendar.

If you have any interest call: 707- 273 -1905,
or email saintgeorgereeflight@gmail.com

Tom and Pam Matthews at
Saint George Reef 1974
(Tom was serving in the Coast Guard)



Tom and Pam Matthews at home
in Port Angeles 2023

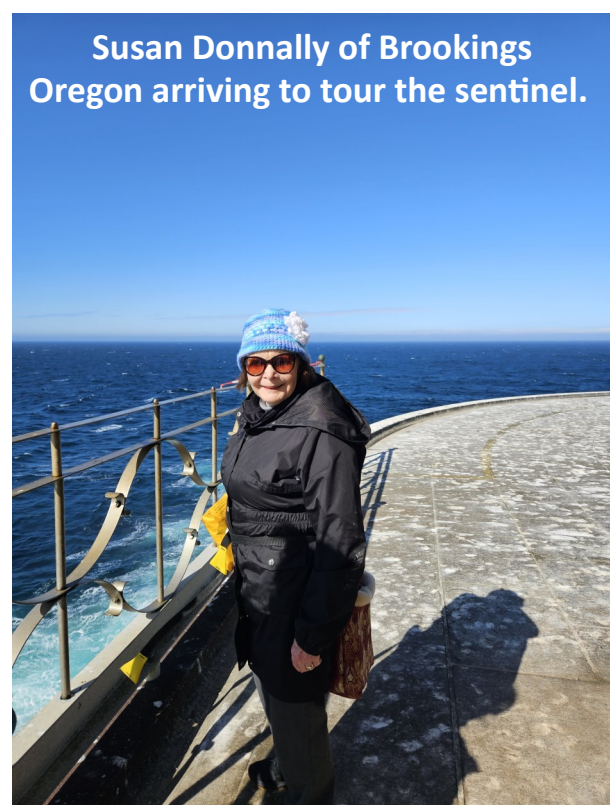


Return to Saint George Reef Lighthouse

After a 4-year hiatus from tours and work weekends, Saint George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society is back in business! We were able to secure greater access to the lighthouse both in days and time of year. Our deed restriction has been lifted so we can go out during the summer. In the last two years, we have been out to the sentinel two times... both times to repair the optic. The main challenge has been to find a helicopter to fly out to the lighthouse. Oregon Helicopter has been a good outfit to work with. They have worked with us every step of the way. A big thank you to Robert Walker of Oregon Helicopter and his two pilots Thomas Corbin and Caleb Bulten for a job well done. The event went well even though a fire almost forced us to cancel the tour. After realizing Highway 199 would be closed to the Rogue Valley, we determined it would be best to reduce our event one day. Our tour guests cooperation was unbelievable and everyone worked together to accommodate the revised schedule. Thanks to all our tour guests and volunteers for pulling this off. We were able to bring in several consultants to look at the lighthouse and prioritize our tasks. Mark Cansdale, a lighthouse restoration specialist from New York State spent two days looking at the lighthouse top to bottom. Our board member and engineer, Mike Young and his daughter Cori Higgins also came out to make an evaluation and consult with Mr. Cansdale. Scott Sanders from Brookings Glass came as well to look over the lantern room glass and make recommendations. A big thank you to Mr. Paul Morgan of Crescent City for allowing the use of his vacation rental for the pilots and Ranell Chisman for the use of her car for their transportation. Russ and Marshann Burnette supplied housing for our visiting consultant. Jesse Roach, General manager at Ace Hardware in Crescent City and his friend Steven Stills spent the day running the stairs and hauling down debris for removal. In all, 24 people volunteered their time to make this happen. 121 people got the opportunity to see a spectacular engineering marvel up close and personal. The view is great as well!



Cliff and Sandy Krawez enjoyed their tour out to Saint George.



Susan Donnally of Brookings Oregon arriving to tour the sentinel.

'And let there be light...'



Striking the colors



Sunset on the Caisson

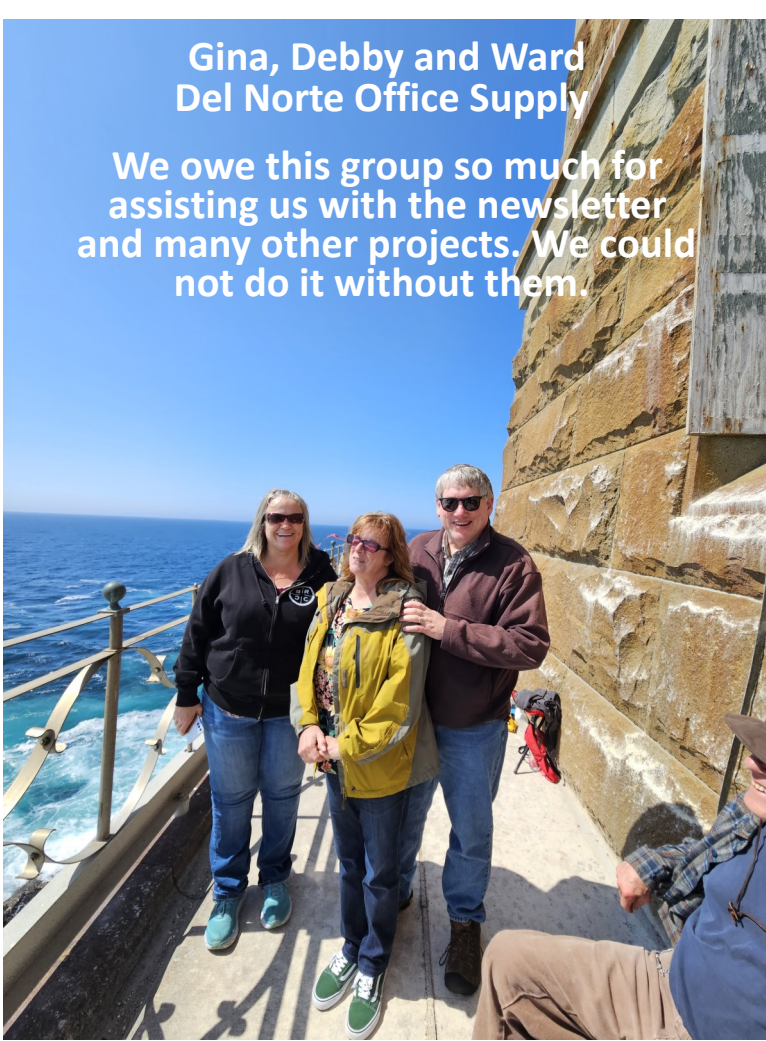


Lens working

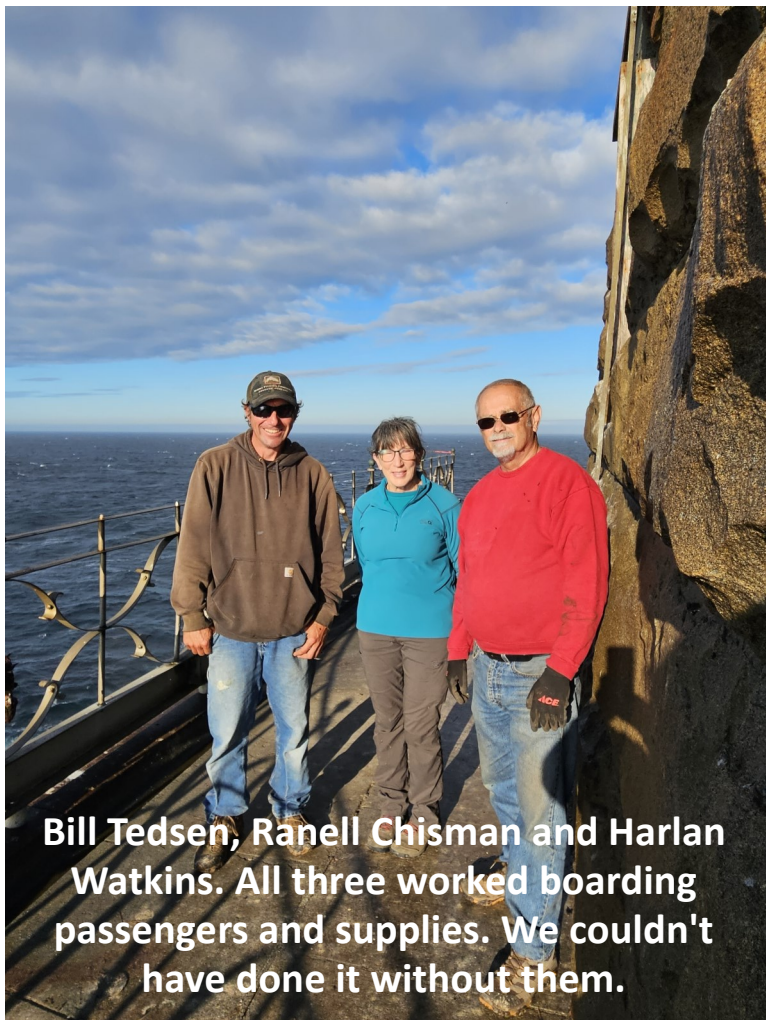


**Gina, Debby and Ward
Del Norte Office Supply**

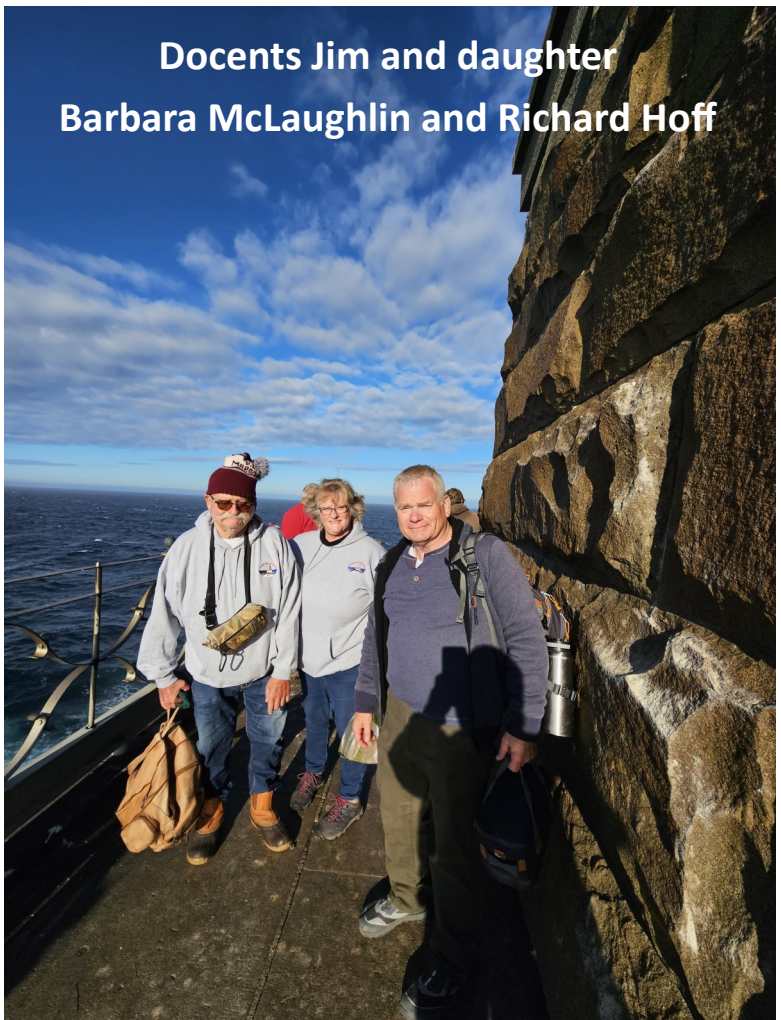
**We owe this group so much for
assisting us with the newsletter
and many other projects. We could
not do it without them.**



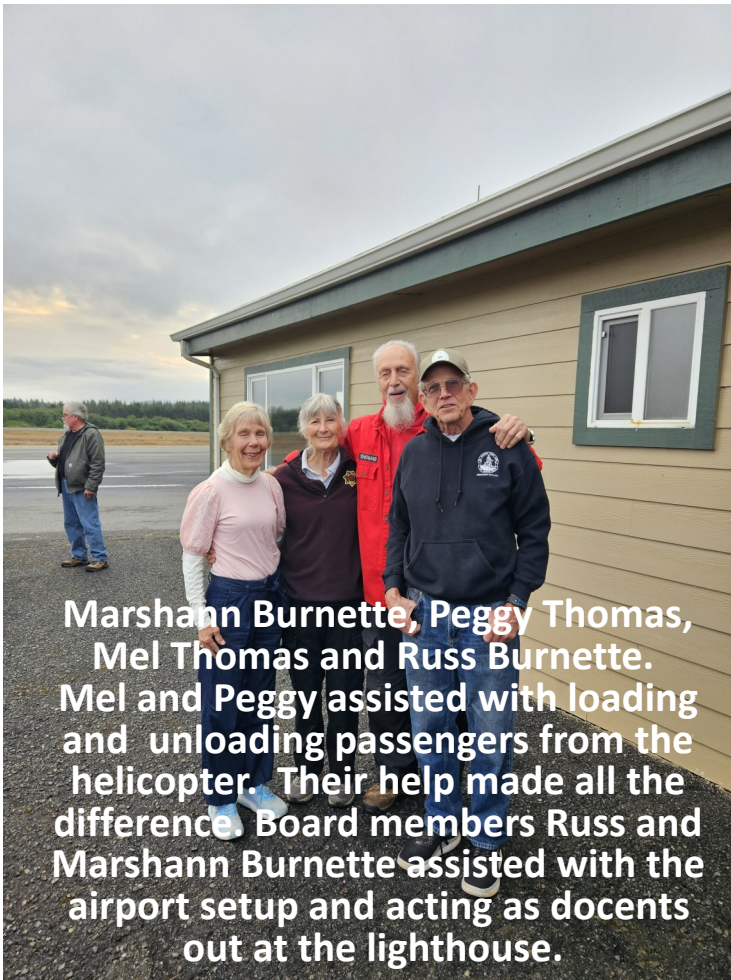
**Tourists Heather Taggart And David Garcia
Volunteers Jesse Roach and Steven
Stills in the background..**



**Bill Tedsen, Ranell Chisman and Harlan
Watkins. All three worked boarding
passengers and supplies. We couldn't
have done it without them.**



**Docents Jim and daughter
Barbara McLaughlin and Richard Hoff**



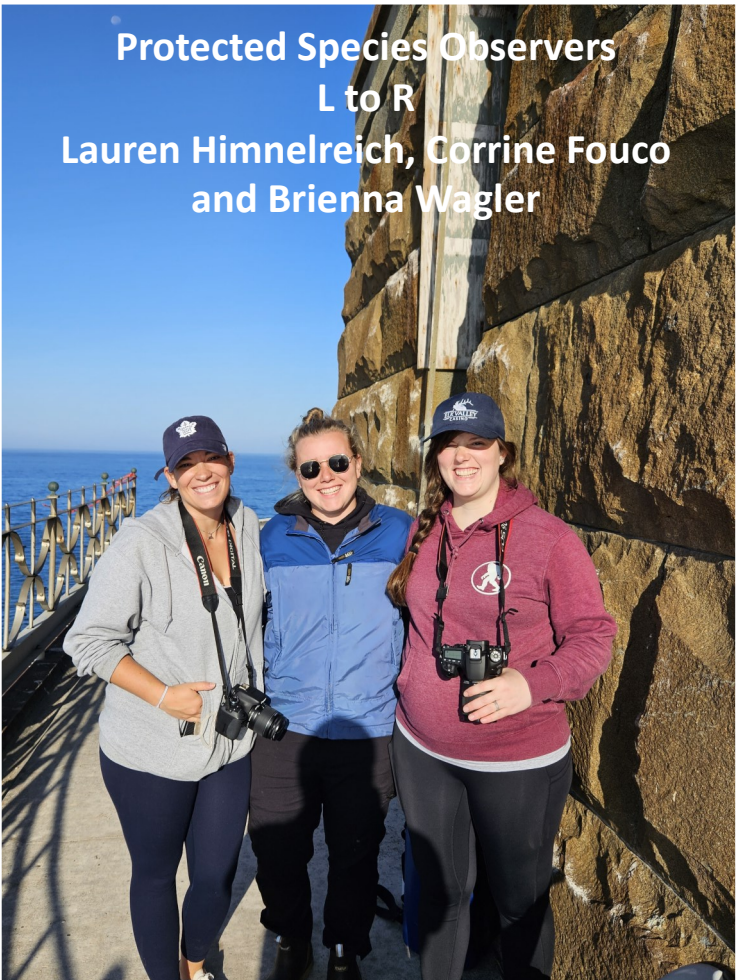
Marshann Burnette, Peggy Thomas, Mel Thomas and Russ Burnette. Mel and Peggy assisted with loading and unloading passengers from the helicopter. Their help made all the difference. Board members Russ and Marshann Burnette assisted with the airport setup and acting as docents out at the lighthouse.



Our pilots, Thomas Corbin and Caleb Bulten



**Mike Young and his daughter, Cori Higgins
Happy 82nd birthday, Mike**



**Protected Species Observers
L to R
Lauren Himmelreich, Corrine Fouco and Brienna Wagler**



Board Member Clarke Moore working his magic on the lighthouse optic



Volunteers Sam Mosey and Clarke Moore

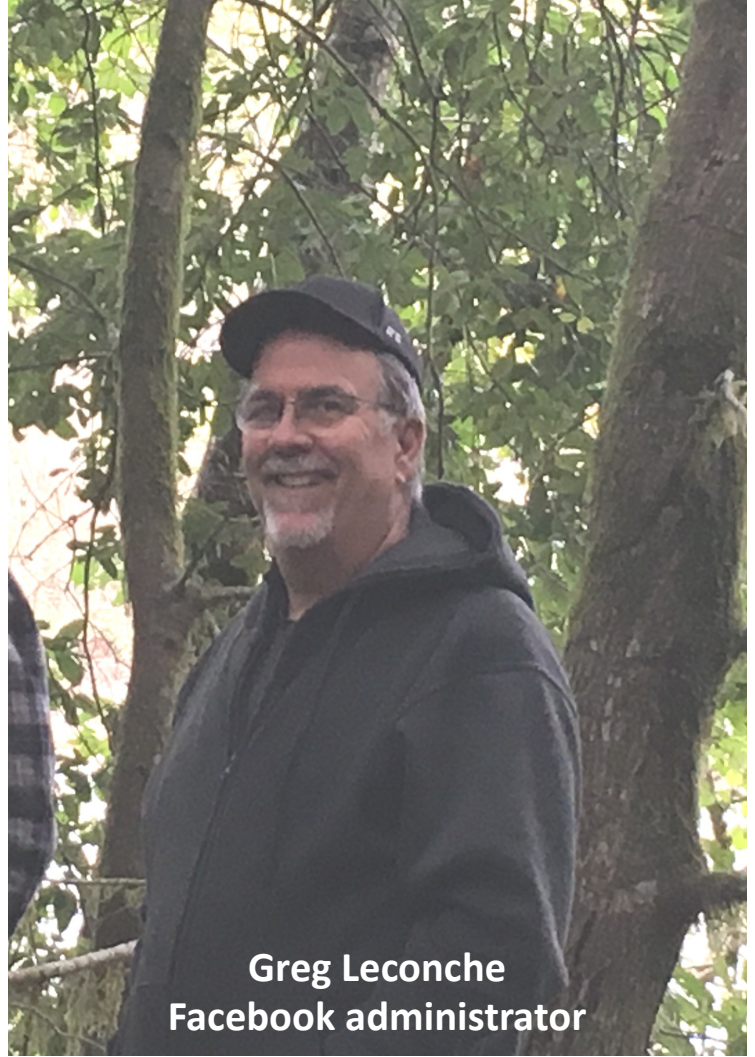
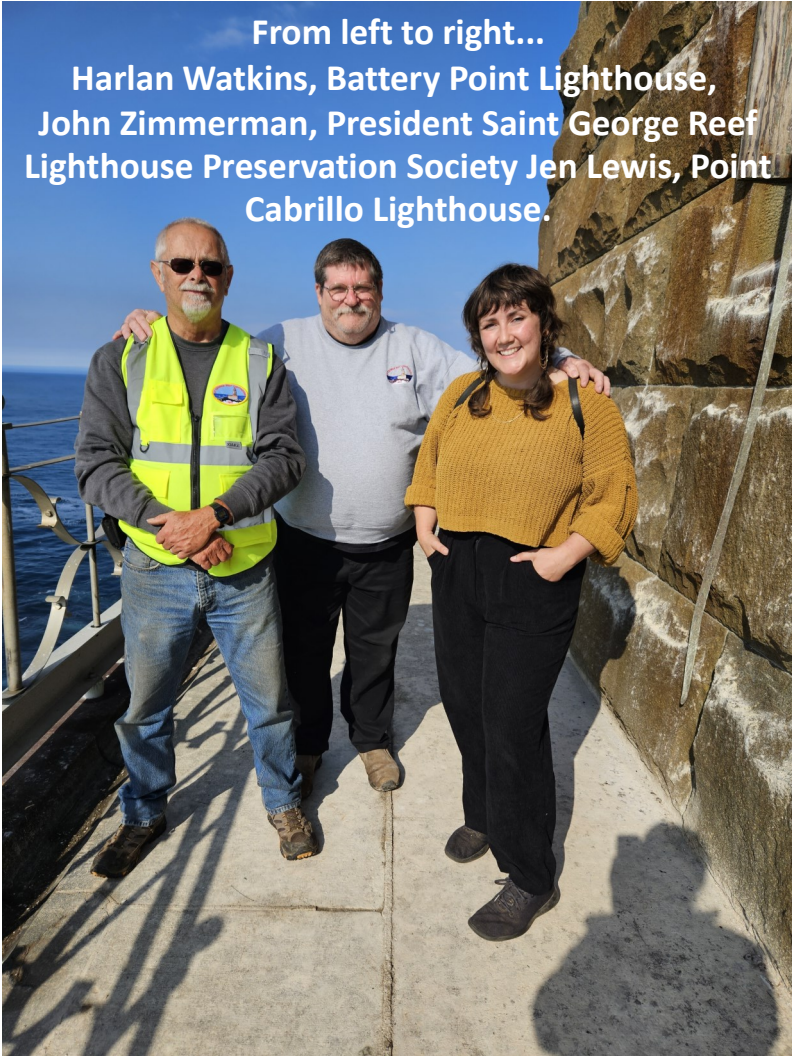


Mark Cansdale below the lantern room.



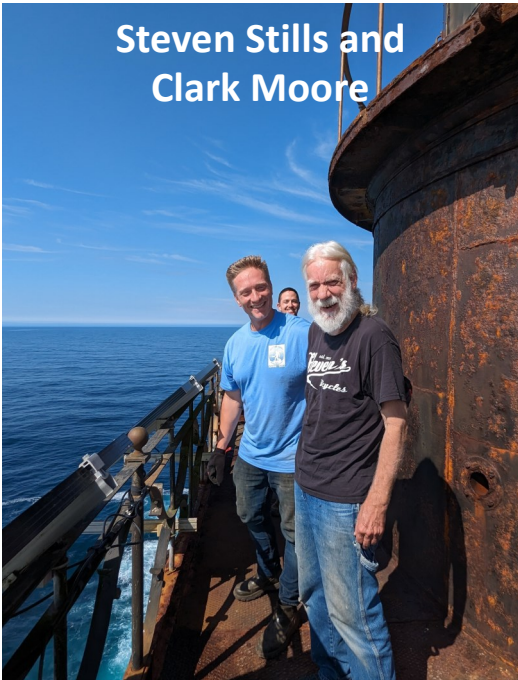
Restoration consultant Mark Cansdale and his wife Jodie flying out to the lighthouse.

From left to right...
Harlan Watkins, Battery Point Lighthouse,
John Zimmerman, President Saint George Reef
Lighthouse Preservation Society Jen Lewis, Point
Cabrillo Lighthouse.



Greg Leconche
Facebook administrator

Steven Stills and
Clark Moore



Jesse Roach



Jim McLaughlin shutting
the door after another
successful tour.





Interview with Mark W. Miller, United States Coast Guard

To many in Crescent City, Mark W. Miller is a familiar face. He worked at the post office for 31 years; from 1974 until his retirement in 2005. Originally from Pennsylvania, Mark joined the Coast Guard in 1969 and spent time in Cape May, New Jersey. Later he attended Gunner's Mate school at Government Island, New York City. Transfer to the west coast found him at the Concord Naval Station in the bay area supervising stevedores loading munitions bound for Vietnam on Liberty ships. In 1970, Mark transferred to Crescent City to be a part of the Crew of the cutter 'Cape Carter' as Gunner's mate. Duties included patrolling the waters north to the Oregon border enforcing the 12-mile limit laws to fishing vessels from foreign countries. On emergency calls, Mark would be on the bridge of the 'Carter' when going on rescue missions. He once shot a line to a distressed vessel and hit the mark. Mark was on the bridge of the 'Carter' keeping the log during personnel transfers out at Saint George Reef Lighthouse. He recalled it being a challenge to get under the hook to load or unload materials and personnel without scraping against the rock. He said it happened twice but luckily only removed a little paint. A 44' boat from the Coast Guard station in Brookings, Oregon would stand by in case of emergencies during the transfer. Mark recalls there were no accidents during his tour. In 1972 Mark married his wife Linda and they are members of the Smith River Baptist church in Smith River, California. Mark was involved with the Saint George Reef Lighthouse stamp dedication several years ago with our late Society President, Guy Towers. The society asked Mark to be our guest August 31st, 2023, during our Labor Day weekend tour event out at the lighthouse. We were grateful he agreed. Thanks, Mark, for your service and for sharing your memories.

Guy Towers President 1939 - 2022



Tom and Mary



Plaques honoring Guy and Alice Towers and Tom and Mary Bryan



Guy and Alice



Reid Powell, Thanks for allowing our meetings at the church



Brian Zimmerman with his wife Catherine in front of Cape Banco lighthouse.



Happy Birthday Marilyn



Board member, Marilyn McLaughlin (left), celebrating her birthday September 16th with daughter Barbara, Fran McNamara, Terry McNamara and husband Jim.



Tour passenger Dan Howe

Tour Volunteers



Taudine and Taylor Andrew
Board members



Juan Orozco
Webmaster



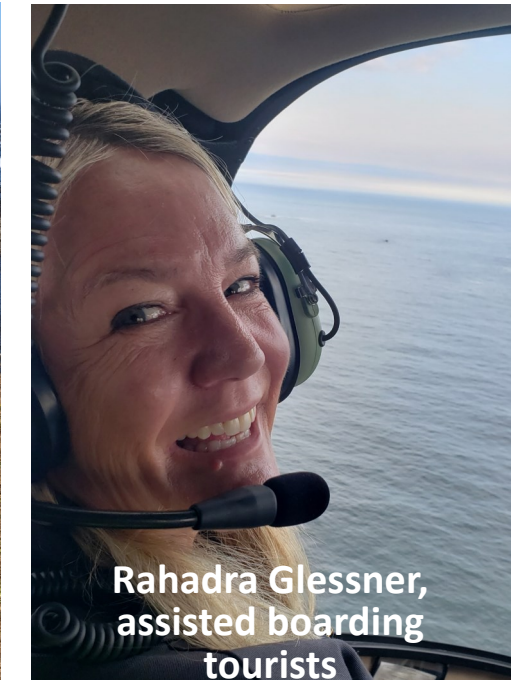
Terry McNamara
Project advisor



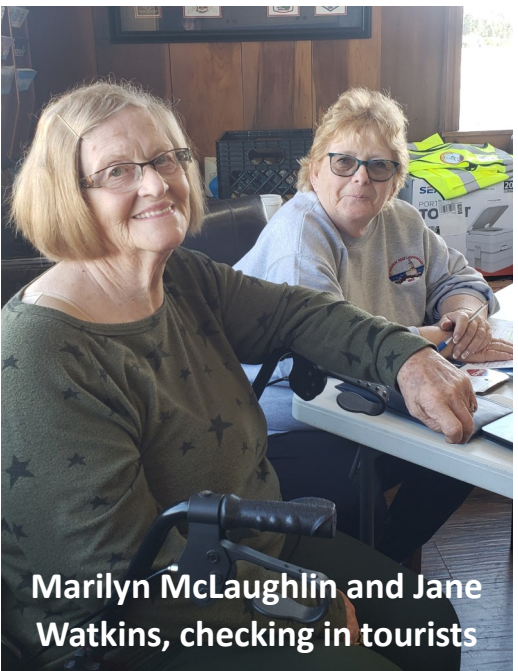
Docent John Dolzadell



Volunteer
Pam Dolzadell



Rahadra Glessner,
assisted boarding
tourists



Marilyn McLaughlin and Jane
Watkins, checking in tourists



Merrilea Hoff and
Jane Watkins



Jim McLaughlin with Marla
Benson. Marla is keeping
our membership lists up to
date, ordering souvenirs and
organizing our records.



I am a Lighthouse worn by the weather and
the waves.....

I keep my lamp lit to warn the sailors on
their way.

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