



CRISP POINT LIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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"I LIKE MY BEACON CRISP"©

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Congratulations to the Crisp Point Light Historical Society and the Crisp Point Lighthouse.

The Crisp Point Lighthouse is one of only five historic Michigan lighthouses that were awarded Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grants in 2015.

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society was selected from a large number of applicants to receive \$25,000 for Crisp Point Lighthouse near Newberry in Luce County. The project includes hiring a contractor to remove paint from the exterior, replace roof flashing, mortar, and brick, and repaint

the exterior of the Crisp Point Lighthouse.

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society wants to thank CPLHS Member Heather Johnson for coming forward at a crucial point in the grant application process to take control of the grant application and take it to completion and get it submitted on time.

CPLHS Board Member Cameron Lovett had started the grant application, but due to some life changes at a crucial time in the application process, was not able to devote the time needed to get the application completed. This is when CPLHS sent out a plea through Social Media and our Newsletter asking for someone who could complete the application process. This is when Heather came forward and offered to help. Once Cameron got Heather up to speed on where we were at in the application process, Heather took the ball and ran with it. Although Cameron and CPLHS President Rick Brockway assisted Heather where and when they could during the countless hours of research and document preparation, Heather was the main driving force getting the grant application submitted.

This link will take you to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) press release: https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/0,4641,7-141-7559_9637-352272--,00.html

Although Crisp Point Lighthouse is one of the 2015 MLAP Grant recipients our work has only begun. The Crisp Point Light Historical Society must follow a long list of requirements, including paying 100% of all expenses to the completion of the project and then upon satisfying all the requirements of the grant will receive the grant funds.

With the additional deterioration of the original 1903 brick over this long and cold winter and the project



CPLHS Grant Writer Heather Johnson

expected to be well in excess of \$50,000, your support is more important now than ever to insure the proper and complete repair / restoration of these deteriorating bricks. As I mentioned earlier, CPLHS must 100% fund the project prior to being awarded the grant money. Once we receive the grant money it can then be used to fund further restoration projects and or address erosion concerns.

For more information on how you may help the Crisp Point Lighthouse please visit our web site at: crisppointlighthouse.org or e-mail Rick at cplhs@sbcglobal.net



Deteriorating Tower Brick



Close up of Deteriorating Tower Brick

1st Annual Michigan Traveling Lighthouse Festival

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society will be attending the 1st Annual Michigan Lighthouse Festival in St. Ignace, Michigan on June 12 & 13, 2015. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending to support Crisp Point and the Festival. Admission to the Festival is free.

For more information please visit their web site at: <http://www.michiganlighthouseguide.com/>

SUMMER CONFERENCE

The 19th Annual Crisp Point Lighthouse Conference & Picnic will be held on July 18, 2015 (the third Saturday of July). This year we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Center on M-123 in Paradise. The address of the Community Center is 7052 N. M-123, Paradise, MI 49768. It is about 1/4 mile south of the school on the east side of the road. Coffee, juice, baked goods; fruit, etc. will be provided for breakfast. We will be giving everyone an update on the happenings and future happenings at Crisp Point.

Ric Mixter will be our conference speaker and is recognized by millions of television viewers as a shipwreck researcher, diving over 100 shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, including the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has produced over 30 programs for PBS and the Outdoor Channel, and appeared as a shipwreck expert on the History and Discovery Channels. He leads the pack when it comes to sharing our unique underwater resources with the general public, and thousands of dive show patrons and countless school kids know him as the energetic story teller who uses video like no other presenter can.

Admission to the conference is free for all who register before July 11, 2015. If you do not pre-register, the price will be \$5 per person, or \$15 for a family at the door. Go to <http://www.crisppointlighthouse.org/conf.html> print out a form you can mail, or you may also email Margaret (crisppoint1904@gmail.com) with your name, address, phone number and the number of people in your group.

All are welcome; you do not have to be a member to attend. Call Rick at (517) 230-6294 (cell) or (517) 546-5283 (home) if you have any questions (or email Rick at cplhs@sbcglobal.net).

If you are looking for somewhere to stay, see our lodging page, www.crisppointlighthouse.org/lodging.html

Fundraising Idea from a Cup of Mocha

By Cameron Lovett

Isn't it funny how sometimes an idea will come to you when you aren't expecting it? Some people will get them while running, while dreaming, or while taking a shower. For me at the end of last year, an



idea came to me in the form of a hot cup of mocha at a local coffee shop in the town where I live.

I had recently obtained a new job in November 2014 and was meeting my trainer from work at Twelve 17 (<http://www.twelve17.org>), a

local coffee shop in the former Ember's Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, MI. I'm honestly not much of a coffee drinker, but knowing that the topic of discussion was about HACCP plans, I thought a little coffee might be a good idea.

This was actually the first time I had been in the building since the Ember's Restaurant closed, and I was impressed by the remodeling that had been done. When my mocha was ready, it came out to me in a beautiful stoneware mug with the coffee shop's logo prominently displayed in a medallion fashion on the side of the mug. You see Twelve17 is not just the typical coffee shop out to make a profit. Instead its mission is to help provide the basic needs

for orphans and widows in Myanmar.



Inspired by all of this, it instantly made me think of Crisp Point and reminded me of all the fundraising efforts we

have made. Then in my mind, I pictured the mug with Crisp Point on it and the thought excited me. I took a picture of the bottom of the mug because it had the manufacturer's name and website on it. It was about all I could do to contain my excitement as



Ric Mixter conference speaker



Looking onto shore April, 2015

I went back to focusing on my trainer's talk about HACCP plans.

Not all that long after my trip to the coffee shop, I contacted Sunset Hill Stoneware (www.shstoneware.com) in Neenah, WI to find out if we could have some of their stoneware made for Crisp Point. After getting all the details, we decided to place an order and give it a try. We couldn't have been happier with the results and the people at Sunset Hill were very easy to work with and very helpful.

We now have stoneware coasters for sale featuring our Crisp Point logo, as well as coffee mugs, chili bowls, and two different styles of shot glasses. The coasters come in Rock Tan, and the other items are available in two different glaze colors, Galaxy Night and Copperhead Run. They will be available at the Crisp Point Light Visitors Center and on our web site at www.crisppointlighthouse.org/itemsviapaypal.html.

Twelve17 Coffee Roasters is completely volunteer run as a ministry of Grace Church



The Morning Rambler coffee mug in Copperhead Run (left) and Galaxy Midnight (right) glaze colors.

Additional New Items

Over this past winter, Crisp Point Light Historical Society Lifetime Member and Secretary to the Board of Directors, Gloria Fitzsimmons has been working on some unique handmade items that we will be offering in the Visitors Center when we open in the spring.

Gloria has designed a Cross Stitch Pattern of the Crisp Point Lighthouse. These patterns come as a complete kit which includes everything you will need except the material hoop and picture frame to complete the project. The pictures below show the kit as you would receive it and a completed project that has been framed for display.



Cross Stitch Pattern Kit



Completed Example

Gloria has also made several sets of handmade note cards and book marks. She is currently working on some additional handmade items that we will offer once they are completed.

INK CARTRIDGES NEEDED

We thank all those who have donated used ink cartridges. We will continue to accept all donated cartridges. In addition to ink we also accept used toner cartridges. You can send or deliver them to our home office or bring them to the visitor's center in the spring after we re-open.

Thank you very much Gloria for your contribution to continue the restoration of our lighthouse.

In addition to these great new items from Gloria we will also be offering a new style of T-Shirt and Sweatshirt. Currently these new T-shirts will only be offered in gray and the Sweatshirts in indigo blue.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

You will receive a reminder on your paper newsletter when your membership is about to expire. If you receive the electronic newsletter, you'll get an email message. Memberships that have already expired will receive another reminder before being dropped from the list. If you have any questions about your membership or expiration date, please contact Margaret Warren by email: crisppoint1904@gmail.com or phone (734) 421-7512.



National Lighthouse Day at Crisp Point Lighthouse Friday, August 7, 2015

We will be offering Free Hot Dogs & Chips to our Visitors starting at noon

Anyone who signs up or renews with a two year membership at the lighthouse that day will receive a free t-shirt (size S-XL)

We are pleased to announce that Pam Meinke from Adrian, Michigan will be providing entertainment as she will be playing her hammered dulcimer at the lighthouse during our celebration of National Lighthouse Day.

CPLHS Family Camp Weekend May 22-25, 2015

This is a *CPLHS members only family camping weekend*. All CPLHS members are welcome to attend and set up your camp for the weekend. This is the only time each year we allow open camping to members. There will be some active projects you can help with if you desire. If you plan on attending please e-mail or call Rick Brockway to let him know. (cplhs@sbcglobal.net or 517-230-6294) . If you are not a CPLHS member, but would like to become one, please see the following link at our website: www.crisppointlighthouse.org/member.html.

Welcome

Thank you to all our members who continue to support Crisp Point by renewing their memberships and our new members.

New Lifetime Members:

Susan Y. Bagley

Wisconsin Lighthouse District

New Members

Nancy Hamlin Anderson & Bruce Anderson – Onondgon, MI
 Kurt Aven – Saginaw, MI
 Karen Berger – Armada, MI
 Rick Bloom – Warren, MI
 Paul Bousquette – Redford, MI
 Michael P Brady – Pinckney, MI
 James J Burke – Hartland, MI
 Rod & Judy Carbary – Sterling Hts., MI
 Kim Cathcart – Piqua, OH
 Paradise Area Chamber Of Commerce – Paradise, MI
 Raymond Dmoch – Flushing, MI
 Barry Durrant – Brampton, Ontario Canada
 Duanne Craig Freighters View – Paradise, MI
 Barbara Granch – Dearborn Hts, MI
 Sandra K Greig – Westland, MI
 Dolly Ann Grocki – Rochester, MN
 Barbara Grondin – Auburn Hills, MI
 Jodie Hunt – Lapeer, MI
 Mark Keech – Stillwater, MN
 Mary Hausbeck & Greg Lyman – Paradise, MI
 Bill & Deb Mangham – Paradise, MI
 Jackie & Sam McKnight Family – Royal Oak, MI
 Gary & Wendy Miller – Appleton, WI
 Melia Mucha – Grand Rapids, MI
 Guy Orseno – Lorain, OH
 David Pieper – Flushing, MI
 Allen & Maxine Rickwalt – Taylor, MI
 Mary Sanderson – Sault Ste. Marie, MI
 Anthony Spinosa – North Jackson, OH
 Sharrie Steinbach – Cedarville, MI
 Maryann Stoddard – Flint, MI
 Tim & Audrey Swanson – Bannister, MI
 Steve & Cathy Trimble – Fishers, IN
 Steve & Grace Truman – Grand Radids, MI
 Jerry & Darlene Wilson – Barryton, MI
 Judy Wilson – Cincinnati, OH

A BIG THANK YOU

Donations for 2015 conference:
 Kalamazoo Wings, Kalamazoo, MI
 GarLyn Zoological Park, Naubinway, MI

Visitor center fundraiser:
 Stephanie Buttrey
 Nancy Cornwell
 Angela McKinstry

Crisp Point Rocks! Fundraiser:
 Bruce & Nancy Anderson
 Robin Kobel
 Marcia Paulsen
 Tracy Thompson
 Timothy Forche
 Gary & Margaret Forster
 Anthony & Patricia Grzyb
 Jane Hardwicke
 Ron & Brenda Hershberger
 Dorothy Litsinberger
 Ronald & Kathryn Marvin
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 Lisa Schafer
 Larry & Elaine Watson
 Daniel Weiler
 Chuck Miller
 Mary Rogacki
 Donn Oberg

MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

Name _____ Phone # _____
 Address _____ E-Mail _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Membership	_____ New	_____ 1 year Single \$20.00	_____ 2 year Single \$35.00
	_____ Renewal	_____ 1 year Family \$30.00	_____ 2 year Family \$50.00
Would you like your quarterly newsletter sent to your Email? (Circle one)			Yes No

Annual Conference	-Saturday, July 18, 2015	Number of people attending: _____
Attendance is free for all who register before July 11, 2015		

Donation	I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____
A lifetime family membership comes with a donation of \$500 (may be tax deductible, consult your tax adviser)	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CPLHS

Mail to: CPLHS, Rick Brockway, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855

Meet Our Vendors

(Continued from last issue)

In this newsletter we are feathering our vendor, TreeSqueaks PhotoGraphics.

TreeSqueaks has been supplying Crisp Point Lighthouse related merchandise since the early 2000's when co-owner / founder Greg Everts met Dee Smith at the Blueberry Festival in Paradise. Greg was asked for a little history of their company.

Back in the mid 1990's my family started Treesqueaks Publishing. My sister, Loreena (Everts) Williams and my mom, Louise Everts, had received some honors with their photography. It was suggested that more should be done with the photos such as greeting cards. After some research we decided that it would be best to produce them ourselves. The same research revealed that by adding a heat press to the equipment - computer and printer, T-shirts and mouse pads could also be added to the product line. We later changed the name to TreeSqueaks PhotoGraphics because it went beyond just paper products. The name of the business came from Louise's name for their woodcraft business Treesqueaks Woodcrafts and Floral. Treesqueaks coming from the sounds trees make when rubbing together in the wind.

After building up inventory, we started doing art and craft shows with mom and dad (Grover) and their woodcraft business. They went to the 1st Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival in Alpena as spectators. Being residents of Michigan we already had photographed a few of Michigan's many lighthouses. TreeSqueaks started attending the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival the following year and it produced our best sales to date. That led to an increased effort to capture lighthouses in Michigan and the southeast U.S. after accepting a job in Florida in 2002.

My first attempt at driving to Crisp Point was about 1996 while attending the Wild Blueberry Festival in Paradise. I decided that my car might not make it and turned around. The following year I made it all the way and almost every year after.

In or about 2005 we switched from the heat transfer method of imprinting to dye-sublimation. That process uses dye-sub ink, heat and pressure to



Greg Everts owner

apply the image to a much wider range of items. We can do hard substrates such as glass cutting boards, ceramic, stone and glass tile, smartphone and tablet cases, metal and glass photo panels and many other items. Working with the Crisp Point Light Historical Society for the past several years has been a pleasure and we will continue to work with them and introduce new items as they become available.

You can check out TreeSqueaks PhotoGraphics online at treesqueaks.com or on Facebook - facebook.com/TreeSqueaks

SAFETY REMINDER

If you use a GPS to help you find your way to the lighthouse, please do not start it until you are already on County Road 500. This way, you will be assured of following the correct route. There have been incidents of vehicles getting stuck in the past.

Riding a road motorcycle to the lighthouse is NOT recommended. There are sand pits on the road that can throw a motorcycle out of control. PLEASE DON'T TRY IT.

The nearest hospital is 40 miles away.

Crisp Point Rocks!

The shore west of the tower has been eroded away by the higher lake levels and strong storms. The bricks on the tower have been there for 110 years and are deteriorating rapidly. In order to raise the funds to place large rock along the shore and repair, seal and paint the tower, we are asking for your help. Those who contribute at least \$75 to this fundraiser will receive a limited edition T-shirt. (photo below left) Donors of \$150 or more will receive a limited edition sweatshirt. (photo below right) Anyone who gives \$300 or more will receive a custom jacket in their choice of color. (below center) These items will only be available to donors for this project, they will not be sold at any time. Please fill out the form completely and mail with your check, or visit our website: <http://crisppointlighthouse.org> and donate using PayPal.



Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

XXL and XXXL SHIRTS AND ALL JACKETS MAY TAKE UP TO 6 WEEKS TO DELIVER

_____ \$75 Limited Edition T-shirt. Light blue shirt with navy screen printing.
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

_____ \$150 Limited Edition Sweatshirt. Light blue with navy screen printing.
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

_____ \$300 Limited Edition Jacket
Please circle a size: Small Medium Large XL XXL Tall-Large Tall-XL
Please circle a color: Red Forest Green Black Khaki Royal Blue Navy Blue

_____ \$_____ Donation of any amount

Make checks out to: **Crisp Point Light Historical Society**

Please mail check & form to: Rick Brockway, 450 W. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855
Questions, please call (517) 230-6294 or email cplhs@sbcglobal.net. All contributions will be recognized in an upcoming newsletter. Donations may be tax deductible, consult your tax advisor.