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PURPOSE OF THE DRPLS:

To establish, support and promote efforts in the preservation and restoration of the DeTour Reef Light; to achieve the safe-keeping of the building, artifacts and records; to educate and inform the public on its history; to take visitors safely to the lighthouse; and to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and protecting the lighthouse for generations to come.

MEMBERSHIP

\$20 Individual, \$30 Family, \$50 Patron, \$100 Keeper, \$500 Lifetime, \$1000 Grand Keeper

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2005 Lighthouse Keepers in Residence Program and Public Tours a Success . . .

For the first time since DeTour Reef Light was automated in 1974, lighthouse keepers were in residence this July. By most measurements of lighthouse restoration, the movement from first organizational meeting in 1997 to having resident volunteer lighthouse keepers in 2005, the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) has moved at lighting speed. To the DRLPS volunteers, it has been a long but rewarding eight years. And to their knowledge, the DeTour Reef Light keeper program is the only off-shore lighthouse keeper program in existence.

Restoration of an off-shore lighthouse is extremely difficult and restoration to the extent that a comfortable residence is established is unique. According to Dick Moehl, president of the Great Lake Lighthouse Keepers Association, restoration of an on-shore lighthouse – those you can drive up to – is easy and those lighthouses have been spoken for. The next most difficult are those on islands, and many of those have been adopted or purchased by private individuals or non-profit preservation societies. But the off-shore lighthouses, with very few exceptions, are orphans that no one wants. DeTour Reef Light is an exception and of all the exceptions, DeTour Reef Light has been largely re-



stored and has resident keepers. This achievement was made possible by the support and confidence of Society members.

This July saw three teams of keepers each spend three days and two nights on DeTour Reef Light. Their duties were primarily preparing the lighthouse for and acting as docents during the public tours on the weekends of July 8-10,

15-17 and 22-24. Perhaps the most frustrating work was power-washing and scrubbing the pier deck each morning to clean off the gull droppings. And the large fish fly and insect hatches that occurred during their stay kept the vacuum busy as the keepers put some spit and polish on the lighthouse.

The Keepers Log provides some insight into life on DeTour Reef Light: “4:45am Awoken by Seagulls and steamer Armco. Began washing down deck and getting ready for first tour. Algocape down bound at 6am.” And “Thanks, we’d love to do this again.” An e-mail from Keeper Judy Mills: “From the ride out to the light, to the tours, to the spectacular views of the light, boats, and the sunsets and sunrises, I enjoyed my stay. The scope of what you all have accomplished is AWESOME!!! Thanks for the experience.”

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DRLPS in the News

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRESENTED TO THE DETOUR REEF LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Drummond Island (May 23, 2005)

– Governor Jennifer Granholm recently announced the 2005 recipients of the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation recognizing outstanding historic preservation projects throughout the state. Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director Dr. William Anderson presented the awards during a ceremony on May 19 at the State Capitol rotunda. The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) is proudly one of the recipients of this prestigious award for their efforts in restoring and preserving the DeTour Reef Light.

“Historic structures across Michigan play an important role in making our communities vibrant, interesting places to live and work,” Governor Granholm said. “This year's winners have demonstrated commitment, collaboration, cooperation and the highest degree of excellence in preserving these important parts of Michigan history.”

Created in 2003, the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation recognizes individuals, developers, corporations, academic institutions, and units of government that have undertaken rehabilita-

tion of historic resources or archaeological excavations, or implemented sound public policy to promote preservation. Through these awards, the governor seeks to draw attention to historic resources' unique potential for economic development as well as to the important role these resources play in defining our communities. Nominations for these awards are made to the governor by the State Historic Preservation Review Board in consultation with the



At the Governor's Award Ceremony at the State Capitol Rotunda on 5/19/05 (l to r) Dave Bardsley-DRLPS President, Clif Haley-DRLPS Grants Chairman, Jeri Baron Feltner-DRLPS Founding Director, Chuck Feltner-DRLPS Restoration Chairman, Dr. William Anderson-Director of Michigan Department of History, Arts & Libraries (who presented the award), and Senator Jason Allen. (Photo by Todd Walsh)

State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Historical Center (www.michigan.gov/shpo). For more information on the award program, please see www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160--117949--,00.html.

The DRLPS team has worked diligently since 1998 to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light located a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula between DeTour Village and Drummond Island. Built in 1931, the 83-foot lighthouse is a strategic and historic landmark that

marks a dangerous reef to help guide ship traffic from and to Lake Huron and Lake Superior via the strategic St. Mary's River. The DRLPS completed major restoration of the structure in 2004, and public tours to this unique lighthouse will begin in July.

DRLPS founding Director Jeri Baron Feltner accepted the award on behalf of the DRLPS along with Chuck Feltner- Restoration Chairman, Clif Haley-Grants

Chairman, Dave Bardsley-President, and Paula Bardsley-Assistant Secretary. Jeri stated “I am honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the committed and talented DRLPS team, and would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the loyal volunteers, members, donors, private and government agencies especially the State Historic Preservation Office, who have un-

failingly supported us with this worthwhile endeavor of preserving the DeTour Reef Light as a magnificent monument to Michigan's maritime history. The DRLPS plans to continue to restore the lighthouse to its 1931 as built condition, and to educate the public on the rich maritime history of the area for generations to come.”

To learn more about the organization, the lighthouse, and public tour programs, please visit www.DRLPS.com, email drlps@lighthouse.net, or call 906-493-6609.

2005 Keepers Program and Public Tours . . .

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The first team of volunteer keepers was Bob Sperling, President of Big Sable Point Lighthouse Association from Holland MI; Nancy Gerts, Executive Director of Big Sable Point Lighthouse also from Holland MI; Matt Sawyer of Troy MI and Shelia Davis of Shelby Township MI. Spending the night in the De Tour Reef Lighthouse was, for enthusiast Bob Sperling, like spending the night in the Holy Grail of lighthouses. The third weekend of July saw Jill and Marc Vander Meulen of Holland and De-Tour Village MI (they were the first keepers to apply and be accepted into the program); Greg Holcombe of Holland MI; and Judy and Andrew Mills of Coopersville MI. Keepers for the fourth weekend of July were Ren & Gail Farley of Ann Arbor MI; Judy Dolney of Clinton Township MI; and Mike Hershberger of Elkhart IN.



The process for becoming a volunteer keeper includes a personal interview, a letter explaining why the individual wants to be a keeper and two letters of reference. Accordingly to Dave Bardsley, President of DRLPS, the applicants have been highly qualified and only three applicants have been rejected. Six have already applied for the 2006 Keepers Program.

Tours to DeTour Reef Light this season included transportation on charter boat "Dream Seeker" piloted by U.S. Coast Guard Li-

censed Captain Jim Shutt, light refreshments on the lighthouse and a guided tour. Each tour was limited to six individuals, assuring personal attention by the tour guides. The tours lasted approximately two hours.

Those who participated in the public tours have also been effusive about their experience. Participating in the very first public tour ever of the 74 year old lighthouse Joan and Mike Boedy of DeTour Village MI have already submitted an application to be volunteer keepers next year. Jake and Gloria Toering along with Dave and Heather Hannum traveled from Indiana to be among the very first visitors to the restored DeTour Reef Light. Dave Hannum commented that it was well worth the long drive and \$75 tour fee and will be a light house visit remembered forever.

While access to the lighthouse from the tour boat involves climbing a twenty foot vertical ladder, visitors have commented that the full body safety harness and fall protection system (designed and donated by DBI/SALA & Protecta, a world leader in fall protection systems) gave them great comfort and confidence as they ascended and descended the ladder. The system includes a self retracting safety life line that acts like a long seat belt retractor and would catch a climber within a few feet should they slip or let go of the ladder. DRLPS has four sizes (S, Med, Lg, & XL) of adjustable harnesses that can accom-



modate visitors from 12 years old to 300 lbs. Visitors in their 70's, those who are rather rotund and those with artificial knees have all found access easier than then they anticipated. Nonetheless, DRLPS is working on an access system that would use a stairway, so that the lighthouse can be accessible to a wider section of the public. Funding for this system is being sought.

Individuals interested in the De-Tour Reef Lighthouse Keeper Program or Tours are encouraged to visit the DRLPS web site www.DRLPS.com, email drpls@lighthouse.net or call 906-493-6609. Applications for the keeper program can be downloaded from the web site. Private tours for a large group can also be arranged with DRLPS.



LIMITED EDITION ETCHING ON ORIGINAL GLASS FROM DETOUR REEF LIGHT

Thirty one glass panes salvaged during the restoration of DeTour Reef Light have been etched with an image of the restored DeTour Reef Light. While individually etched with a sequence number, each pane is unique as during cleaning and etching of the glass attention was made not to remove paint along the edges or the weathered and aged patina of the glass. The etching is on the non-weathered side of the glass. The panes are approximately 9 ¼ x 11 inches and ¼ inch thick.

Harbor View Framing of DeTour Village has designed a custom framing package that surface mounts the glass in an attractive and protective frame. This allows the impressively thick edge of the glass to be visible as well as patina of old paint and weathering. In the

photo, the glass is placed over a black background, but Harbor View can use any color (such as blue, red, brown, etc) that will contrast with the etching.

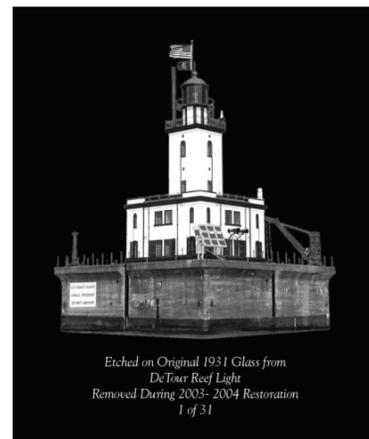
DRLPS is making these limited number of glass panes available at a price of \$300.00. Custom Framing by Harbor View in your choice of background color is available at \$150. DRLPS can ship directly to the purchaser or to Harbor View. Pricing excludes tax and shipping (\$15 for glass, TBD for framed glass). Each pane will be shipped with a certificate of authenticity and a significant portion of the cost can be tax deductible.

You can place orders or get further information for the limited edition DeTour Reef Light Etchings via one of the following:

email: drlps@lighthouse.net

mail: DRLPS, Lighthouse Glass, P.O. Box 307, Drummond Island, MI 49726

phone: 906-493-6609.



Imagine that the glass pane is lying on a piece of black material. Then black represents clear glass in the above and white indicates engraved areas.

Youth Service Project at the Lighthouse

On May 7, 2005 five DeTour High School students assisted the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) in their efforts to get the lighthouse ready for public tours. Russ Norris, Youth Chairman of DRLPS and a teacher at the high school, organized the project with assistance from Matt Peterson. Russ also made arrangements for the transport of students and materials — which would not have been possible without the generosity of DRLPS member Kathy Benua, who donated the use of her Boston Whaler.



Photo: Tim Burkey, Nathan Tiefenbach (front), Ellis Tarr (back), CJ Spohn, Russ Norris (teacher), Lacy Woods and Matt Peterson (teacher) are still smiling after a hard day's work at DeTour Reef Light.

In addition to some routine spring cleaning of the lighthouse, the students made multiple trips between Fort Drummond Marine and the light station hauling fur-

nishings for the lighthouse. DRLPS president Dave Bardsley was clearly excited about accomplishing this difficult task. "Young strong backs were very

much appreciated. This lighthouse was not designed with furniture moving a consideration."

Box springs, mattresses, beds, dressers and a host of other much needed items were moved from a trailer to a boat, lifted to the lighthouse deck and then carried up a narrow stairway with 180 and 90 degree turns to get to the keepers' living quarters.

While on the light the students did get a short break for lunch and the opportunity to tour the light, climb the tower and enjoy the views from the observation deck just below the lantern.

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

DETOUR REEF LIGHT HOLDS 8TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING . . .

Russ Norris Elected New Director

At their 8th annual membership meeting held at the Drummond Island Town Hall on June 16, several members and visitors enjoyed a detailed update of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) with an informative presentation by President Dave Bardsley which included several photos of before and after restoration scenes.

Russ Norris of Drummond Island was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors. Russ has volunteered on many DRLPS projects over the past several years, including taking photographs and video of the lighthouse restoration project. He currently serves as DRLPS Youth Program Chairman. Many of the lighthouse projects headed by Mr. Norris have involved the services of local high school students, including working on engineering drawings of the lighthouse deck crane that was installed in 2001, and recently loading of furnishings on to the lighthouse last May. DRLPS wel-

comes Russ Norris to the Board of Directors.

Other elections conducted at the meeting were the renewal of terms for Directors Jim Charles (Vice-President), and Chuck Feltner. Chuck was also elected as Treasurer of the DRLPS at the Board of Director's meeting which took place before the Annual Meeting. Jeri Baron Feltner was elected as Founding Director Emeritus, having served on the Board as Director and Secretary since 1998 until her "retirement" in 2005.

Other Directors include: Denny Bailey, President Dave Bardsley, Clif Haley, Secretary Glenn Lahti, Dick Moehl, and Honorary Director Jim Woodward.

Attending the meeting was past lighthouse keeper Gene Anderson who worked at the DeTour Reef Light in 1958-59. He drove all the way from Biscoe, North Carolina, with his good friend Ingram Jenkins to attend the meeting and visit the eastern UP area which

was a big part of his life when he worked for the U.S. Coast Guard at the tender age of 19. Chuck Feltner took Gene and Ingram for a nostalgic tour of the lighthouse the day after the meeting.



The DRLPS team at their 8th Annual Membership Meeting include (l to r back row) Anne Stafford-Cruise Chair, Joyce Buckley-Stars Co-Chair, Dotty Witten-Special Projects, Director Jim Charles-Vice-President, Director Glenn Lahti-Secretary, Director Russ Norris-Youth Program Chairman, Director Dave Bardsley-President, Director Chuck Feltner-Treasurer, (seated l to r) Paula Bardsley-Assistant Secretary, Jeri Baron Feltner-Founding Director Emeritus. Photo by John Witten 2005.



Don't Miss an Issue

DRLPS has upgraded to a new database that will allow us to maintain seasonal addresses for recipients of our newsletters, so if you spend part of the year at one address and part of it at another, we can send the newsletter to the correct seasonal address. In the past, many of you have missed out on the newsletter, because the post office usually will not forward bulk mail.

In order to make this work, you will have to let us know your addresses **and the months that you are at each address**. Also, we are now carrying email addresses on our database, so please provide us with your email address, if you have one. Sometimes when people move and we are not notified, that is the only

way we can find you again.

The best way to get the additional information to us is by email. Please send it to me at paulabardsley@lighthouse.net, and I'll make sure that it gets into our database. Or, if you do not have access to email, please send it to DRLPS, Box 307, Drummond Island, MI 49726, or give me a call at 906-493-6609.

Thank you. There's a lot going on at DeTour Reef Light now, and we want you to know all about it.

Paula Bardsley,
DRLPS Database Manager



National Park Service Recommends and Secretary of Interior Accepts DRLPS as Recipient of Title to the DeTour Reef Light Station



In a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, Gale A. Norton, dated August 17, 2005 the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society was informed that the National Park Service forwarded a recommendation for the selection of the DRLPS as the recipient of title to the DeTour Reef Light Station. The NPS's recommendation was based upon a review of the organization's application submitted pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA).

Secretary of the Interior, Gale A. Norton, stated "I am pleased to inform you that I have accepted the NPS's recommendation and am forwarding my selection decision to the General Services Administration (GSA). In accordance with NHLPA, the

GSA will provide for the preparation of a deed, subject to terms and conditions specified by NHLPA, and the application and agreement previously submitted to the NPS. On behalf of the Administration, I applaud the commitment of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society to the preservation of our Nation's maritime heritage in accepting stewardship of the DeTour Reef Light Station."



The sale of specialty lighthouse license plates with funds used for lighthouse restoration work through the SHPO's Michigan Lighthouse assistance Program (MLAP) is currently scheduled to sunset in March 2006 Rep. David Law introduced a bill (HB 4963) to remove the sunset provision from the Vehicle Code. The bill is expected to proceed through the legislature this fall.

The State Historic Preservation Office continues to promote the sale of the lighthouse license plate and seeks assistance from lighthouse groups to promote the plates as well.



DETOUR REEF LIGHT LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Drummond Island, MI (April 18, 2005) -- The Director of the National Park Service recently announced that the DeTour Reef Light Station in Chippewa County was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on March 15, 2005.

Established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the NRHP is the nation's list of cultural resource properties of national significance worthy of preservation. The resources listed on the National Register illustrate and commemorate our nation's past and history lives on in its historic places. Listing in the National Register

honors a historic place by recognizing its importance to its community, State, and the Nation.

Built in 1931, and standing a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the DeTour Reef Light rises gallantly 83 feet above the water. In 1998, local citizens formed the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to restore and preserve the lighthouse which sits between the two communities of DeTour Village and Drummond Island. DRLPS dedicated volunteers have worked determinedly to build the membership-based society and acquire donations and grant funding for their educational and restoration programs to preserve the historic DeTour Reef Light and enhance the importance of the rich maritime heritage of the region.

DRLPS President Dave Bardsley enthusiastically stated: "The DRLPS is honored, along with being highly encouraged and motivated, by the listing of the DeTour Reef Light in the prestigious National Register of Historic Places. We are very grateful to all of the volunteers, members, government agencies, and others, who have helped make this listing a reality. We also appreciate the meticulous effort with the preparation of our 38-page nomination material by Dan Koski-Karell, Ph.D. of the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington DC. The DRLPS plans to continue to work hard to preserve and share the extraordinary historical, cultural, and educational value of this historic offshore lighthouse, a magnificent monument to Michigan's maritime history, for people to enjoy for generations to come – and

We'll Keep the Light on for You!"



**News
From the
Michigan
Lighthouse
Project —**

Following Steve Belko's departure, Martha MacFarlane-Faes of the State Historic Preservation Office was appointed to serve as interim Manager of the Michigan Lighthouse Project (MLP). The SHPO has funded the MLP manager position since it was first instituted in 2000 and Martha's extensive experience with lighthouse issues and her work with federal agencies made her the obvious candidate. Martha's responsibilities in the SHPO's Environmental Review Program have been shifted to allow her to spend more time on lighthouse transfer issues.

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To learn more about the Michigan Lighthouse Project and the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance go to the following website and follow the links provided:

<http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-15479-120844--,00.html>

**DETOUR REEF LIGHT
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

**Presents the Eighth Annual Limited Edition
2005 DRLPS Lighthouse Ornament
*\$13 plus shipping***

This year's DRLPS limited edition holiday ornament is diamond-shaped 3x5 inch clear bevel-edged glass etched with a photo of the Flag is Flying at the restored DeTour Reef Light by Dave Bardsley in 2004. Includes a hanging ribbon, gold gift box and a description card. All proceeds from the sale of this ornament go to the DRLPS, a non-profit organization established in 1998 dedicated to the preservation of the DeTour Reef Light. To order, please fill in the form below and send to:

DRLPS, Attn: Dotty Witten, PO Box 307, Drummond Island MI 49726, 906-297-2001 (www.DRLPS.com)

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Phone # _____

Cost: \$13 each. S&H for one is \$2.00; more than one is \$4.00.

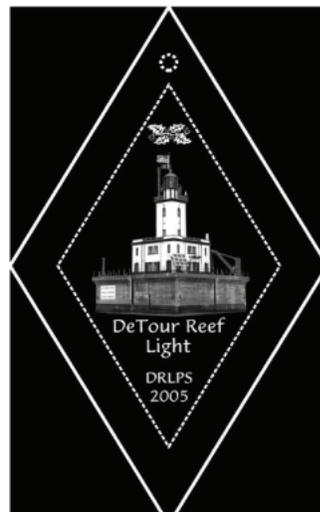
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Plus S&H \$ _____ = \$ _____

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 Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

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Signature _____ Today's Date _____



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Imagine that the ornament is lying on a piece of black material. Black represents clear glass, white indicates engraved areas, solid line indicates the edge of the ornament, and dashed line indicates the bevel edge.

The Birth of David Murray Seaman

A Poem From the Logbooks of the DeTour Point Lighthouse

February 23, 1876

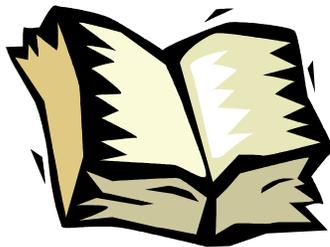
The following poem was written into the logbook of the DeTour Point Lighthouse on Feb. 23, 1876 by Edwin Seaman, Principal Keeper. It recounts the birth of his son, David Murray Seaman. This poem was discovered by Chuck and Jeri Feltner of the DRLPS who are doing research on the history of the Lighthouses of DeTour Passage under a grant from the Michigan Coastal Management Program.



“This day I note with pride and joy
It brought to sight my bouncing boy
Dark eyes and hair and 10 lbs. weight
My first born son — (tis well to state)
(For we must note with due precision
Supplies received at this division)

So in conclusion I would add

As this supply has made me dad
I'll strive my best to keep the Station
With credit to my self and Nation
Rejoicing that I am a freeman
And dad to David Murray Seaman”



Lighthouse Keepers Needed for 2006 —

The 2005 Lighthouse Keepers Program involved 13 keepers in residence for 3 days and 2 nights during weekends of July. Based on the success the 2005 Keepers Program, DRLPS intends to expand the program with keeper dates from mid June until early August. Elsewhere in this issue of Passages you can read what the first volunteer lighthouse keepers at DeTour Reef Light had to say about their experience. The Society's experience with these keepers exceeded our hopes. We had dedicated, hard working lighthouse lovers who did everything we asked and more. They made tour visitors feel welcome and comfortable. They scampered up and down the tower steps and the 20 foot vertical access ladders and they took lots of photographs and saw lots of freighters. They also most certainly made new friends.

The program was designed to provide free time away from lighthouse work and tour duties and we want to assure that this continues in the 2006 program. For 2006 we are considering tours on Saturday only (with Sunday as a backup weather day). This will provide more time for maintenance tasks and more free time for the keepers.

A keeper application can be downloaded from the DRLPS web site, www.drlps.com. We will also put a copy of the DRL Keeper Guide on the web site. We have six applications for 2006 on hand, so it is not too early to make plans for next summer and get your application into the Society.

Donated Roll Top Desk Needs Restoration

Azor D. Sheffield, Jr. has donated a period roll top desk that closely matches that described in the original furnishing documents for DeTour Reef Light. The desk needs considerable repair, including the replacement of veneer and re-gluing, fastening and refinishing. The desk is currently in storage on Drummond Island.



A volunteer is sought to restore this antique so it can be placed in the lighthouse.

As encouragement for the individual that accepts and completes this task, DRLPS will award him/her a free keeper weekend on DeTour Reef Light.

Anyone interested in restoring the desk should contact Dave Bardsley at the following:

Email: bardsley@stanfordalumni.org
OR
Phone: 906-493-6609.

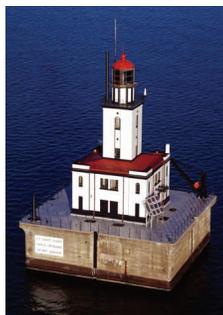
**Memorabilia Order Form
DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Price Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Decal with Society Logo	\$1				
2	Bumper Sticker with Society Logo	\$1				
3	Cup with Society Logo	\$3				
4	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light—oval 3x2 inches	\$6				
5	DeTour Reef Light Collectors Pin— 1 1/4 inch	\$6				
6	Hat (blue or green)	\$15				
7	Child's T-shirt w/Lighthouse (white — child's S, M, or L)	\$10				
8	T-Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (white or blue — M, L, XL, or 3X in blue only)	\$20				
9	Golf Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (yellow or white — M, L, XL, or 2X)	\$25				
10	Men's (M) or Women's (W) Denim (indigo) Long-sleeve Shirt w/Lighthouse Crest (Men's = S,M,L,XL,2X,3X) (Women's = S, M) Please specify gender	\$35				
11	Sweatshirt w/Lighthouse Crest (green, wine, blue — L,XL,2X,3X -wine)	\$25				
12	10K Gold Charm of Lighthouse	\$70				
13	Sterling Silver Charm of Lighthouse	\$20				
14	Note Cards w/Lighthouse Drawing (pack of 10 with envelopes)	\$5				
15	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
16	8x10 Color Photo of 2004 Lighthouse	\$10				
17	8x10 Black & White Photo of 1931 Lighthouse	\$10				
18	DVD video of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration	\$20				
19	2005 Ornament (diamond-shaped glass etched w/2004 Lighthouse)	\$13				
20	1931 Limited Edition Lighthouse Window Pane (9 1/4 x 11 x 1/4 inch) w/ Etching of Lighthouse	\$300				
21	Custom Framing for item #20	\$150				



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Interlake Trip Offered Unique Opportunity to Experience Life Aboard a Great Lakes Freighter

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS), through the generosity of the Interlake Steamship Company, offered a trip for four adults aboard one of Interlake's freighters during the 2005 Great Lakes navigation season. The trip was promoted on the internet and was awarded to the first person(s) who agreed to donate a minimum of fifteen thousand dollars and become the founding member of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Endowment.



Above: Jim and Paul on the Bridge of the Paul R. Tregurtha taken from Soo Locks Tour Boat

Paul and Carol Schaap won the auction, and along with Paul's brother and sister-in-law — Jim and Sheryl Schaap — the two couples made the round trip on the Paul R. Tregurtha, (the largest freighter on the Great Lakes) from the Edison Plant on Lake St. Clair to Duluth in mid June.

On Father's Day, the freighter Tregurtha, with the

Schapps aboard, was passing down bound through the Soo Locks as DRLPS members on board the Soo Locks Tour boat "Le Voyageur" waited to enter the Locks. (The Father's Day Cruise is an annual event for the DRLPS and you can find more information on our website: www.DRLPS.com)



Above: DeTour Reef Light from the bridge of the Paul R. Tregurtha. Photo by Paul Schaap

Right: DRLPS members on MV "Le Voyageur" at Soo Locks. Taken from Bridge of Paul R. Tregurtha by Paul Schaap



Holiday Gift Ideas:

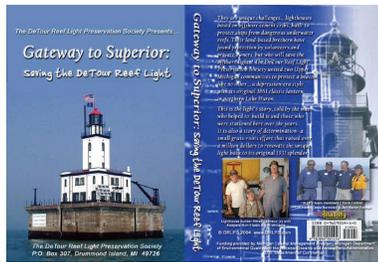


Have you figured out what to give Great-aunt Nana when you visit this holiday

season? With the biggest gift giving season quickly approaching many of us are facing the challenge of just what to give. The DRLPS has lots of great ideas for the lighthouse lover on your list. The following are but a few suggestions:

- A gift membership in the Society: beginning at \$20.
- A copy of the Society's DVD

"Gateway to Superior: Saving the De-Tour Reef Light". Fantastic footage is shown of the lighthouse before, during and after restoration, along with a fierce storm at the lighthouse in 1975 – the same storm that sank the Edmund Fitzgerald. It includes interviews with the last known person who built the lighthouse in 1931 and past keepers sharing their personal experiences at the lighthouse, along with interviews of DRLPS officers and state and fed-



eral historical preservation officials. A must have video for lighthouse lovers. \$20 plus shipping.

- The 2005 DRLPS Etched Glass: diamond shaped with restored De-Tour Reef Light. \$13 plus shipping
- Cups, hats, shirts, charms etc., available in children to adult sizes and in a variety of colors all with the DRLPS logo. From \$3 to \$70.

Use the order form found in this issue or check out our web page www.DRLPS.com



Diary of a Lighthouse Keeper . . .

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society, under the management of President Dave Bardsley, for the first time in the lighthouse's 74-year history, conducted a keeper program at the historic offshore lighthouse. From the three weekends of Keepers, the following is just one response to the experience.



"Sheila and I were delighted with our stay at the DeTour Reef Light. While both of us are lighthouse enthusiasts—Sheila more so than me—neither of us have ever participated in a lighthouse keeper program. Needless to say, neither of us was fully sure of what to expect beyond the scope of the emails communicated to us by the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society.

To start, the DRLPS has done a tremendous job in restoring the Lighthouse. It is quite evident from looking at "before and after" pictures of the Lighthouse before and after its restoration that this was indeed no easy undertaking. We were very impressed by the dedication of the Society at restoring this wonderful piece of Michigan maritime history.

It is also important to note how pleased and thankful we were to receive the generous hospitality from Dave and Paula Bardsley, Clif and Carolyn Haley, and Chuck Feltner and Jeri Baron Feltner. Dave, Chuck and Jeri provided constant support. Clif not only gave us a great boat ride out to the Lighthouse, but also gave a brief tour of some areas around Drummond Is-



land and the St. Mary's River; he also generously donated a bottle of red wine to us Keepers as well as a quart of homemade maple syrup from Bohica Lodge, his and Carolyn's home.

Our tasks at the Lighthouse included cleaning the Lighthouse including basement, living

areas and pier deck. Installation of the pier deck lights resulted in a good deal of cleaning in the basement, and the birds and bugs had made a mess of the pier deck. After a thorough cleaning, the basement was cleaned and mopped, the pier deck scrubbed (and subsequent odors eliminated) and the living areas spruced up. The Lighthouse was ready for its first public tour. Of course, the birds—mainly seagulls—paid nightly visits to the Lighthouse for their evening meal of fish flies, and trashed the pier deck in the process—necessitating another round of cleaning before the guests arrived.

Two tour groups came on Saturday, July 9 and two more on Sunday, July 10. We were responsible for showing the guests around the Lighthouse, explaining its history and fielding questions from the guests. We were also responsible for helping them with the safety harness, which enabled the guests to ascend and descend the pier ladder with greater confidence. We provided light snacks and refreshments to the guests, which were available to them during and after the conclusion of the tours. We also

were responsible for selling merchandise—mainly the DRLPS restoration DVD. Lastly, we kept a detailed log of all activities at the Lighthouse.

During "off hours," when there were no cleaning tasks or tour groups, we were free to pursue our own interests. Freighters abounded, and we were able to take many pictures of various ships. Both nights provided fantastic sunsets, and sitting up on the tower deck after dark provided a serene end to the day.



We also had the fortune to work with Nancy Gertz and Bob Sperling, two folks who coordinate a keeper program at Big Sable Point Lighthouse. They were able to provide us with a good deal of insight into lighthouse keeping in general,

while at the same time providing similarities and differences between activities at their lighthouse and DeTour Reef... Best regards." -
- Matt Sawyer, Troy, MI, 7/14/05

Be a Lighthouse Keeper!

Here's your chance to stay at the light. DRLPS is accepting applications for volunteer lighthouse keepers for the 2006 season. You'll work hard during the day greeting visitors, spouting historical information and helping with maintenance of the light, but it can't be as grueling as the work of the original keepers! You can watch panoramic sunsets in the lighthouse tower at day's end, and then tuck up in your own bed listening to the waves splash against the sides of the light. There is a fee for the program, and you must be comfortable speaking with the public and climbing lots of stairs! For additional information and to download an application and handbook visit our website at:
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— LEONARD I. SWEET

To preserve the Light forever takes a broad vision and long term commitment. Be part of this vision and commitment . . . Support the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society today!

***A Note
from the President:***

As you will see inside this issue of *Passages*, a lot has happened since last March. DeTour Reef Light was added to the National Register of Historic Places, The Society received the Michigan Governor’s Award for Historic Preservation, conducted our annual River Cruise and Evening Under the Stars events, ran successful Lighthouse Keeper and Public Tour Programs, and most recently the Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton approved our application for transfer of DeTour Reef Light from the Government to the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society. These are the headlines and the stories. Making all this happen is a group of very dedicated volunteers who have done so much to support these events and the financial support of our members, friends and businesses. Most of what is done is not written

about because there is so much being done, and much of it is rather ordinary or if extraordinary, somewhat dry subject matter. What is not uninteresting is the result of these efforts. The restoration of DeTour Reef Light and turning it into a habitable lighthouse is a significant achievement that must be seen to be truly appreciated. I hope that you are able to participate in the Tour or Keeper Programs during the summer of 2006 so that this part of history (that was included in the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s 1998 *List of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*) becomes part of your personal experiences. I would also like to extend an invitation for you to become more active in the Society. We can always use help and leadership at all levels.

Sincerely,
Dave Bardsley



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