

**DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society
2018 Jewelry Workshop and Lighthouse Keeper Program**

Sunday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 26

Information and Application



Precious Metal Clay Jewelry Class

The DRLPS is excited to offer the second Jewelry Workshop. The following paragraphs describe the Jewelry Class and Keeper expectations and responsibilities.

Our instructor will be one of our DRLPS members, who has participated in several Jewelry workshops and will share her experience with the participants.

Precious Metal Clay (PMC) material will be used to create pure silver jewelry pieces. PMC is manufactured by the Mitsubishi car company and was designed for use by their employees for creative outlets. PMC is made up of tiny molecules of fine silver in a binder material. It has the consistency of clay. The clay like material can be easily manipulated into molds and then dried. After drying, a small butane torch is used to burn off the binder leaving a pure silver jewelry piece.

Participants should be on the lookout for interesting textures to bring with them to use as designs for imprinting into mold material. Bark, old buttons, arrowheads, tree foliage, driftwood, pinecones, and rocks are just a few ideas. Let your imagination fly. The PMC and needed tools will be provided for the participants to use while they are on the Light. If you have some jewelry tools at home, please feel free to bring them with you.



Each person will be given a portion of PMC. The amount should be enough to complete 2-4 projects depending on the size and thickness of each piece made. There will be an opportunity to either tumble the pieces to a bright finish, or to use an oxidizing material to give definition to the highlights of the design.

Once we know who is participating, the group will plan their meals, each sharing in either a meal or a portion of a meal for the group. The exact time of departure on Sunday, June 24th will depend if there are Keepers already on the Light. Should there be Keepers present, the time will be an early afternoon departure for the Light. We will then switch places with the Keepers who will leave on our boat. As we are technically Keepers on the Light while we are there, Keeper information is included with the application for the

Workshop. During the time we are on the Light, there will be time to enjoy sunrises and sunsets, freighters and clean air.

Cost for the workshop is \$250 for DRLPS members and \$270 for non-members (family memberships are available starting at \$30), and includes transportation to and from the light, all workshop materials and the Keeper costs. The number of applicants will be limited to 5. Upon sign up, further information will be sent via e-mail containing information as what to bring.

To access the Lighthouse participants must be able to climb a 20 foot ladder that is embedded in the side of the Lighthouse crib while using a safety harness.

The primary responsibilities of Keepers are to clean and do housekeeping on the lighthouse, They must be energetic, be in excellent health, and be able to climb and descend with ease the 20-foot vertical ladders on the side of the pier structure. The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society “Keepers Handbook” which provides specific instructions to keepers can also be downloaded from www.drlps.com

Living Quarters

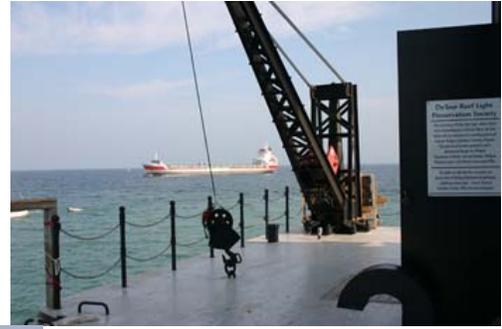




Access to the Lighthouse is by boat and then climbing a 20-foot vertical ladder recessed into the pier wall. Living quarters are on the second level. There are two bedrooms, one with a double bed and one with two bunk beds. It has a modern bath, an office, a dining/common area, and a small kitchen. Water is filtered and sterilized with a UV purification system. Keepers provide and prepare all of their own food. The quarters are equipped with dishes, cooking utensils, appliances (coffee maker, microwave, toaster, blender, stove, and refrigerator) and paper products. Six folding canvas chairs are provided for use on the decks. A small bar-b-que is also available on the Lighthouse. Keepers provide their own sleeping bag (or sheets and blankets), pillowcases, towels and wash clothes.

Rules

All visitors and keepers must read and sign a “Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk” waiver. Keepers are also required to read and fully understand the DRLPS Keepers Guide. No smoking is permitted within the lighthouse structure. DRLPS members, guests, and visitors are not permitted on the Light except if on the public tour or by the explicit approval of a DRLPS Director. No boats are to secure to the lighthouse as significant damage and injury can result from boats smashing against the lighthouse pier because of boat and freighter wakes. Absolutely no access is permitted to the shelf on the exterior of the lantern. Access to the exterior deck at the watch room level (just below the lantern) will be prohibited during periods of rain and high winds. The Light and living quarters must be cleaned up and all trash removed when Keepers complete their program. Additional rules and requirements are included in the Keepers Guide and should be reviewed as part of your application process.



Keeper Experience

There are few lighthouses that have Keeper programs that offer the participants an opportunity to live in an historic lighthouse and DeTour Reef Light is believed to be the first offshore lighthouse with such a program. Working as a Keeper is a very rewarding experience. The view from the tower is spectacular. All shipping between Lake Superior and the lower Lakes pass DeTour Reef Light as well as a large number of pleasure boats. Although Keepers may thoroughly enjoy the time they spend here, make new friends and walk in the footsteps of past keepers, there are also housekeeping responsibilities.

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Applicants must complete, sign, and return this application (2 pages) and the Release of Liability forms.

Please list the names of the applicant(s). All Lighthouse Keepers under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The accompanying parent or legal must sign our assumption of risk and waiver of liability for minors. Specific departure and return information will be provided to all applicants after the application has been received. Applicants are encouraged to lock in their seat in the class with payment of the program cost at time of application.

Name (s) _____

Address

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____

E-Mail _____

(Very important as this is our primary way to communicate with you).

I learned about the Jewelry Workshop and Lighthouse Keeper Program from _____

Workshop Cost

The cost for the Jewelry Workshop will be due with the application and is non-refundable unless program cancelled by DRLPS. The fee is \$250 per person for members/\$270 for non-members (DRLPS memberships being at \$30) and includes the cost of the charter boat and captain to take keepers to and from the lighthouse and the materials for the workshop, and the cost of staying on the Light. A portion of this contribution is tax deductible as permitted by law.

Registration must be completed no later than Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

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My signature below indicates that I have read and understand this entire application, including the explanation of Keepers' responsibilities and guidelines. I understand that there is no compensation for this position and also fully understand that, if accepted, I am agreeing to work at the lighthouse on the days and dates assigned to me and participate in the Jewelry Workshop, and that I will be resident on the Lighthouse without leaving during my service. I understand that some aspects of the Keepers duties require vigorous health, ascending and descending the pier ladders and tower steps and handling unexpected emergencies. I further understand that duties include performing routine cleaning and light maintenance and that any pictures taken in connection with the workshop and lighthouse keeper program, and provided to DRLPS may be used by DRLPS without additional permission and without compensation of any kind.

Signature _____ Date _____

Application and Release of Liability MUST be signed by all applicants.

Please mail to:

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