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Jeri Baron Feltner Receives the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance 2016 Beacon Award

At the 2016 Michigan Lighthouse Alliance conference in Traverse City MI, Jeri Baron Feltner received The Beacon Award. This award was established in 2012 and is awarded to an individual to recognize exceptional leadership to the Michigan lighthouse stewardship community. There are 129 lighthouses in Michigan, the most of any state in the U.S. Previous recipients of the award are Richard Moehl and Senator Carl Levin.

Jeri was Secretary and a founding member of the Board of Directors of the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS). Her key responsibilities from 1998 to 2004 were the establishment of the DRLPS as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, and the development of the grant, membership, newsletter, marketing, fundraising, historical and administrative programs, along with facilitating the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act application for ownership of the lighthouse. She presented educational papers at five of the Michigan Lighthouse Preservation Conferences, beginning at the first in 1998, on the subject of forming and sustaining a lighthouse preservation organization. She continues to volunteer with the DRLPS in a variety of positions including the records archival program, the Society's policy and procedure manual, and helps with fundraisers.

Jeri is well-known and respected by the national lighthouse community for her volunteer work with the DRLPS. Her vision, dedication, and administrative prowess, along with her passion for excellence, have provided the underpinnings for the achievements of DRLPS. As a result of her efforts and those of the talented team throughout the years, DRLPS has received numerous awards from the Federal and State governments and historical organizations.

Former DRLPS Director, past President of the Michigan State University Law School, and former owner of Drummond Island Resort and Conference Center, Clif Haley, had this to say: "Jeri Baron, congratulations! Without you, there would be no truly successful DRLPS, or the unique and historic restoration, preservation, and undertakings of the DeTour Reef Light. Your passion and spirit were the Society's guiding beacon."

In presenting the Beacon Award to Jeri, Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association (GLLKA) and Vice-President of the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance (MLA), shared, "I am blessed to have been able to visit many, many lights in the US, have met and gotten to know many of the movers and shakers involved in the restoration of these icons. They are many different types of people - some focus on the engineering and technology, others on the lives of the keepers, and others serve as the heart and soul - keeping the light of the organization shining brightly. It is my honor to know the recipient of the award very well for many years. Jeri Baron Feltner, you are truly the heart and soul of your organization, and I can think of no one more deserving of this award than you."

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*Jeri Baron Feltner in 1999 returning from the unrestored DeTour Reef Lighthouse.
What a long way we have come since then!*

Lighthouse Keepers Needed

Keepers of DeTour Reef Light are assigned to man the lighthouse on weekends (Friday afternoon through Sunday) from Father's Day through Labor Day weekend. Keeper duties are minimal and participants will have mostly free time to enjoy boat watching, relaxing and the spectacular views from the light. The sunrises and sunsets are incredible!

We have commitments from thirty-nine keepers as of this writing, with space open on seven of the twelve keeper weekends. The lighthouse can accommodate 6 keepers per weekend. The weekends of July 1-3, July 29-31 and Aug 26-28 have no bookings.

An application and keeper handbook can be downloaded from www.DRLPS.com. Cost is \$220 per person (\$200 per person for members of DRLPS) – children are half price. Membership cost is \$30 and includes all in your household. Keepers may extend their stay on the light (either before or after their weekend) at half the nightly rate. For more information go to www.DRLPS.com, email keepers@DRLPS.com or call 906-493-6609.



Fantastic view from the lantern

Jewelry Workshop on the DeTour Reef Light Sunday, June 26, 2016 returning on Thursday, June 29, 2016

This year the DRLPS is excited to offer a new experience on the Light. We are combining a chance to make some pure silver jewelry while enjoying the delights of beautiful sunsets and sunrises, freighters, and good friendship with your fellow participants, along with being a Lighthouse Keeper.

Our instructor is Rosemary Gould. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree from MSU and is an Adjunct Professor at North Central Michigan College. She is certified in the use of Precious Metal Clay which is used in the making of the jewelry we are going to create. The "clay" is actually made up of small molecules of pure silver combined with a binder. After the clay is formed into the desired design in a mold which each participant will create, the clay is removed from the mold, dried for a short time and then fired with a small butane torch. This removes the binder, leaving your pure silver jewelry piece.

As we will not be able to go out collecting natural materials on the Light, participants should be on the lookout for interesting pieces of wood, driftwood, unusual buttons, small pine cones, leaves, any rocks that have an interesting surface, and items that have a unique surface that would make a mold design. You would bring these items with you to use and share with the other participants.



Materials to bring and some wonderful examples of what the finished pieces of jewelry could look like!

All the participants will pool their talents for deciding what meals we will have while on the Light, and share in contributing food for the workshop. Each person should bring their own sleeping bag and pillowcase or their own sheets and pillowcase, towel and wash cloth and face soap, and appropriate clothing for various temperatures.

The cost for the workshop is \$310 for DRLPS members and \$330 for non-members and includes all the workshop materials, instructor fees, cost of staying on the Light, and the roundtrip boat trip. The workshop is limited to 5 participants plus the instructor. Come and join us for a great Lighthouse experience.

MUSINGS FROM JOE

By Joe Henne

I was asked last month by Paula Bardsley to construct a reminder to previous members that their membership had elapsed and we "did not want to lose them." The following paragraph was included in that letter and I want to include **all** members with that 'information' and a little more.

“Please take the renewal reminder as a 'gentle intimation'. We know that we have something very special going on here at the mouth of the St. Marys River. Not many communities have a sentry at their doorstep, a beacon welcoming visitors and natives back to the beautiful waters and shores of Detour/Drummond regardless of how long they have been away! With DRLPS Membership comes the awareness that you 'own' a piece of the light, regardless of your location or demographic. Memberships are authorization that you are part of the Drummond/DeTour Community. You can close your eyes, envision standing on the platform of the light and feel the breeze from the North Channel cool you as a freighter passes and offers a salute. Looking out in all directions, following the shoal back to DeTour Point, watching the activity emanate from the new Carmeuse Dolomite Plant on Drummond, or watching a wonderful sunrise/sunset from the platform.”

EVENING UNDER THE STARS promises to be a great time once again and **we have had a change of venue for this year**. At the May Directors' Meeting, we voted to move 100 yards south to the BROODER HOUSE. The benefits being: nearby washrooms, level ground, minimal steps/stairs, much easier for the caterer, a cover should we have inclement weather, and sometimes change is good. The view is still there, just a 50 yard stroll and the stars will be unchanged! CALL any director for a reservation. We promise: great food, 'lighthouse' camaraderie, and an evening to remember. We will once again be having a silent auction (with a few items pulled into a live auction should the bids need improvement \$....). Auctioned items may include: a case of great wine, a notable sundown cruise of POTAGANNISSNG BAY on a historic boat with a notable captain (with appetizers and secrets). Mark your calendars and reserve your tickets..... I guarantee a fun, food-filled / fulfilled evening! (Call me if you have any ideas on auction items 906-630-5093).

So that's my inaugural musings.....**SO GLAD YOU ARE with us and see you soon... ..We have missed YOU!**

Joe Henne, Black Rock Point
Drummond Island, Michigan 49726

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Jeri was very humbled by receiving the award and a few days later she thanked the MLA saying, "I'm still in shock over being presented this prestigious award and extremely honored and oh so forever grateful! Thanks with all my heart to all again. I deeply appreciate this most significant recognition from the MLA. Keep up your wonderful work for the preservation of Michigan's maritime monuments and the people of the organizations who are preserving them! So proud of and inspired by you all. I sincerely thank the members of the MLA - Buzz Hoerr (President), Terry Pepper (Vice-President), Gail VanderStoep (Secretary), Ann Method Green (Treasurer), and Directors Marilyn Fischer, John Gronberg, and Lou Shillinger. A special thank you to Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, who nominated me for this award, to my husband Chuck Feltner who supported my DRLPS endeavor with his time and talent especially as Restoration Chairman, and to founding Directors Dick Moehl and Bob Jones (DRLPS's first President) for their inspiration when the DRLPS was born, and thank you to former Director Clif Haley whom I deeply appreciated and enjoyed working with on the major restoration grant applications. I also want to thank each and every wonderful dedicated volunteer of the DRLPS Team since 1998, who, with their talent, hard work, and passion for preservation of the DeTour Reef Light, have greatly contributed to the shining success of the DRLPS and to keeping the Light on for generations to come.”

Jeri, and her husband Chuck, lived on Drummond Island MI from 1995 to 2015. She and Chuck received the Drummond Island Outstanding Citizen Award in 2004 for their work with the restoration of the DeTour Reef Light Station. They now live in Plymouth MI.



Great Lakes Freighter Article—American Spirit

By Joan Meyer

The American Spirit was the seventh of thirteen self unloading 1,000-footers built and she was launched as the George A. Stinson. The bow and stern sections were completed at American Ship Building Co., Lorain, OH, as hull #907 with the mid-body being built at American Ship Building's Toledo, OH, yard and towed to Lorain on November 15, 1977. The new self-unloader was launched July 15, 1978, with formal christening ceremonies being held August 21, 1978, at Detroit, MI. Named in honor of National Steel Company's Chairman of the Board at the time (George A. Stinson), Mr. Stinson dedicated the vessel to the city of Detroit and to the people and industry supporting National Steel's Great Lakes



Steel Division on Zug Island. Sailing under the management of Hanna Mining Co., the George A. Stinson departed on her maiden voyage October 14, 1978, in ballast to Superior, WI to load iron ore pellets for Zug Island, Detroit, MI. Not only was the George A. Stinson the only "1,000-footer" in the National Steel fleet, it was the fleet's first self unloader. The other members of the fleet in 1978 were all straight deck bulk carriers, namely the George M. Humphrey (2), Leon Falk Jr., and the Paul H. Carnahan.

The George A. Stinson is powered by two Pielstick V-16 cylinder diesel engines built by Fairbanks Morse Engine Division of Colt Industries International, Beloit, WI. The engines drive two controllable pitch propellers giving the vessel a rated service speed of 17.3 m.p.h. She is equipped with a 1,000 h.p. bow thruster and the vessel is capable of carrying 62,400 tons with the cargo being fed into seven compartments through 36 hatches. The vessel's self unloading system feeds a stern mounted loop belt elevator to a 260' discharge boom that can unload the vessel at a rate of up to 10,000 tons per hour. Other capacities include 580 tons of fuel oil and 45,069 tons of ballast water.

The George A. Stinson has an interesting safety record. Only three months into her career on the Great Lakes, she struck a wall of the Poe Lock at Sault Ste. Marie, MI, causing an estimated \$200,000 in damages. While operating later into her first season, on January 23, 1979, the vessel became stuck in ice north of Port Huron, MI, on Lake Huron. Later, on April 17, 1983, the self unloading boom collapsed due to a mechanical failure while unloading at Detroit. She continued operating as a "straight decker" until the boom was replaced on September 20, 1983, at Sturgeon Bay, WI. April 20, 1984, saw the Stinson aground in the St. Clair River near Marine City, MI, due to an ice jam. Part of her cargo of iron ore pellets was lightered into the Paul H. Carnahan before she could be freed four days later. The vessel was also noted to have run aground while anchoring in heavy fog on September 5, 1996, off Gros Cap, Ontario, Canada.

Skar-Ore Corp., Cleveland, OH, assumed ownership of the vessel in 1986, then Stinson, Inc. in 1989 with M. A. Hanna Co. as agents for both owners. With Stinson, Inc. retaining ownership, the vessel was leased to Interlake Steamship Co. in March of 1992. Upon expiration of the lease in 1996, American Steamship Co., Williamsville, NY leased the George A. Stinson. The large self unloader, painted American Steamship colors displaying the National Steel red "N" just in front of her name on either side of her bow, operated on a dedicated basis for National Steel Co. carrying iron ore pellets from various upper lakes ports to its steel mill in Ecorse, MI until May, 2003. Even though the vessel was managed by American Steamship Co., the recently announced pooling of American Steamship and Oglebay Norton fleets (United Shipping Alliance, LLC) exempted the George A. Stinson due to the dedicated National Steel operation.

The George A. Stinson laid up in mid-May, 2003, following the purchase of National Steel by U.S. Steel thus leaving the large self unloader without a cargo contract. The vessel re-entered service on November 10, 2003, (with a freshly repainted bow after the removal of the red "N") upon being chartered by Great Lakes Transportation, Duluth, MN, for the remainder of the 2003 navigation season.

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In January, 2004 the Stinson entered lay-up at Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, WI. Among the winter projects was the renaming of the vessel. In late February, the George A. Stinson name was sandblasted off and the new name American Spirit was painted on. The new name honors "the spirit of the company's workers and the spirit of America" as stated by American Steamship Company's President and CEO Mr. Jerome K. Welsch during the naming ceremony at Sturgeon Bay. The self-unloader's new name was officially registered with the American Bureau of Shipping on March 15, 2004. The American Spirit is now owned, operated and managed by the American Steamship Co. of Williamsville, NY, a wholly owned subsidiary of GATX Corporation of Chicago, IL.



Taken from Great Lakes Vessel Features by George Wharton

2016 Lighthouse Tours
(Maximum 6 people per tour)

- Saturday June 18
- Saturday June 25
- Saturday July 2
- Saturday July 9
- Saturday July 16
- Saturday July 23
- Saturday July 30
- Saturday August 6
- Saturday August 13
- Saturday August 20
- Saturday August 27
- Saturday September 3

Contact: 906-430-8169

Email: Tours@drlps.com

Light Keeper Weekends
(Maximum 6 people per weekend)

- Friday June 17 – Sunday June 19
- Friday June 24 – Sunday June 26
- Sunday June 26 – Thursday June 29**
- Jewelry Workshop**
- Friday July 1 – Sunday July 3
- Friday July 8 – Sunday July 10
- Friday July 15 – Sunday July 17
- Friday July 22 – Sunday July 24
- Friday July 29 – Sunday July 31
- Friday August 5 – Sunday August 7
- Friday August 12 – Sunday August 14
- Friday August 19 – Sunday August 21
- Friday August 26 – Sunday August 28
- Friday September 2 – Sunday September 4

Contact: Dave Bardsley 906-493-6609

Email: Keepers@drlps.com



One of the duties of the keepers, helping people and supplies to the top of the light.



Beautiful sunsets, as well as sunrises, to be seen from the deck of the light.

17th Annual Evening Under the Stars

Friday July 8, 2016, 6PM

- \$150
- Includes
- Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres,
- Dinner and Dessert
- Music by Lise White and Friends
- Silent Auction
- Contact: Joe Henne 906-630-5093

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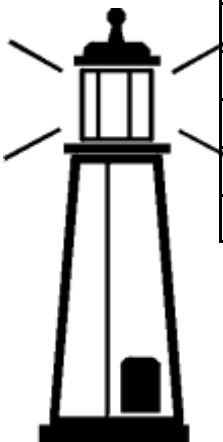
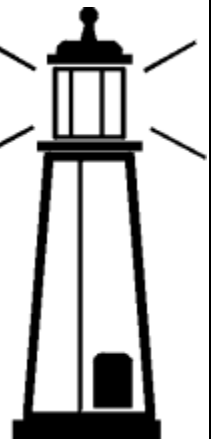
A discounted rate structure for tours of DeTour Reef Light was approved at the May 23, 2016 DRLPS Board and Chairperson meeting. Discounts of as much of \$160 are available for a group of six. Also approved was a price increase of \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Minimum participants for a tour are either two adults or one adult and two children. DRLPS will combine reservations to achieve the minimum number or reschedule the tour to achieve the minimum.

The tour price of \$75 members (\$95 non-members) has remained unchanged since 2005. To encourage families to visit the light children were given a 50% discount beginning in 2012. The guided tour covers all areas of the lighthouse and includes refreshments. The tour price includes the cost of hiring Captain Ivan Gable and his charter boat. Because some tours were made with only two or three people DRLPS has been losing money on the program.

The new rate structure tour price is \$80 members and \$100 nonmembers. (A membership of \$30 includes all in your household). To obtain a group discount, a single reservation must be made for the group. Discounting begins with groups of three adults or two adults and one child. Dollar discounting per individual increases as the group gets larger to the six person capacity of the charter boat

DeTour Reef Light Tour Pricing Effective May 23, 2016

		Members	Non-Members
1 adult		\$80	\$100
1 child		\$40	\$50
<i>Minimum for tour – 2 adults or 1 adult and 2 children. DRLPS will combine reservations to meet minimum</i>			
Group Pricing – single reservation			
3 adults	0 children	\$210	\$270
4 adults	0 children	\$260	\$320
5 adults	0 children	\$300	\$360
6 adults	0 children	\$330	\$410
2 adults	1 child	\$200	\$250
2 adults	2 children	\$240	\$300
2 adults	3 children	\$280	\$350
2 adults	4 children	\$320	\$400
3 adults	1 child	\$250	\$320
3 adults	2 children	\$290	\$370
3 adults	3 children	\$330	\$420
4 adults	1 child	\$300	\$370
4 adults	2 children	\$340	\$420
5 adults	1 child	\$340	\$420



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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	Each	Color	Size	Quantity	Total
1	Hat (khaki, yellow, red, gray) with Lighthouse Crest	\$15				
2	Visor with Lighthouse Crest (navy, tan)	\$10				
3	T-Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (evergreen, navy) - S, M, L, XL, 2XL—not all sizes/colors available	\$20				
4	Golf Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (Men's in black and navy, Ladies in red and sky blue—S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$32				
5	Denim Shirt with Lighthouse Crest (unisex—S, M, L, XL, 2XL)	\$39				
6	Crew Neck Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (stone, evergreen, navy) - S, L, XL, 2XL)	\$28				
7	Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt with Lighthouse Crest (navy, gray, forest green-S, M, L, XL, 2XL—not all sizes/colors available)	\$35				
8	Polar Fleece Zippered Vest (burnt orange-S, M, L, XL, XXL)	\$38				
9	DeTour Reef Light Counted Cross Stitch Kit 5"x7" designed by Hallie Wilson	\$10				
10	Plastic To-Go Mug with Society Logo	\$3				
11	Retro Ceramic Coffee Mug with line drawing of DeTour Reef Light circa 1931	\$10				
12	Embroidered patch of DeTour Reef Light-2 3/4 inch square	\$6				
13	DeTour Reef Light Collector's Pin-1 1/8 inch	\$6				
14	Note Pads w/Lighthouse Logo (pack of 3 — 50 sheets per pad)	\$2				
15	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - small	\$17				
16	Crystal Cube w/ internal 3D etching of DeTour Reef Light - large	\$22				
17	Lighthouse Model 3" Little Light of Mine by Harbour Lights	\$15				
18	DVD of the Lighthouse before/during/after restoration/keeper experience, 2 disc set	\$8				
19	1931 Limited Edition Lighthouse Window Pane (9 1/4 x 11 1/4 inch) w/Etching of Lighthouse (Does NOT include frame)	\$300				

Note: Not all combinations of color and size are available on above merchandise.



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DeTour Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society

DRLPS is a volunteer nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 1998 to restore and preserve the DeTour Reef Light. Donations are welcomed and are tax-deductible (EIN 38-3387252, MICS 27001).

The Light was automated in 1974. In 1997, the lighthouse was declared surplus property by the U. S. Coast Guard **due to sophisticated navigational systems aboard ships, and the Coast Guard's not having the funding to care for the structure** in accordance with historic preservation guidelines. In January 1998, local citizens joined together to save the Light.

The lighthouse was built in 1931, and proudly stands guard a mile offshore in northern Lake Huron at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. **The structure rises 83 feet above the water and 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 received the 2005 Governor's Award for excellence in historic preservation, and the Superior Award in 2006 from the Historical Society of Michigan. The DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2010 the DRLPS was designated a Preserve America Steward by First Lady Michelle Obama.

PURPOSE: the purpose of DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society is 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 lighthouse history; to enhance public awareness of the value this lighthouse and its keepers brought to our nation's development; to make the DeTour Reef Light a premier tourist attraction in Michigan's Upper Peninsula as the best example of a faithfully restored offshore lighthouse in the Nation; to provide the public safe access to the lighthouse; to raise awareness about the importance of volunteers in maintaining and preserving the DeTour Reef Light and the DRLPS for generations to come.

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