

# Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society Newsletter



## Life Saving Station Buildings Update

This is a day we have all been looking forward to. The installation of a new roof on the Captains house and covering of the open foundation between the captain's house and the boathouse is finally complete!!! The new roof on the outhouse will most likely be completed in the spring.

Many of the artifacts are being stored in the park until the buildings are restored and ready to be open to the public as an extension of our Lighthouse Park museum.

I want to thank everyone who assisted in this initial LSS project. I especially want to thank Tom Donnellon and the great County work crew for making sure we had all the equipment and supplies necessary for the project. Good job guys!

*Roger Affholter*

The preliminary engineering study has been completed on the Life Saving Station buildings and the report has been submitted to the County.

We are now getting ready to be able to apply by grant funds to assist us in restoring these buildings. We are looking for someone in our membership that has grant writing experience. Or, if you know of someone who is a grant writer, please ask them if they would be interested in working with us to secure grant funds. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Roger Affholter at (810) 705-0717 or Larry Becker at (586) 243-1838.

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## Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society—2018— A Great Year

This has been an exciting year for the Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society in Lighthouse County park as we have had a steady flow of visitors through the museum and grounds. We were able to complete a number of projects that have spiffed up the lighthouse an area. The tower has been painted for the first time in 11 years. The oil house was also painted. We have also made the grounds more visitor friendly with the addition of memorial benches donated by the families of Peg Damrau and Roger Earl Affholter. Friends of the lighthouse also donated a bench to be placed outside of the Gift Shop for the husbands of our shoppers! In addition, students at the Huron County Tech Center made a "bike" rack for our two wheeled visitors.

Tremendous support was provided by the Huron County Road Commission along with County and Park staff to make this year one to remember. Our annual festival was great again this year with kudos going out to Flight Care for flying in their helicopter and providing our visitors the opportunity to see and learn more about the important work they do. We had a lot of support from the Port Hope Firemen and the fine people from the AMVETS. We had over 60 volunteers to assist in all aspects of the festival including planning and execution of multiple tasks needed to run a successful festival. It is truly becoming a community effort! The Tower Climb has become a visitor favorite with the Society being able to add climbing days, again a result of our wonderful volunteers giving so much of their time. In addition, Lighthouse park has become a favorite spot for Geocachers with at least 6 geocaching

sites available for treasure hunting!!

New fund raising efforts have been instituted for the Pointe aux Barques Life Saving Station. The money raised will be utilized to install new roofing for the LSS. The first campaign provides for our friends and supporters to become a part of the crew of the LSS. \$100.00 makes you a captain; \$50.00 a Chief and \$25.00 a crewman. To place your name on our Sponsor Board, donations can be sent to Marolyn Becker % PABLS at PO Box 97, Port Hope, Michigan 48468. LSS cups are also available for a \$7 donation. Please make the notation "LSS Sponsor" on your check. The Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society wishes to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who provided a great number of hours to man the Gift Shop, put on the festival and complete all the maintenance projects required to continue to make the lighthouse the "Jewel of the Thumb".

You are all Awesome.



## Win a Ride to The Top of the Mackinac Bridge!

Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society was awarded a certificate for two people to ride and climb to the top of one of the towers on the Mackinac Bridge that we can use as a fundraiser. We will be raffling the certificate off at the May open meeting. The certificate allows the holder and one other person to go to top of one of the towers. An elevator takes you up to a 40-foot ladder which you climb to the observation deck at the top of the tower.

The winner will set a date with the bridge authority. Tickets will be available in December. They are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and a photographer's dream.

More information will be emailed to all members soon.

## 2019 Meetings

Mark your calendars! The meetings for the 2019 season will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. After the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be cleaning and getting the lighthouse museum ready to open. Please plan on staying and helping. Lunch will be provided.

Our membership meetings are open to the public, this is a great opportunity to see what is happening at the lighthouse and meet the board. Give us your ideas and suggestions. These meetings will be held at the lighthouse at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome.

## Brand New Website Coming

Laura Osminski is going to be our new webmaster and she is hard at work creating our new website. Watch for the new website to go live by January, 2019.

## Exciting New Lightkeeper's Program

We are working with the County to renovate the Assistant Lightkeeper's house and start a Lightkeeper Program for next year.

Charlie Vavricka of Port Hope headed up a committee to go through the house to determine what work projects needed to be completed before we can initiate the Lightkeeper's Program. Once the work is done, we want to furnish the house in circa 1930's period furniture. If you know a good source of vintage furnishings, please contact one of the Directors. We have a wonderful crew of hard workers who are ready to complete these projects to get the house ready for occupancy throughout the summer. More details about the program will be coming soon.

If you are interested in being part of the work crew, please contact Larry Becker at (586) 243-1838.

## Membership

We are kicking off our 2019 membership drive. We more than doubled our membership last year and would like to see another successful year. Please use the membership form at the end of the newsletter and return it to Marolyn Becker at the address at the bottom.

Remember to check off the areas you might be interested in volunteering. When you sign up to volunteer, we will work with your schedule be it once during the summer, weekly, monthly—whatever works with your schedule.



# Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society **FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

*proceeds towards the restoration of the Pointe aux Barques Life Saving Station*

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**Pure  
Michigan  
Adventure  
of a  
Lifetime!**

## **Mackinac Bridge Tower Tour** *for* **2**

**BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!**

**\$25 each — or — 5 for \$100**

To purchase tickets, visit us online at  
**[www.pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org](http://www.pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org)**

OR CALL

**810-705-0717 OR 586-243-1838**

DRAWING TO BE HELD:

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

11:30 a.m. - Noon *(need not be present to win)*

AT THE

**Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse**

7320 Lighthouse Rd., Port Hope, MI 48468



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## Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society **RAFFLE TICKET REQUEST FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_


City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please enclose (checks only) with your order  
made payable to PABLS – \$25.00 ea., or 5 for \$100.00*

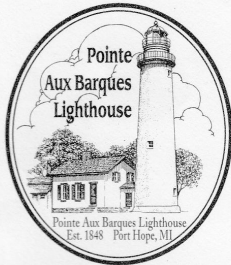


### **Mackinac Bridge** **Tower 2 Raffle** **Tour for**

Send Ticket Request to:

**ROGER AFFHOLTER**  
**168 COUNTRY BAY DR.**  
**PIGEON, MI 48755**

MI License No. X99663



## POINTE AUX BARQUES LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY

Friends Of  
Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society  
Membership Application

P.O. Box 97  
PORT HOPE, MI 48468

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership (circle one) **Single** **Family**

Note: Family has one vote, but both spouses are eligible to be members of the Board of Directors  
(but not to serve concurrently).

Circle One: **New Member** **Renewing Member**

Please mark all that may apply:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to pay my membership dues of \$25.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation of material or historical items.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute to on-site work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to assist with Tower Climb.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to assist with the Museum Store.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to assist with Lighthouse Festival.

Please make check out to PABLS and mail with this form to:

Pointe aux Barques Lighthouse Society  
Attention: PABLS Membership Chairman  
Marolyn Becker  
36839 Main Street  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

[www.pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org](http://www.pointeauxbarqueslighthouse.org)

OUR MISSION: The Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse Society exists to preserve the history of the lighthouse and surrounding waters of Lake Huron and to assist in maintaining and preserving the lighthouse buildings and grounds.

## **PABLS Board of Directors**

At the May Members' Meeting, several Directors were up for reelection. Since that time, we have had two more officers resign. Our current Board of Directors is as follows:

Larry Becker, Vice President and acting President  
 Roger Affholter, Treasurer and Liaison with Huron  
 County Commissioners  
 Janice Duerr, Secretary and Newsletter Publisher  
 Jim Iseler, Director and Finance Chairperson  
 Gary Gregg, Director  
 Joe Biggers, Director

We have formed a nominating committee. We have four open seats on the board that need to be filled. We will also be voting on all of the officer positions. If you are interested in running for the board, please contact Larry Becker at [marlarjim@att.net](mailto:marlarjim@att.net).

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