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Tanya Smart, President
Point Cabrillo
Lightkeepers
Association

Dear PCLK Volunteers, Friends
and Supporters,

As we hang our 2015 calendars, it seems appropriate to reflect and ponder on the past 12 months. Each year brings both trials and triumphs at Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park but 2014 seemed to be one for the record books. Together, we overcame challenges and celebrated victories. Each accomplishment was made possible by you, our amazing volunteers, friends and supporters.

A year ago, we were consumed with the news that the Coast Guard was considering decommissioning our beloved 3rd Order Fresnel Lens. A flurry of letters, e-mails, phone calls and consultations with lawmakers was enacted to urge the Coast Guard to allow us to continue to operate the Lens as a Private Aid to Navigation

Whale Festival 2015

March 7th, 8th, 21st and 22nd

Docent Trainings:

Lens Tour training/refreshers:

Saturday January 24th, 1 to 3pm.

Discover how the 3rd Order Fresnel Lens, Federal Aid to Navigation functions today and its history. Be a part of the team that helps with lens tours, a significant source of income for Point Cabrillo. Meet at the Lighthouse.

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Lighthouse History: Saturday

January 31st, 1 to 3 pm. Learn how to

interpret the history of our working Lighthouse. New and returning docents encouraged to attend. Meet at The First Assistant Lightkeeper's House (East House). Contact: Kath Disney-Nilson 937-3935 or seakath1@sbcglobal.net.

once they decommissioned it. Today, we rest easy in the knowledge that the Coast Guard decided to continue the partnership with the PCLK as is and that the Lens will remain a Federal Aid to Navigation.

Last summer we replaced the fences in front of the Lightkeeper's Houses and the roof on the Second Assistant Lightkeeper's House. Volunteers are still trying to get red paint out of their clothes after painting shingles at Steve and Kath's house. It was an amazing effort and the results have been spectacular. Replacing those fences with period Queen Anne pickets with their fresh white paint has been so transformative to the Station that it is hard to remember what it looked like before.

A flurry of activity, mostly on the part of Steve and Kath, enabled us to add the newly red-roofed Second Assistant Lightkeeper's Home to the vacation rental offerings that go to support all expenses at Point Cabrillo Light Station. Bookings have been healthy from the first weekend the house was open.

Our day to day accomplishments continued throughout the year. Retail Volunteers kept the Lighthouse and museums open 365 days and illuminated the natural and cultural history of Point Cabrillo for an estimated 34,000 visitors. Our Education Program staff met school busses full of eager learners who each

Frolic History: Saturday

February 7th, 10am to noon. Watch Chico State's film "Impact of the Frolic". Connect the history of the Frolic to its impact on Point Cabrillo, Mendocino and California. Meet at the First Assistant Lightkeeper's House (East House). Contact: Robert Becker 964-9630 or rbecker@cal.net.

First Assistant Lightkeeper's House

History: Saturday, February 7th, 1 to 3pm. Explore the history, restoration and stories of those that lived and worked at Point Cabrillo. Meet at The First Assistant Lightkeeper's House (East House). Contact: Ginny Wade at wwade@mcn.org.

If you want to attend both trainings on February 7th, bring a sack lunch for the break.

Whale Docent Training:

Saturday February 21st, 10am to 3pm. The Whales are coming and we need folks to point them out to visitors. If you want to be the person with all the answers or just learn more about whales, then come to the PCLK Whale Docent Training. This training will highlight the biology, physiology and current conservation issues surrounding the California Gray Whale as well as interpretive techniques for outdoor naturalists. Docents and naturalists from other groups are welcome to attend. Meet at The First Assistant Lightkeeper's House (East House). Bring a sack lunch. Contact:

took away a personal connection to this place. Marine Science volunteers and staff kept the aquarium and its residents healthy. We had a successful Whale Festival. We led lens tours and held concerts. We led tour groups on walks and talks. We had parties to celebrate our volunteers, and the lens. We do this every year to the point it may seem routine but each activity takes volunteers and supporters to make it happen.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank you for all the work you did this past year. Whether you are new to our organization or a volunteer with thousands of hours, please know that no accomplishment happens without you.

Sincerely,
Tanya Smart, President
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Marine Science Docent Training: Saturday February 28th, 10am to 3pm. A healthy ocean is very important to all life. If you volunteer to be a docent at our beautiful aquarium, you'll learn about local marine life, and how to discuss it with visitors. No experience necessary - just a love of nature.

Meet at The First Assistant Lightkeeper's House (East House), bring a sack lunch.

Contact: Sarah Grimes at zewa@mcn.org or Caroline Schooley 964-9460 or schooley@mcn.org.

Set Up: Help get Point Cabrillo Light Station ready for the Whales and their Watchers – contact admin@pointcabrillo.org for flexible dates and times.

POINT CABRILLO LIGHT STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK

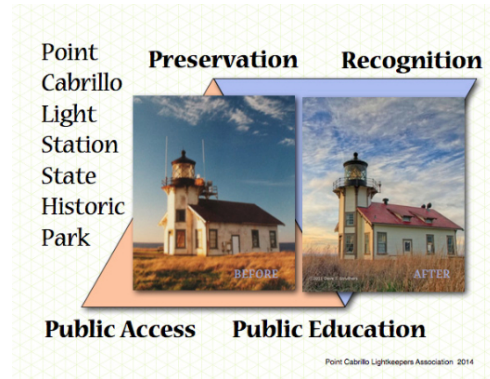


For their work on the gardens, many thanks to Nancy and Roger Thornburn

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