



## 4th Annual Jere Melo Volunteer Service Award

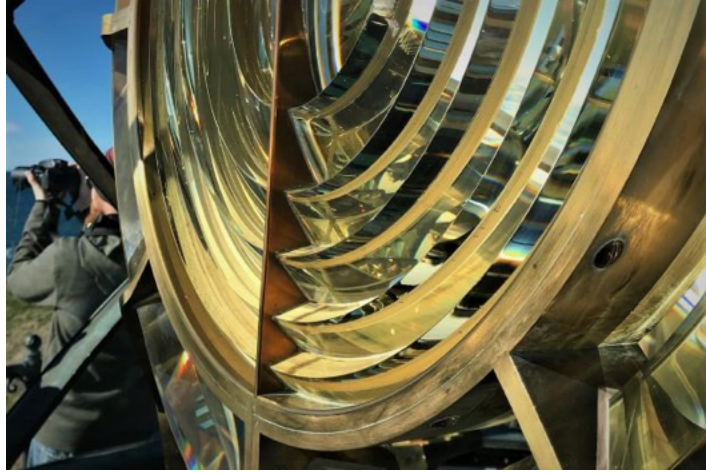
We are proud to announce that longtime volunteer Susan Collins has been given the [Jere Melo Volunteer Award](#), honoring outstanding volunteers in the Mendocino community. Susan has been an active volunteer at PCLK since 2007, accumulating more than 890 volunteer hours at the Lighthouse, along with countless hours at other local organizations and nonprofits.



Susan Collins is a delightful example of an individual pursuing her passion through service to others, and very deserving of this recognition. Join us in wishing her congratulations!

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## Upcoming Events at Point Cabrillo



**Lens Tours for  
Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo Day**  
*September 22nd*  
*10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

Please join the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 87, our modern lightkeepers, and the volunteers at Point Cabrillo Light Station for a unique opportunity to visit the Lantern Room and the beautifully restored operational 3rd order Fresnel lens.

Allow time for the half mile walk to the lighthouse, or drive down with the proper placard to park in front of the lightkeepers houses. Please note that children must be at least 42 inches tall to participate.

[Learn more on our website](#)



**Volunteers and Supporter  
Appreciation Barbecue**  
*October 7th*  
*12 p.m. - 3 p.m.*

Our annual Volunteer BBQ and Potluck is scheduled for the first Sunday in October! The PCLK chefs will fire up grills for hamburger, hot dog and veggie dog options. We will provide these with all the fixings, as well as a selection of beverages. Volunteers may bring side dishes, desserts or any other item they wish to share.

This is the opportunity for us to gather, celebrate and mingle as we recognize the amazing efforts you all bring to this magical place. This event is family friendly! If you know anyone interested in joining our volunteer ranks, bring them along. See you there.

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## Staff Updates from PCLK





### **Kath Disney Nilson**

#### *Retirement*

Kath Disney Nilson joined PCLK as a volunteer shortly after moving to in Mendocino in April 2005, and continued by serving as a Retail Docent until mid 2009 when she became Retail manager. Kath has been an invaluable member of the PCLK team, and we are sorry to see her go, but excited for her new adventures ahead!

Kath's efforts at shepherding retail during bleak financial times kept the PCLK alive and growing. The lens shines and the doors are open primarily due to the efforts of Kath and the team of docents that she recruited and managed. Kath did all this work as a volunteer, and we are beyond blessed to have her hard work and her heart in this organization. She put in more hours every month than anyone else, and made Point Cabrillo what it is today.



### **Jen Lewis**

#### *Introduction*

Jen Lewis is joining the PCLK team as our *Fundraising and Outreach Manager*. Jen has been volunteering at the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse as a gift shop docent for the two years she has lived along the Mendocino Coast. She brings a wealth of experience in marketing, retail and outreach, and we are very lucky to have her join our team.

In Jen's words:

*"I am beyond excited to be working with the Light Station and this amazing crew of volunteers. The docents and board members at the Point Cabrillo Light Station are some of the best people I've met in my life, and it is an honor to be able to work alongside this team. No one will really be able to fill Kath's shoes, but I will certainly do my best for this amazing place and all the wonderful people here."*

Kath will be continuing to serve as a retail docent, and if you see her around, tell her thank you for us!

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*P.S. Have you joined us on social media?*

*You can follow Point Cabrillo on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)! This is a great way to keep up-to-date on the latest events, wildlife sightings, and news from PCLK.*



"Safe Passage" a splendid [video](#) produced by MediaVectors Group.

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