



Meetings are on the 2nd Monday, every other month. Next meetings are June 11, August 13, and October 8, Held at North East Methodist Church. 7 p.m. Please come join us.

The Turkey Point Beacon

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SPRING TIME AT TURKEY POINT

On September 17th and 18th, 2011, Turkey Point participated in the Semi Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge.

We had light rain on Saturday and it was damp and dreary. But on Sunday, the sun came out and so did the Challengers. There were a total of 395 participants.

The challenge was dedicated in memory Dean Rice. Denise Rash created a book about the lighthouse. The book was also dedicated to Dean Rice. The books were a hit. If anyone is interested in a book, we have printed a second round of the book. They are still available for a \$3.00 donation. Please contact Dot Rice at 410-287-8170.

Plans for the 2013 Challenge have already been set. The dates are September 21 and 22, 2013. Hope to see you there.

GIFT SHOP

Over the winter, we were broken into twice. The first time the vandals broke into the gift shop and the lighthouse. There was damage to the gift shop and lighthouse. The second time only the gift shop was broken into. Thanks to the Park rangers for their help in securing the gift shop, both times.

This gave us an opportunity to reorganize the gift shop. A display case was donated to us by the North East Decoy Museum. We were able to use the wood from the bookshelves that were destroyed to make new shelves.

We really need **volunteers** to work in the gift shop. If you have a Saturday or Sunday to lend a hand, **Please** let us know. **This is our only source of income at this time.** If you can help, please call 410-287-8170 or email critz48@aol.com



New floor

SPRING TIME MAINTENANCE

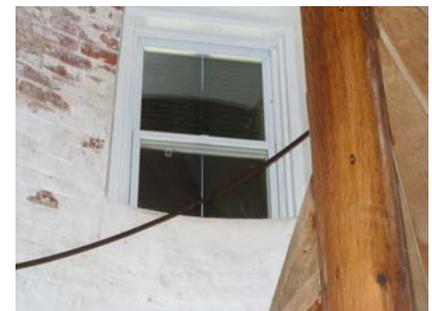
There is always maintenance to be done at the lighthouse, and this year was no exception.

There was a lot of moisture in the lighthouse and needed to come up with some solutions to reduce the moisture. After consulting with some experts and considering the options, our organization hired Ross Gibson once again to help us. He repaired the woodwork around the windows, as well as repaired the window that was damaged when the lighthouse was broke into. Then the steps were power washed, sanded and a sealer applied. Ross's team took out the brick on the floor, placed a liner underneath. He then replaced the brick back. They applied a sealer to protect the brick.

Moving outside, he removed the stone around the lighthouse and replaced a secondary soil. Member, Joe Carabetta then put top soil around the lighthouse and planted grass seed.



New Display Case in Gift shop



Repair and painted window.

As usual, we would like to update Our email and address list. If you have a new email or address. Please send to critz48@aol.com. Or call Dot Rice with any updates at 410-287-8170