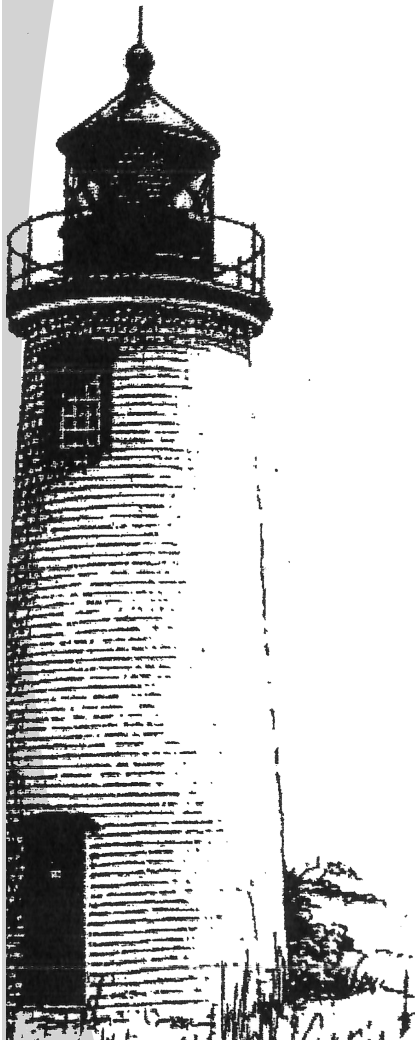


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# Friends of the Plum Island Light Summer, 2022 Newsletter

Warm summer greetings to all our members! We've had some exciting events at the Lighthouse this past year. Over the winter, a few of the Friends met in a small group to assemble content for an informational kiosk to be placed on the Lighthouse grounds. Board members Bill Cooper, Steve Atherton, Jenn Bogard and volunteer and founding member Ros Esposito combed through photos and stories that bring the Lighthouse to life. The team created a dynamic board in which content could be easily updated and/or replaced, making way for new content. The four members of the Kiosk Committee spent the winter pouring over old photographs and stories, editing and choosing just the right content.

Board member and PITA President Ron Barrett located a kiosk on the Island that we could re-purpose. The Kiosk Committee performed necessary repairs to install it in like-new condition in its permanent location on the Lighthouse

grounds. The site was selected after reviewing a mock-up moved to various corners of the property. Permitting was pursued from the Newburyport Conservation Commission and ultimately the posts were set in May. The content was added to the kiosk in early June just in time to usher in our Summer tours. The kiosk presents photos and stories as well as an instructive timeline of the history of our tower. We are pleased to be able to tell our story on site in this timeless, classic way.

Thank you to the family of Jim and Pat Frye for their generous donation toward this project.

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We have a website! The Friends are thankful to Board member Jenn Bogard who assembled a web presence for us. The site provides a history of the Light and our group and provides an opportunity to sign up for one of our monthly summer openings or download a brick order form. You'll be pleased with the new look. We hope you enjoy the website and our new look.

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### Winter Happenings

The Kiosk will remain as a tribute to these founding members for generations to come. We hope you will love it as much as we do!

Last, we offer our sympathies to the family of founding member Barbara Woods, who passed away this past March in Newburyport. We take this moment to recognize her service and all those who contributed in her name.

### 2022 Open House Schedule

The Friends have opted for 4 scheduled openings this year. The new calendar better utilizes active volunteers and follows a regular schedule of opening every second

Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
11	9	13	10

Saturday of the summer months.

The Friends kicked off the 2022 monthly open house series on June 11th. This year we opted for tours by appointment, with openings available every 15 minutes from 10am to 1pm on the scheduled days. On this event, we had over 80 people through the door. Feedback was excellent. We heard that people greatly appreciated the opportunity for a personalized tour, with ample time to take in the interior and enjoy the views from the catwalk. We encourage anyone interested to please visit our website and click the Tours section to sign up for a 15-minute block. See you at the Light!

One of the things we look forward to every year is the opportunity to say hello to all of the people who stop by our booth at the Annual PITA Christmas Fair. Each purchase of a pillow, book, hat, ornament, blanket, or other item helps to preserve and restore the lighthouse over time. Thank you for making this experience such a successful one. Between sales and donations, we were able to add more than \$1,000 to the preservation fund. We are so grateful.

The Friends were privileged to participate in a Holiday fundraiser this year, adding color to the Tower during the winter months. The lighthouse was dressed in it's holiday best, adorned with decorations provided by the Anna Jaques Aid Association, including a table set in a nautical theme and a small skiff with lights and gifts. A wreath of tiny shells hung on the door of the lighthouse and welcomed all.

Visitors included small groups and individuals from near and far, and each person was thrilled to find the open door. Hanging on the inside wall of our tower is a photograph that dates back to 1898 and depicts a scene of the transference of the lantern and lens from the original, octagonal tower to the present structure. Six-year-old Finnegan viewed the photograph with curiosity, and upon leaving, he said of the transfer, "I like that I learned the lightbulb never broke." His mom, Hayley, noted "I grew up here, and I'd never been in a lighthouse before!" It was a wonderful afternoon and holiday tour.

### COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER FORM

To order a personalized commemorative brick please complete the form below and mail along with a check for \$75 per brick to: Friends of the Plum Island Light. PO Box 381, Newburyport, MA 01950

Bricks are engraved with your inscription, using all upper case monument style lettering and then highlighted with a special durable black resin. After the order has been received they will be incorporated into the walkway around the lighthouse on a timely basis, weather permitting.

Inscription guidelines:

The inscription on the brick may have up to 3 (three) lines with 14 (fourteen) available spaces per line. Letters, numbers, punctuation marks and blank spaces all count as one space used per line. All type is upper case. We reserve the right to reject any inscription copy we feel is inappropriate.

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