

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIGHTING OF THE 1859 CAPE LOOKOUT LIGHTHOUSE

On the evening of November 1, 1859, Lighthouse Keeper John Royal climbed the 216 steps to the lantern carrying a 5 gallon container of whale oil. Carefully stepping inside the giant glass lens, Keeper Royal filled the lamp with oil and installed and carefully trimmed the wicks. Then at sunset Keeper Royal lit the lamp and the new Cape Lookout Lighthouse shone its light out to sea for the first time.

For 150 years the Cape Lookout Lighthouse has faithfully warned ships of the location of the Cape Lookout Shoals. Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the lighthouse.

** Please call 252-728-2250 for information updates and times.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

October 2009 Dates & Locations to Be Announced (Open to the Public)

- ❖ **Art Exhibition** at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center on Harkers Island. There will be juried exhibit of paintings and photos of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse and a separate children's exhibition will feature art work from the local schools. **
- ❖ **Lecture Program Series** (to be announced) on the Lighthouse, Lifesavers, etc.. **

October 10, 2009 Saturday Day at the Lighthouse (Open to the Public)

❖ **150th Anniversary Celebration**

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| 10:00 AM | Activities Begin at the Lighthouse:
Special Lighthouse Programs, Children's programs
Costumed Keepers
Meet Descendents
Music on the Keepers' Quarters porch
Atlantic Beach Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes and Drums
U.S. Coast Guard Vessel & Boarding
The Cape Lookout Station Post Office is Re-opened for the Day |
| 1:00 PM | Special Program to Recognize the Lighthouse Keepers', Descendants, and Others |
| 2:00 PM | Lighthouse Birthday Cake is Served (open to all)
U.S. Coast Guard Aerial Display |
| 3:00 PM | End of Day |

Rain / High Wind Date: In case of rain or high winds – the event ceremonies will be held at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center located on Harkers Island.

October 10, 2009 Saturday Night at Harkers Island (By Invitation Only)

- ❖ **Descendents' Reunion and Special Program** at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center by invitation. (6:30 PM until 9:30 PM)

November 1, 2009 Sunday at Harkers Island (Open to the Public)

- ❖ **Culmination of Art Exhibits** at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center with a special reception open to the public in the afternoon. **
- ❖ **Ceremonial Re-Lighting of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse:** A re-lighting of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse will occur with a special ceremony at Shell Point at dusk. **