

MLA E-Newsletter April 2008

Hello Everyone,

Spring has arrived to many parts of lower Michigan, but some places such as in the UP, winter is just finishing up as the last of the snow storms hopefully and the last of the ice pack is melting in the harbors. The upcoming Great Lakes Regional Lighthouse Conference is upon us and **early registration deadline has been extended to April 30th** because of some magazine coverage that was late in getting published announcing the conference. You can still register at the early bird rates right now and we encourage those who haven't registered to do so now. Also, please remember to reserve your hotel rooms. We experienced an error with the web site in the payment acceptance method and the PayPal links for the conference and Saturday Inland Seas boat trip. Both of those payment methods are online and working. To make a long story short, newer web hosting services combined with older web development programs gave way to incompatibility, but the problem has been solved at this time. You can now pay with a credit card through the MLA payment buttons on the web site. For those that are not allowed to use PayPal through some government agencies, we have a way to process credit card payments manually. Please click on Sally's contact name here [Sally Frye](#) for more information via e-mail on manually processing a credit card payment. Previous MLA newsletters are available online from the MLA web site, so if you missed a past communication, please see the web site for more information. We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

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1. Great Lighthouse Conference, June 11-13, 2008:

Conference Registration deadline extended to April 30th! Don't forget to register now for the June lighthouse conference as room rates and discounts are about to expire. Plans are finalized and the last of the conference details are coming together for this exciting conference. The MLA has worked hard to pull various resources from all aspects of lighthouse preservation together to make this a conference to remember. The conference goal is to give you the tools and knowledge you need to "Preserve Today's Lighthouses for Tomorrow's Generations." Anyone that is involved or thinking of getting involved in lighthouse preservation will find this conference a must. There are very few lighthouse conferences where information is shared and conference usually they take place several years apart, so now is the time to attend this one.

The conference takes place in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan at the Park Place Hotel. We have kept room rates low by reserving a number of them for the conference at three local hotels. The hotels are: Park Place-cost \$129 (through April 18), Holiday Inn West Bay-cost \$119 (through May 1) Bayshore Resort-cost \$123, these blocks of rooms are on a first come basis just as a reminder. Be sure to tell them you are with the **Lighthouse Conference** when you register.

The full conference information, including conference registration, Inland Seas schooner sail boat trip and hotel information can be found on our website: www.michiganlighthousealliance.org. The conference brochure is an attachment to this e-mail. You can also call or email Sally Frye at lighthsesally@charter.net or (231)590-4004 if you have questions or wish more information. Again, we look forward to seeing everyone there!

2. JELD-WEN Launches Public Campaign to Help Restore the Nation's Most Reliable Lighthouse:

This program continues with JELD-WEN another year and is a great opportunity for the entire lighthouse community and proves just how much private business can care and contribute toward lighthouse restoration. It is something they do to give back and provide support for us. So circle your wagons, nominate your lighthouse and get as many people to vote as you can when the time comes, obviously the more support the better. Please see their press release below for more information on this wonderful opportunity they provide the lighthouse community.

March 19, 2008

CAST A NOMINATION FOR LIGHTHOUSES

JELD-WEN Launches Public Campaign to Help Restore the Nation's Most Reliable Lighthouse

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. – The nation's attention is focused squarely on the big election of 2008. Who will be the top candidates – the contenders that shine brightest, the ones with the most character, or the ones with the longest history?

Questions such as these will be answered as JELD-WEN Windows & Doors launches a major public campaign to select the nation's most reliable lighthouse for 2008. The company is calling for the public to nominate worthy lighthouse candidates in need of new windows and doors for their restoration efforts. The winning site will receive a window and door makeover from JELD-WEN.

"It's bound to be a tough race this year; there are so many worthy candidates," said Lynne Butterworth, campaign manager for the JELD-WEN Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative. "We're working hard to reach and rally lighthouse lovers, historic preservation enthusiasts, architecture fans and lighthouse communities to cast their nominations for the big 2008 decision."

Whether it's a red state or a blue state, every nomination counts. People can nominate their favorite lighthouse in need of new windows and doors by visiting www.jeld-wen.com/lighthouse before May 18 and answering a few simple questions. Operators of the nominated lighthouses will be invited to provide more detailed information about their restoration programs. Later this summer, the top nominees will be posted on www.jeld-wen.com and the public will be called upon to vote for their favorite lighthouse finalists.

Finding the worthy successor

From coast to coast, stretching all the way to Alaska and Hawaii, there are more than 670 lighthouses in the United States, according to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Many are challenged by

extreme weather conditions and lack funding for restoration efforts to properly protect and maintain their structures.

The JELD-WEN Reliable Lighthouse Restoration Initiative began in 2005 as a way to preserve these beloved U.S. landmarks with the latest in window and door technology, and help restore the original architecture and performance of the historic structures. The lighthouse selected for 2008 will be following in the footsteps of three impressive lighthouses: Umpqua River Lighthouse on Oregon's southern coastline, Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse in Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay, and Wind Point Lighthouse in Wisconsin on the shore of Lake Michigan.

Royal treatment for the winning candidate

The lighthouse candidate selected as the 2008 winner will receive new JELD-WEN® [wood windows](#) and [fiberglass doors](#) featuring the latest technology advancements such as AuraLast® wood to protect against harsh weather while preserving the lighthouse's unique architectural style.

“JELD-WEN windows and doors feature some of the industry's most innovative technology,” said Butterworth. “Our lighthouse initiative proves the performance capability of our products in even the most extreme climates, while at the same time underscoring the importance of historic preservation.”

About JELD-WEN

JELD-WEN, Inc. is the world's leading manufacturer of reliable windows and doors. Based in Klamath Falls, Ore., JELD-WEN began as a small Oregon millwork plant with 15 employees in 1960 and has grown to more than 20,000 employees in nearly 150 locations worldwide. Today the company manufactures a full breadth of windows, doors and garage doors, and has earned numerous awards and endorsements for reliability, innovation and excellence. For more information about the exceptional value and reliability of JELD-WEN® products, or to find a dealer near you, please visit www.jeld-wen.com or call 800-877-9482, ext. PR036.

3. 'Save Our Lights' License Plates Generate \$215,800 for Projects at Eight Historic Michigan Lighthouses:

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LANSING - Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director Dr. William Anderson and Michigan Historical Center Director Sandra Clark today announced more than \$215,800 in 2008 lighthouse preservation grants to eight organizations.

The Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, is funded by proceeds from the sale of the "Save our Lights" license plate. Lighthouse grants are given to state and local governments or nonprofit organizations that are maintaining or restoring a lighthouse. Recipients must provide

50 percent of the grant award as matching funds. Since the program's inception in 2000, more than \$1 million has been awarded.

"With more lighthouses than any other state in the nation, Michigan has an opportunity to build upon these communities' character and unique sense of place," said Dr. Anderson. "Each 'Save Our Lights' license plate that you see on the road represents a commitment by that car owner to the preservation of the picturesque lighthouses that help define the Great Lake State."

Clark added, "Whether perched on a small island in the middle of Lake Huron, or high on a bluff overlooking Lake Superior, these beacons are preserved through the hard work and dedication of our grant recipients. The lighthouse people are committed to maintaining some of our most remote and important structures."

The Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program was established to assist in the preservation, rehabilitation and protection of lighthouses in Michigan. The program arose from a concern about the disposal of over 70 lighthouses in Michigan by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Fiscal Year 2008 Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grant recipients include the following projects. These awards are pending approval of the State Administrative Board.

-\$39,800 - Charlevoix Historical Society - Charlevoix South Pier Lighthouse Phase II of the rehabilitation of the exterior will include rust removal and paint preparation work, including lead paint abatement and repainting. This is the third MLAP grant for this lighthouse.

-\$20,000 - DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society - DeTour Reef Light Station – The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society has received \$105,000 in Michigan Lighthouse Assistance grants in five previous awards. The society has already completed a major rehabilitation of the lighthouse. This project will rehabilitate the diaphone foghorn system, including the procurement of tanks, valves, non-functional diaphone, housing and piping and a compressor.

-\$40,000 - Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum - Grand Traverse Light Station
The Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum will use its third MLAP grant to replace windows in the lighthouse and fog signal building with historically correct wood windows.

-\$21,000 - Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association - Cheboygan River
Front Range Light
The GLLKA will use this second MLAP grant to reinforce the deteriorated timber frame, repair damaged windowsill at lantern, and restore the lantern room exterior and the walkway surface of the observation deck.

-\$9,000 - Peninsula Township - Old Mission Point Lighthouse
Peninsula Township will use the grant funds to repair the lighthouse fascia and soffit, reroof and paint the catwalk, and pay for scaffolding rental.

-\$40,000 - Ontonagon County Historical Society - Ontonagon Harbor Lighthouse

MLAP grants funded a Historic Structures Report in 2000, and plans and specifications in 2006. The 2008 grant will be used to perform masonry repairs on the Keeper's Dwelling, Privy and Oil House as specified in the previous projects.

-\$6,000 - Delta County Historical Society - Sand Point Lighthouse

The Delta County Historical Society will hire an architect to prepare plans and specifications for directing water away from the masonry base and walls of the lighthouse in addition to partially rebuilding and repainting the chimney.

-\$40,000 - Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society - Whitefish Point Light Tower

This project will include stripping the paint from the light tower, doing lead paint abatement, and priming and painting the tower.

Michigan residents can support the preservation of Michigan's lighthouses by purchasing "Save Our Lights" license plates through the Secretary of State. The first year adds an additional \$35 to the regular registration fee, and reduces to a \$10 fee in subsequent years.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) assists in the identification, rehabilitation and interpretation of Michigan's historic resources. SHPO is a division of the Michigan Historical Center, part of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Dedicated to enriching quality of life and strengthening the economy by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity, HAL also includes the Library of Michigan, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Film Office. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

All of your comments are important to the success of the MLA. Your participation in the upcoming conference will help ensure the future success of Michigan's lighthouses. You may contact [John Gronberg](#) or [Jeff Shook](#) for any questions or comments. Thanks for all your help and continued support.

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