

Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse



New Windows Coming

A big improvement underway for spring 2023 will be a set of new windows for the lighthouse. Barry Nelson has made the windows, and new hardware which matches the original. They will be installed next year. Thank you to Barry and Jim Schaller for their time and skill.

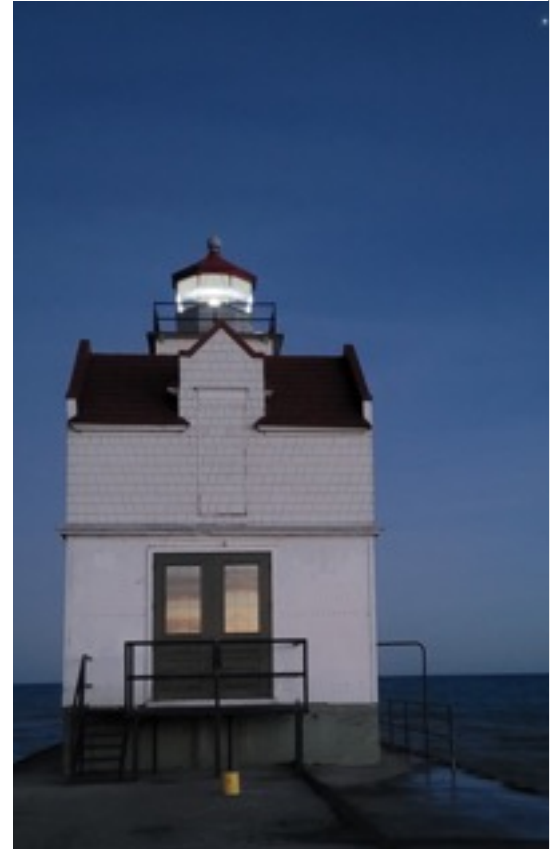


New Lighting, repairs

The Lighthouse looks so impressive now, but soon there will be new interior lighting on several levels, and when it shines out of the new windows next year, the nighttime picture will be spectacular! Thank you to Dan Jerabek and Jim for their time and expertise as they will check the current wiring and install new lights. In addition, a new exterior steel belt is being installed between the foundation and first floor, to further protect from the elements.

Visitors, volunteers and interest

This past summer has been successful for visitors to the Lighthouse. We had an average of over 200 people touring each open day, and we were generally very fortunate to have good weather. We also have new members, and new volunteers.



In November, the Friends of the Lighthouse had a small table at the Christkindlmarkt in Lakehaven Hall. We sold some mugs and sweatshirts, but also answered a lot of questions, and it was a good way to publicize the good things that are happening. Thank you to ALL our volunteers!

Lighthouse Tour Dates in 2023

(To be decided). They will be in the spring 2023 newsletter, and also on our website at kewauneepierheadlighthouse.org.

(Lighthouse picture courtesy of Nina Bendre)



Membership Information

There are different levels of membership to the Friends Of the Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse.

\$30/year
Individual

\$50/year
Family – Covers two adults and dependent children

\$250/year
Family with Endowment Donation

\$500 Individual Lifetime

To join or renew your membership, visit the membership tab on the Friends' website at

kewauneepierheadlighthouse.org

Paver Bricks can also be a way to honor or remember someone with a donation to the Lighthouse, from \$250 - \$1000. Check the website for details.

Friends Meetings

After a gap of some years during COVID, the Friends of the Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse have resumed their regular meetings. Our first was held at the end of October, and the next meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th at 5:00 pm in the History Center, 217 Ellis Street, Kewaunee. You are welcome to attend! There are many important decisions regarding the future restoration and upkeep of the lighthouse, and we need the input and participation of members and volunteers as we move forward.



Some New Items from our store

Lighthouse sweatshirt



Lighthouse mug



Goodnight Wisconsin book, featuring our own Kewaunee Lighthouse!

Items coming soon

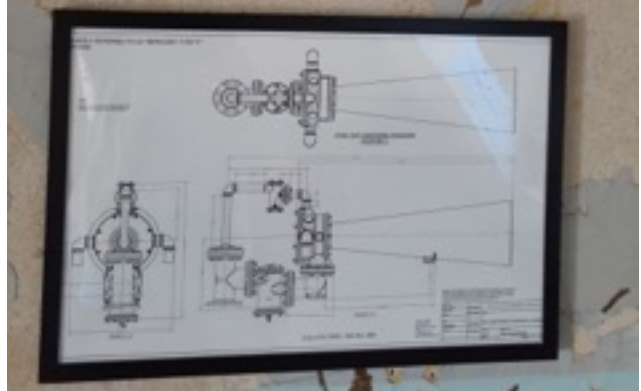
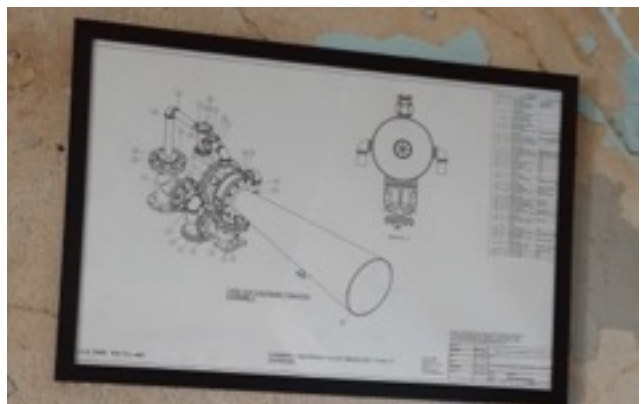
Baseball hats

Lighthouse Wine (from Cold Country Wines and Vines)

Displays inside the Lighthouse this summer



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, money, skills and interest to make this year so successful! We have exciting plans to improve our inside presentation for 2023. Let us know if you are interested in helping!



History Corner - Kewaunee's Early Maritime History

(This is the earliest reference to the Lighthouse I have found so far, in the local paper archives.)

From the Kewaunee Enterprise 8/3/1859

APPROPRIATION FOR LIGHT HOUSES ON THE LAKES.

government has made appropriations for Light Houses on the Lakes as follows:

New York—For a beacon light on one of the Sister's Islands, in the St. Lawrence River, below Alexandria Bay, four thousand dollars. For repairing and securing the pier connected with the lighthouse at Oswego, so as to prevent the destruction of said lighthouse, ten thousand dollars.

Michigan—For a lighthouse on the north point of the peninsula dividing Grand Traverse Bay, six thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse on the east side of Middle island harbor, West Marquette, five thousand dollars.

To repair the lighthouse pier at Vermillion, Ohio, five thousand dollars.

Wisconsin—For a lighthouse on Green Island, or one of the adjacent islands. Green Bay, six thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse on Raspberry island, One of the Apostle Islands, Lake Superior, six thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at the mouth of the Kewaunee River, Lake Michigan, six thousand dollars.

Minnesota—For a lighthouse at or near the south of Two Island River, Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.



Schooner with lumber

Pictures of schooners on the Great Lakes 1815, courtesy of the Wenzel Seyk Collection 12/2005

Two-masted schooner

