

# Lighthouse Flash Summer 2020



## News, updates and ways to support the Lighthouse

*By Michael J. Sullivan, Executive Director*

As you can see from the beautiful photograph above of the Lighthouse grounds, we have had a spectacular summer, weather wise, but the Lighthouse, gift shop and grounds have been way too quiet. There are no families arriving with children anxious to climb to the top of the tower. There are no smiling volunteers arriving daily who are anxious to greet guests and to talk about our incredible maritime history. There are no more questions on where is the best place for lunch (Sara's our favorite). And, last but not least, is there an elevator to the top of the tower? (NO). But...we have been very busy.

The summer of 2020 has been a season like no other. Since our doors are closed to guests and volunteers, we wanted to stay connected with our friends. Thank you to all who have participated in our Summer 2020 Contests. The following is a list of our winners.

1. Sue Lee – guessed the correct number of beach glass in the jar.
2. The "Rock Painting Contest" had two winners. Tracy Sethman, from Smethport, PA, in the adult category, and Deana Tayman in the under 12 group.
3. The "Poetry Contest" had two winners. Linda Stolarski and Karen Borland each wrote a poem with a beach and lighthouse theme.
4. Annamaria Pahi, from Chicago IL, won the "Photo Contest" with a photo of her children at the North Pier Light.
5. "I'm Puzzled" was won by Will Vitanyi III.
6. The sixth contest was a "Scavenger Hunt" with facts that had to be found on our webpage. Carly Brigaman, whose grandmother was born here at the PI Lighthouse, was the winner.

Congratulation to all our winners and thank you for all who participated.

## Ways to Support the Lighthouse

By the time you read this newsletter our online gift shop should be up and running. Please visit our website at [www.presqueisleighthouse.org](http://www.presqueisleighthouse.org) to see some exciting items for sale items. There will be a nice variety of items, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, books and souvenirs. Please help to support our latest endeavor.

## Other Ways to Support the Lighthouse



### Keep the Light Shining

These commemorative shirts can be ordered From July 25 thru August 21. All orders will be placed at the end of this 30 day period and will be mailed out approximately two weeks from the order date. Curbside pickup will also be available and dates and times for pickup will be posted. Please go to our website [www.Presqueislelighthouse.Org](http://www.Presqueislelighthouse.Org), select a tee shirt and hit the “Buy Now” button.



### Erie Gives Day – August 11, 2020 – 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Please, if possible, try to support the Lighthouse on Erie Gives Day. The Erie Community Foundation and sponsors will enhance donors’ gifts by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

### Purchase a License Plate

For each license plate purchased, the Lighthouse Education and Restoration Program will receive \$20.00. Go online at [www.presqueislelighthouse.org](http://www.presqueislelighthouse.org) to print an application form.



A thank you goes out to the United States Lighthouse Society as we were one of 23 lighthouses across the country to receive a \$1,000 “emergency relief” grant. This grant was awarded to us to take care of pressing operational needs given the COVID-19 pandemic and our reduced source of income for our season.

How many ways can you say “thank you”. The lantern room has been getting some much needed TLC, thanks to volunteer Mary Ann Schenck. Mary Ann has painted the entire lantern room, the outdoor deck, the stairs (2 coats) and the pedestal has a beautiful new coat of red paint. This was a huge undertaking and the tower has never looked better.



## Thank you in advance for your continued support