

# NEWS FLASH

## Burnt Island Light

December 2021

Photo by David Zapatka

### BICENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATIONS

**August 19, 2021**

Honored Jamie Wyeth, Former Keepers, Donors, and Volunteers

**November 9, 2021**

Honored Burnt Island Light 's 200 years of service to mariners

On November 9, 1821, Keeper Joshua Cushing climbed the spiral stairs of the Burnt Island Lighthouse to illuminate it for the very first time. In the lantern-room, he filled ten Lewis lamps with whale oil and lit them to produce a guiding light for mariners to safely enter Boothbay Harbor.

On November 9, 2021, former keepers returned home to Burnt Island to relight the beacon on the night of its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, while community members gathered at the Spruce Point Inn to provide the countdown and enjoy activities, student artworks and a spectacular fireworks display.



### Lighthouse Preservation Award

Presented to Artist Jamie Wyeth by Elaine Jones & Governor Mills.



Credits Lincoln County News photographer Bisi Cameron Yee and John Kenealy



USCG Capt. Amy Florentino and Former Keepers Randy Griffing, Hank Sieg & Paul Kelly  
(Photo by Robert Mitchell)

"Burnt Island Lighthouse has become a model of the sustainable use and preservation of a cultural and natural heritage asset and a beacon for those seeking knowledge and inspiration from the sea."

Governor Janet T. Mills

*Keepers of the Burnt Island Light* plan on continued involvement in maintaining the historic site and offering educational programs, public tours, and recreational opportunities into the future.

The three Burnt Island lighthouse keepers (pictured above) and Steve McCullough, son of former keeper James McCullough, have offered to return in 2022 to

educate and entertain visitors who come ashore during the months of July and August.

They all have unique, personal stories to share about their life at the Burnt Island Light Station from erecting the tire swing to dealing with the ghost. Their true stories and real-life events promise to bring a new dimension to your Burnt Island experience.



Thanks to YOUR support, Burnt Island's historic buildings were totally restored in 2020 with new roofs, windows, trim boards, sill repairs, and siding to the dwelling and shed, while the 1821 rubble-stone tower was completely restored from replacement of mortar between its granite blocks to refurbishing the lantern-room inside and out. An in-depth report of the restoration can be viewed on our website at: <https://keepersofburntislandlight.com> and it also includes a historic summary of the Burnt Island Light Station and documentation used to restore it to the 1950's era. The project extended into late October, so finishing touches of interior painting and grounds-work weren't completed until this spring. Volunteers joined our organization's board members in accomplishing these tasks in time for our 2021 open house events and bicentennial celebrations.



Libby Zipperer



Matt Lindemann & Adam Smart



Jean McKay



Volunteers Cliff and Roma Hoyt

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### ANNUAL APPEAL

As a result of cost overruns and unexpected "surprises," the \$500,000 restoration project pretty much drained our account. However, with generous donors like you, we can achieve new goals that assist the Department of Marine Resources in meeting their public use objectives for 2022 and benefit all visitors who come ashore.

Your gift will allow our organization to address its greatest need - a vessel to transport materials, our volunteers and ourselves to and from the island. It requires the acquisition or purchase of a boat to alleviate our dependence upon the state. Every contribution, however large or small, powers our mission and sustains Burnt Island's future. We truly appreciate your support and thank you in advance for your end-of-year, tax-deductible donation for this purpose.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HOPE TO SEE YOU ON BURNT ISLAND IN 2022!**



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