



# STAMP FLASHES

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## Lighthouses and Leaf Peeping

As the leaves begin to fall and temperatures drop, the lighthouse passport stamp hunting season winds down in the north and east. However, lighthouses in California, Florida and other warmer climates will still be open for business and ready to stamp your passport books. The fall is a great time to visit lighthouses as the crowds of the summer dwindle and it is easier to get a picture that doesn't require knowledge of Photoshop to eliminate unwanted photo bombs! Check out the updated two page summary of participating locations at:

[https://uslhs.org/sites/default/files/assets/full\\_page\\_mini\\_list.pdf](https://uslhs.org/sites/default/files/assets/full_page_mini_list.pdf)

Also, we are attaching an updated version of our frequently asked questions, which we hope will provide some answers to the most common inquiries we receive.

## Award Patches & Hall of Fame Listings

A lot of lighthouse lovers have joined the Passport Club in recent months and many have also submitted their passports in order to receive their award patches and be added to the Hall of Fame listing. For those of you who are waiting for patches or recognition, please be patient. Our limited volunteer staff is doing their best to keep up with demand. The latest batch of awards will be in the mail by the end of the month and the Hall of Fame will be updated soon.

## New Stamps

### Metropolis Lighthouse (Hope Light), IL

The world's first lighthouse designed for, built for and dedicated to the fight against cancer was officially lit on November 5, 2014. The 30 foot tall light which overlooks the Ohio River in Metropolis, Illinois, is the nation's first "Beacon of Hope" for cancer patients and survivors. The lighthouse was constructed entirely using donated funding and pro bono labor, services and supplies. The main purpose of the lighthouse is to promote early cancer detection and navigate people to various resources that identify cancer signs and symptoms and where to go for help. In support of this worthy cause, the Society has created a passport stamp for this unique lighthouse that will be available at the Chamber of Commerce, 607 Market St, Metropolis, IL 62960, (618) 524-2714. All donations will be forwarded to the Hope Light Foundation. Walkway bricks are also available providing an opportunity to memorialize a family member or friend affected by cancer. More information is available at:

<http://www.hopelightproject.com/>.



### Lighthouse Tender Lilac, NY

A new stamp is available at the vessel which is located at Hudson River Park's Pier 25, N. Moore and West Streets, New York, NY, 10013. The ship is open to the public regularly from

4-7 pm on Thursdays and 2-7 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.  
[www.lilacpreservationproject.org](http://www.lilacpreservationproject.org)

### **Skunk Bay Lighthouse, WA**

This is a private residence, but the light can be viewed from the road near Hansville, WA. Stamp is located at the USLHS Headquarters, 9005 Point No Point Rd NE, Hansville, WA 98340. 415-362-7255. M-F, 9:30-4. Stamp is also available by mail with photo, donation and SASE.



### **Alki Point, WA**

A newly designed stamp is available at the lighthouse during tours. Tours provided most Sat & Sun, 1-4 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day. 3201 Alki Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116. Any requests for information all year long or for stamps during off season should be sent by email to: [alkilighthouse@cgauxseattle.org](mailto:alkilighthouse@cgauxseattle.org). Please do not mail requests of any type to the street address of the lighthouse. Website: [www.cgauxseattle.org](http://www.cgauxseattle.org)

### **Old Fort Niagara, NY**

A new stamp has been created for the Old Fort Niagara Lighthouse. It is available at the Fort Niagara Visitor's Center or inside the lighthouse when open. Old Fort Niagara Association, Inc., PO Box 169; Youngstown, NY 14174-0169; (716) 745-7611. Website: [oldfortniagara.org](http://oldfortniagara.org)



### **USLHS Bulletin**

All Passport Club members will be receiving a copy of the Society's latest Bulletin for several reasons. It contains information on our tours for 2016 which will visit lighthouses from the beaches of Southern California to the fiords of Norway. These tours provide a great opportunity to reach difficult to access lighthouses, in addition to adding a bunch of stamps to your collection. The Bulletin also contains an article about super stamp collector, James Hill. Check out his tips on how to get more stamps. Finally, you will have an opportunity to help raise some funds for the Society's programs, including the Passport Club, by purchasing the 2015 Christmas Ornament, featuring the New Dungeness Lighthouse.

### **Hall of Fame Additions**

Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame awardees. Special kudos to those with all stamp books, indicated by asterisks. Please report any errors or omissions to: [passportclub@uslhs.org](mailto:passportclub@uslhs.org).

### **I've Seen the Light (60)**

Cindy Buckley\*  
Sandra Capezio  
Eve Cassavoy\*  
Claire Cassavoy\*  
Yvonne Marton\*  
Irma Mitchell  
David Mitchell

**Silver Level (120)**

Randy Chase\*\*  
Cindy Hopp\*\*  
John Hopp\*\*  
Tim Linebaugh\*\*  
Rick Royce\*\*  
Rosemary Royce\*\*  
Donna Suchomelly\*\*  
James Swain\*\*  
Mike & Pam Unruh  
Lanie Yarbro\*\*

**Gold Level (180)**

Janice Cooper  
Renee DeGuehery\*\*  
Harvey & Arlene Goldstein\*  
Wanda Mayo  
Tawnya & Corey Rudzinski\*  
Jacolynn & Ersel Shrider

**Platinum Level (240)**

Nancy McDorman\*\*\*\*  
Glenn & Jeanine Swanson\*\*\*\*

**2<sup>st</sup> Wing (360)**

Marge Czop\*\*\*

**>420**

Mac MacFarland - 14 Flags  
Sharon Mills - 6 Flags

**Final Flash**

This is the final "Flash" of 2015. We thank all of the Club Members who have provided us information from the field which helps us to keep our database of participating locations up to date. We could not operate this Club without you. So, to these "field inspectors" and the rest of the lighthouse lovers out there, all of us here at Society headquarters wish you, your family and friends the most joyous of holidays and a very bright 2016.