



Lions Club, people of Cambria, Coast Guard Group Monterey and especially now deceased members Norman Frances (son of one of the last Keepers of the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse) and Robert Carter. Those two gentlemen were the prime movers behind the lens project, a project which they gave their last full measure of devotion on this earth.

Point Pinos Refurbished

Pacific Grove, CA

The Coast Guard recently did an outstanding job of refurbishing the Point Pinos lighthouse in Pacific Grove, CA. The building was reroofed, and the dome of the lantern room taken down to the original copper and left to oxidize. All wasted metal railings and support brackets were replaced along with certain metal panels and glass storm panes (windows).

The original 3rd order lens was removed, paint stripped from the brass, caulk replaced and then replaced in the lantern. The interior of the lantern room was repainted.

Once the Coast Guard finished their work, a California Chapter of the Questers installed period furniture and drapes in the parlor to reflect the late

19th century, an era when lighthouse heroine Emily Fish was in charge of the station. The Questers mission is historical education through antique furnishings.

The Point Pinos Station was one of the first eight lighthouses constructed on the west coast (1856) and is the oldest still in operation with the original (3rd order) lens in operation. Although owned by the Coast Guard, it has been licensed to the Pacific Grove Museum of

New Tenants for Admiralty Head Lighthouse

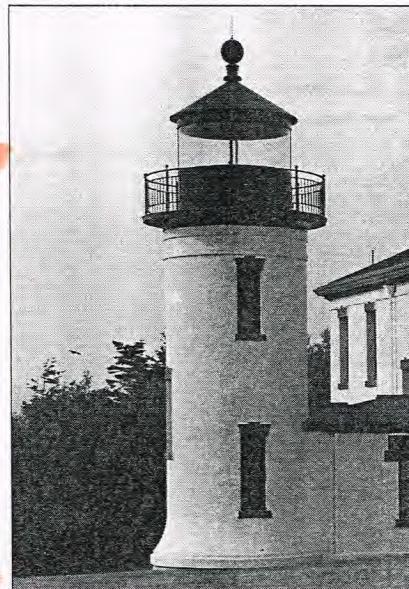
Whidby Island, WA

Until recently the Admiralty Head lighthouse, in Fort Casey State Park, closed to the public due to budget cuts. However, an agreement between the park and several groups of the Wash-



Did you know?

Natural History for a number of years. Society member Bruce Handy, this issue's Keeper of the Quarter, has been in charge of the historical aspect of the lighthouse for the last 12 years, leading tours, raising funds, arranging historical displays and rounding up docents. The Museum and Bruce are actively seeking people to become docents. For years the lighthouse has only been open for tours on weekends. With ample docents this west coast treasure can be made available more often. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Point Pinos Lighthouse contact Mr. Paul Finnegan, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, 165 4th Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950 or call (408) 648-3116.



The Admiralty Head Lighthouse in 1991 when refurbished the lantern was rebushed (the glass in place). Originally the lantern was built in 1991.