

IN THE OFFICE

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM MUSEUM INTERPRETIVE TOURS

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Not all my work keeps me in the office. Recently I have been

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By visiting the Museum, each student is intro-



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CWO Craig Bitler (right) dismantles the giant lens while Fred Wildenrat assists.

FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

COAST GUARD CLEANS, RESTORES GIANT LENS

The recent interest and popularity of the Pt. Pinos Lighthouse recalls the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard to bring the giant lens up to date last year.

On May 28, 1994, the then Chief Warrant Officer Craig Bitler, USCG, took on the task of removing the third order Fresnel lens from the Lighthouse to clean and restore this magnificent lens, then return it to its original site where it had been since 1854.

CWO Bitler was assisted by the following volunteers from the Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers: Ed Cope, Mike Baker, Paul Campbell, John O'Neil, Jim Cherry, Bob Llewellyn, Nancy McDowell, Fred Wildenrat, and Lee Worth.

It was necessary for the crew to first remove the lens from the lantern room by carefully separating its complicated glass parts, labeling and categorizing them, cleaning each part with a special solution, then re-installing and recreating the original lens in the same spot.

The process took three months and was a labor of love. Countless volunteer hours were devoted to the restoration effort.



Bob Llewellyn removes an upper section of the lens from the lantern room.



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