



The Docent Diaries of the Point Pinos Lighthouse

First Lit 1855

The Oldest Continuously Operating Lighthouse on the West Coast

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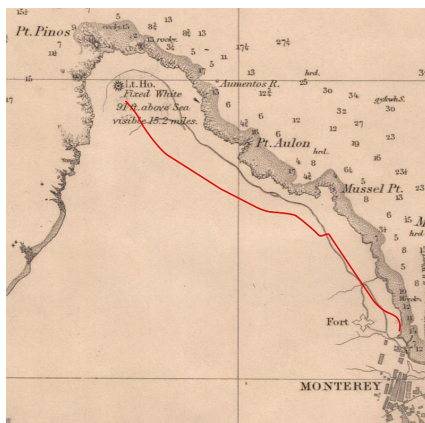
Sneha - "It's amazing place to spend time in Pacific Grove"

Dana Arnold Photography - "Pacific Grove is one of the most beautiful towns that needs to be seen from tourist visiting the area and a must see is Point Pinos Lighthouse. I photographed a wedding here and fell in love with the view! Definitely a must if you want to visit or even get married here."

Erich - "Another really nice lighthouse with lots of information on the history of lighthouses and their keepers, absolutely worth a visit. Just check the hours ahead due to limited open times."

Ildar - (Translated by Google) "The old Los Pinos Lighthouse. Very interesting. They are not allowed inside due to the pandemic."

Current Lighthouse Avenue (red) superimposed on a map from 1857 that also shows the dirt path first used to transport supplies by mule cart.



Allen Luce, 5th Keeper

by Docent Augie

From 1872-1893, Allen Luce was the Point Pinos lighthouse keeper.

Luce made major, long-lasting changes not only to the Lighthouse but to the City of Pacific Grove. Luce lived in an isolated home in the dunes, which still is standing and habitable after 166 years. Luce also helped develop Lighthouse Avenue, which led to the growth of Monterey Peninsula as a resort destination.

On April 6, 1981, tragedy struck. Luce's 3-year-old daughter, Erma Luce, died after a brief illness of spinal meningitis.

Although lighthouse keepers were prohibited from logging personal opinions or commenting on family affairs, Luce did log comments about his daughter's death but nothing on her burial place. Though we do know that the funeral was on April 8th and that the cortege was very large and consisted of friends and relatives.

In August of 2021, Mr. Luce, Luce's great-great-grandson, visited the lighthouse in search of any clue to the burial place of Erma Luce.

Mr. Luce plans on visiting the Monterey Library to pursue the matter and is determined to find her final resting place.

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Restoration Report

The scaffolding will be up for a bit longer. The deck plates for the gallery are back in place.



Parts of the rotting oval fence are being replaced and the fountain has DG around it instead of having the rosemary plants trampled.



Congratulations to the Pacific Grove Police Department's 2021 Holiday Card Contest winner, Jim Wagoner whose stunning piece captures the beauty of our Point Pinos Lighthouse.



Docent's Corner

Visitors Counted at Gate

September	962	November	1227
October	1125	December	599

Please Welcome our Newest Docent - Tamara

“With a bit of flexibility in my work schedule and my children getting older and becoming more self-sufficient, I seized the opportunity to become a Point Pinos Lighthouse docent. I have always been drawn to historical places. I particularly enjoy colorful details about significant past events and the people who helped to shape the future of our country. As a docent, it is my pleasure to be of service by sharing what I have learned about the lighthouse with our many visitors from near and far.”

Interested in becoming a volunteer docent?
Visit cityofpg.org/volunteers for more information!

Tech Corner



Leslie SM 25 Super Typhon

This fog horn operated at Point Pinos from the early 1960s to 1993. Compressed air vibrated a diaphragm to produce a single tone. The fog signal characteristic was: 2 seconds blast - 2 seconds silence - 2 seconds blast - 24 seconds silence (a 30 second characteristic). (Courtesy U.S. Coast Guard). Hear it at:
<http://www.pointpinoslighthouse.org/restoration/foghorns>

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