Message from the President

I cannot believe that on June 30th it will be time for a new year for the Friends of Yaqui-
na Lighthouses.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as your FOYL President and I have been very fortu-
nate to serve our community in the position. I’d like to thank all the Board of Directors
who have served with me this past year. We have had and will continue to have a great
and growing Board of Directors.

We are all going to miss our Executive Director, Annie Ingersoll, and wish her the very
best in her new adventure. We now will be finding another E.D. that will fit just right
and will start another new year of fun ahead. Thank you for all being part of our
Friends group!

~ Gina Nielsen, FOYL Board President

Spring Fundraiser Recaps

Thanks to everyone that helped make Laughs for Lighthouses and the Seafood and Wine Festival
successful events!

This was our first year staffing a food booth at the Seafood and Wine Festival – and we sur-
vived!!!

The booth was operated in partnership with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce. The event
generated $3,200 in funds and was a great means to raise awareness about Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses.

laughs for Lighthouses was also a fun and successful event. Thanks to all of the do-
nors that contributed items to the silent auction and volun-
teers that contributed time. Thanks especially to our top
sponsor, Columbia Bank, and to Sunwest Honda/Mazda,
Power Auto Group, and Bobbie Lippman for their support
through sponsorship as well.

Yaquina Head Lighthouse Painting Project Completed

After spending over three months under wraps, the freshly painted Yaquina Head Lighthouse was unveiled on January 27, 2015. The project involved chipping off all of the elastometric paint that was applied in a 2006 remodel and replacing it with a naturally mold resistant potassium silicate paint. The new breathable exterior will prevent moisture buildup inside the structure and help to preserve the tower’s antique brick. Tours resumed on February 1 and are currently being offered at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00pm Thursday-Tuesday (no tours are available on Wednesday).

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We have launched a new version of our website. If you haven’t already seen it, please visit www.YaquinaLights.org to become familiar with all of the updates and improvements.

Spring is in the air! The past week has seen several seal pups born at Cobble Beach and four peregrine chicks hatch on the cliffs near the Interpretive Center. Bring your binoculars and come visit Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area for a chance to see them!

Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses secured an $8500 grant that will help to fund the High School Cadet Leadership Program in 2015. The program is a partnership between Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses, the Bureau of Land Management, and local Lincoln County High Schools. Four local high school students will have the opportunity to participate in professional trainings, work side by side with BLM rangers, and earn valuable work experience and career development opportunities. The cadets will also enhance visitor experience at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area and reduce environmental impact by teaching proper etiquette for tidepooling.

Join the Lighthouse Keeper’s Garden Update

Restoration of the Yaquina Head lighthouse keeper’s garden is underway thanks to grants from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and the Oregon Cultural Trust. In early March, a crew of Americorps volunteers began the project by removing noxious weeds, relocating daffodils, and prepping the area for garden beds. Soon Eddyville students will begin the process of planting seeds for the garden. At its completion the garden will provide a historic representation of crops that fed the lighthouse keeper’s family at the turn of the century.

Thank You to Our New And Renewing Members

Virginia Dale, Craig Gilley, Julie Hanrahan, Gabrielle McEntee, Marvin & Wanda Nasses, Mark Rak (Rock), Marty Roberts, Jeff Schrantz, Mike & Diane Smith, George & Jackie Stankey, Vickie Steen, Glory Truax, Jim & Kathy Windell

You can now start or renew your membership or donate online at yaquinalights.org!

Fun Fact: Charles Pierce was the first and only lightkeeper of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, serving from 1871-1874. He and his wife moved into the lighthouse with their 6 children, and had a 7th during their service.

Call For Volunteers!

We are seeking a variety of skills and talents to assist in the gift shop, at fundraising and outreach events, to assist in the office, and other tasks. Share your interests and skills with FOYL! Have fun, and make a difference for Newport’s Lighthouses and programs! Contact 541-574-3129 or foyl@yaquinalights.org to get involved!