



OBLHS Keepers' weekend 2011 itinerary----*subject to change*. We are excited about this year's weekend and events and hope for good weather. If you have concerns about any of the activities please feel free to call me (Bett Padgett) at (919) 787-6378 before October 6th and (919) 264-3075 after the 6th.

This year's events will be centered around Currituck Beach Lighthouse and Currituck Heritage Park on Saturday. Dinner will be at the Ramada Inn, Kitty Hawk. We hope you can join us in Manteo Friday, the 7th to explore some areas which have recently opened.

Friday, Oct 7th Manteo

10 AM Meet at Bodie Island Lighthouse and learn from Doug Stover, Historian and Cultural Resource Program Manager for Cape Hatteras what is happening with the restoration of the lighthouse and what is in store for its future.

11:30 Visit the Outer Banks History Center (Roanoke Island Festival Park) and learn about the restoration of the Bodie Island Lighthouse. OBLHS is featured in this display which details the work that has been done to this point.

Break for lunch YOYO (You're On Your Own)---fabulous eateries can be found on the Historic Manteo Waterfront

2:00 PM Tour Island Farm "a living-history site, Island Farm interprets daily life on Roanoke Island in the mid-1800s. The centerpiece of the site is the Etheridge farmstead, where Adam Etheridge built a house on land that had been farmed by his family since 1757. It is the oldest period restoration of a house on Roanoke Island, and includes 19th-century furnishings, some original to the house. The layered past has been stripped back to circa 1847, at Island Farm, Roanoke Island's newest historic site." <http://www.currituckbeachlight.com/islandfarm/> Outer Banks Conservationists are stewards of this historic site.

3:30 Visit Pea Island Life-Saving-Station Museum and Cookhouse "The Pea Island Life-Saving-Station is historically significant and distinctive as it was the only lifesaving station in the US to be manned by an all-black crew. Under the direction of Keeper Richard Etheridge, the crew was hired from local black men in the community and were trained to be dedicated and dependable watermen in the service of lifesaving." The Pea Island Cookhouse is the first stage of the Collins Park Project. In 2005 the cookhouse was torn down at its original site in Rodanthe where it was used for storage. The town of Manteo reconstructed the house and it is now a museum.

Dinner is YOYO (You're On Your Own), however we may meet somewhere as a group, to be discussed

Saturday, October 8th

8:30 AM Meet at Currituck Beach Lighthouse (at the tower). We will walk 2 blocks north on Hwy 12 (Ocean Trail) to the library. There is limited parking at the library, so those who need to can park at the library. **At 8:45** lighthouse Keeper Meghan Agresto will tell us of new findings about the lens, lighthouse keepers, shipwrecks and other recent news. Former Keeper Lloyd Childers will give a talk about the restoration process of the lighthouse, grounds and keepers' quarters which began in 1980. OBLHS member Rick Ward will give an account of the restoration of the ironwork as he took part in this stage of the restoration. Back to the lighthouse grounds where you may climb the lighthouse (if you wish) and tour the historic village.

11:30 Break for provided lunch at the Keepers' Quarters

1 PM Tours of the Whalehead Club. We will learn about ghosts, shipwrecks and how they impacted the lives of people who lived in the area, how servants employed by the Knights of Corolla came from the area as well as afar during the depression. We will hear of their multi-cultural differences and influences.

5:30 The Keepers' Bar and store will open at the Ramada Inn, Kitty Hawk.

6:30 Welcome and introduction of Board members and special guests. Awards will be given at this time to those who have helped the Society and lighthouses of NC.

7:00 Dinner which will be followed immediately by the raffle drawings and our lively auction. This is the highlight of the year for many of us who have attended the Keepers' Weekend.

Sunday, October 9th

8 –11 AM Breakfast (YOYO) at the **Dunes Restaurant** in Nags Head. A chance to say "farewell" to lighthouse friends, until next year.

Here are other activities of interest in Corolla to visit in your free time. Explore the NC Center for Wildlife Education (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/index.htm>), the Historic Corolla Village, Corolla Wild Horse Fund/Museum: 252-453-8002. For sports enthusiasts, try Coastal Explorations (local kayaking tours): 252-202-8580

A block of rooms has been held for OBLHS at the Ramada Inn, Kitty Hawk. Individual rooms are \$99-129/night and reservations for the reduced room rate must be made by September 8th. Call (800) 635-1824 or (252) 441 – 2151 and be sure to mention you are with OBLHS. Registration for the weekend activities must be made by October 1st.

We have many new activities this year. It has been 5 years since our last visit to Corolla and this area of the Outer Banks. We are so fortunate to have Lloyd Childers (first keeper of CBLH) with us this year as she was present throughout the restoration of the historic light station. Also, member Rick Ward who was instrumental in restoration of the iron work at the light station will be with us to share the process of recreating the iron.

**OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL KEEPERS' WEEKEND
OCT. 7-9, 2011**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____

Please note the activities you wish to join and how many participants

	Friday's Activities	All Saturday	Dinner only
Number of people	_____	_____	_____

Cost for Friday's events, \$15; cost for Saturday's events & dinner: \$75; cost for dinner only \$45
Cost for entire weekend: \$85

Non-members please add \$25 (or \$35 for family); \$20 for seniors-65 or older (or \$30 for senior family). This includes a membership if you would like to join. Please indicate below.

Do you wish to become a member? Yes _____ No _____
May we share your contact information with other attendees? Yes _____ No _____

Total: \$ _____

Please make checks to 'OBLHS' and send with registration form to
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Special comments:
