

Celebrating Local Authors: A Book Signing Event



In order to follow social distancing guidelines, the Museum Store will not be able to host our traditional Holiday Open House this year. In lieu of the Open House, we are excited to host a book signing event on Saturday, November 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the A.W. Jones Heritage Center Event Hall. Local authors including **Jody Butler, Stephen Doster and Ben Galland, Larry Hobbs, Pamela Bauer Mueller, Amy Roberts and Patrick Holladay, and Buddy Sullivan** will be on hand to answer your questions and personalize their books. Since space is limited, registration is required by visiting coastalgeorgiahistory.org. Please note that masks are required in our buildings.

Inspecting Our Light



Last month, Jude Kostage (shown left), senior projects engineer at Atlantic Engineering Services, Inc., in Jacksonville, Florida, thoroughly inspected the exterior and interior of the Lighthouse. The Society commissions an inspection every three to four years to ensure that the structure is sound and safe for the 40,000 visitors who climb the tower each year. Kostage noted that continuous maintenance is required to combat the destructive effects of our coastal environment. As recommended in his 2016 inspection report, all exterior metalwork was cleaned and painted to remove rust and the tower was washed to remove mold in early 2017. During the recent inspection, he found minor areas of rust on the main gallery which need attention in the next few months, and he recommends washing of the tower.

Kostage has been associated with our Lighthouse since 2010, when he served as structural engineer for a major restoration project. He has worked on over a dozen lighthouses in Florida and Georgia and reports that the St. Simons Lighthouse is among “the best kept” and in excellent condition.

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