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# The Keeper's Times Newsletter

THE OLD BALDY FOUNDATION



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**Tuesday-Saturday 9AM to 5PM**

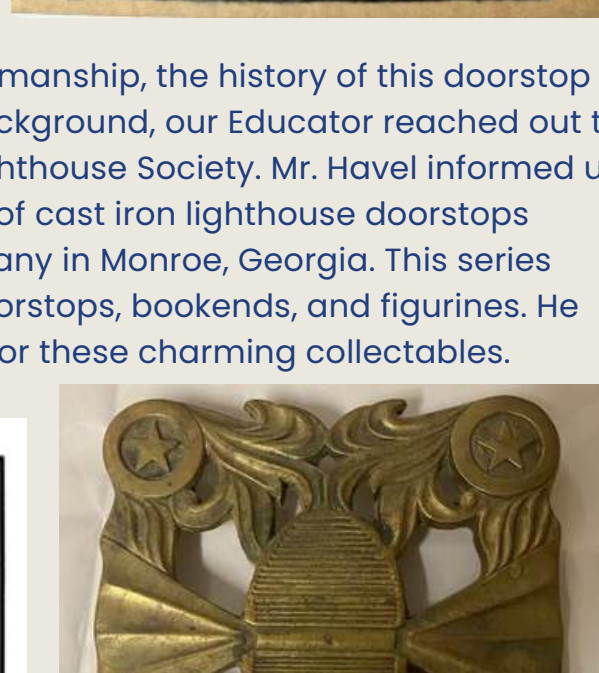
\*Lighthouse Admission Ends at 4:30 PM

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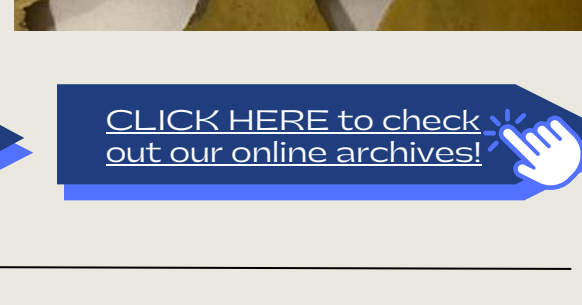
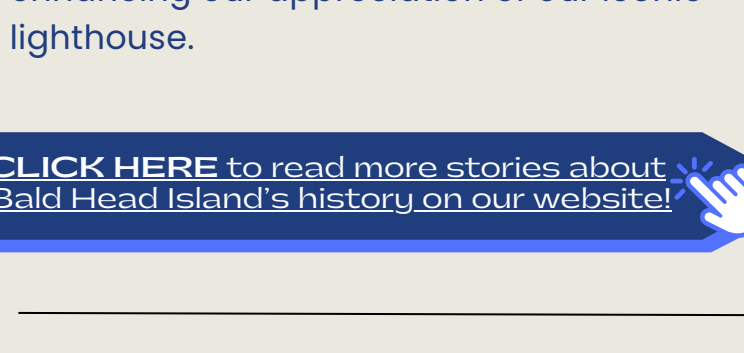
Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday at 10:30AM

## Collections Spotlight: New Cast Iron Doorstop Enriches Old Baldy Collection

This month, we're thrilled to showcase a remarkable new addition to the Old Baldy Foundation collection. We are particularly excited about this donation for its unique charm and historical value. Dr. Charles Scott, a longtime supporter and homeowner, generously contributed a 9-inch-tall cast iron doorstop featuring our beloved Old Baldy. As Dr. Scott humorously noted, "It's heavy," and indeed, it is. This intricately crafted piece captures the distinctive pockmarked stucco of our tower, set against the backdrop of the brick oil house and a few surrounding trees.



While we immediately appreciated the craftsmanship, the history of this doorstop was initially a mystery to us. To unravel its background, our Educator reached out to John Havel, historian with the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society. Mr. Havel informed us that the doorstop is likely part of a collection of cast iron lighthouse doorstops produced between 1985 and 1995 by a company in Monroe, Georgia. This series included over 70 collectible items such as doorstops, bookends, and figurines. He even provided us with an old advertisement for these charming collectibles.



In the future, we're excited to display this doorstop alongside our existing cast iron Fresnel emblem, which, as Mr. Havel identified for us years ago, was also created by the same company. Although the exact purpose of the Fresnel emblem remains uncertain, Mr. Havel speculated that it was made to commemorate a Fresnel-related event. Regardless, both the doorstop and the Fresnel emblem offer a fascinating glimpse into the history of Old Baldy, enriching our collection and enhancing our appreciation of our iconic lighthouse.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more stories about Bald Head Island's history on our website!

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## JULY HIGHLIGHTS: A LOOK BACK AT THE MONTH'S KEY MOMENTS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for a day filled with patriotic spirit and creative flair. Here are our winners and honorable mentions from each category:

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

**Patriotic Category Winners:**  
1st Place: Jennifer Murphy - Camo Cart  
2nd Place: Tucker Martin - The Great De-bait  
3rd Place: Teresa Hart - Don't Give Up the Ship  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
Tyler Feinour - Patriotic Shark  
Meredith Zingraff - Firetruck  
The McGrew Family - Old Baldy

**Tacky Tourist Category Winners:**  
1st Place: Tyler Krickovic - Flamingo  
2nd Place: Kelly Cappio - Splish Splash Bath  
3rd Place: Pamela Harmon - Christmas in July

**Anything BHI Category Winners:**  
1st Place: Matt Johnson - The Chapel  
2nd Place: Lisa Sari - The Garbage Truck  
3rd Place: Geoff Banks - Forrest Gump and Jenny  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
Karen Dimmick - Pirate Ship  
The Conservancy - Turtle



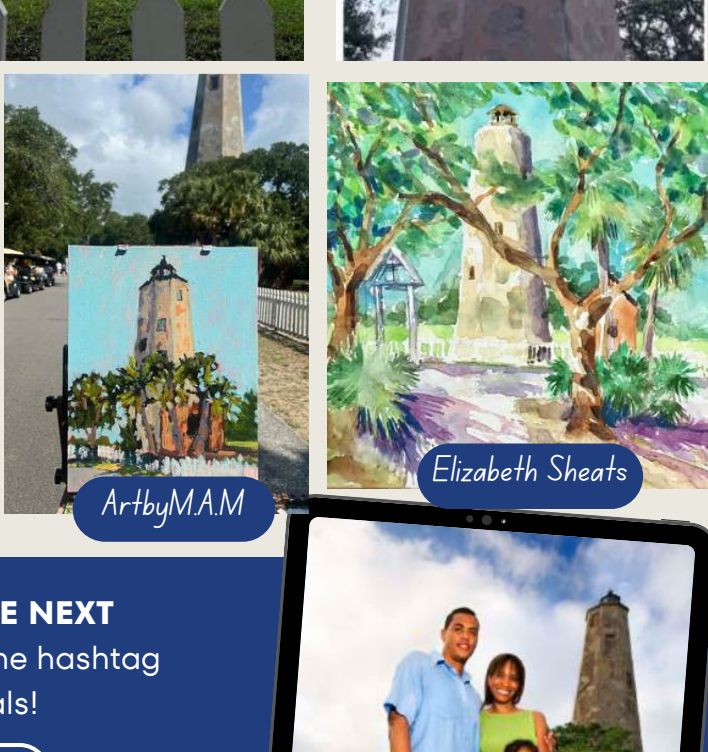
A special thanks to our Parade Marshal, Island Bear and his owner, Christine Osborne, as well as our Master of Ceremonies, Meteorologist Matt Huddleston from WWAY News, Wilmington NC, for adding to the excitement of the day.

To all participants, spectators, and supporters, thank you for making this Independence Day one to remember at Bald Head Island! Your creativity and enthusiasm truly made the event spectacular. We look forward to more celebrations and community spirit in the future.

**Check out our social media to see more pictures of this event and more!**

## HISTORIC HAPPY HOUR

A huge thank you to historian John Mosely for his inspiring talk on "Daughters of the Sky: The Women Airforce Service Pilots in Coastal North Carolina" at Old Baldy's Historic Happy Hour! We were honored to delve into the remarkable stories of these WWII heroines. Your support made the event a fantastic success, and we invite you to our upcoming Happy Hours in September and October.

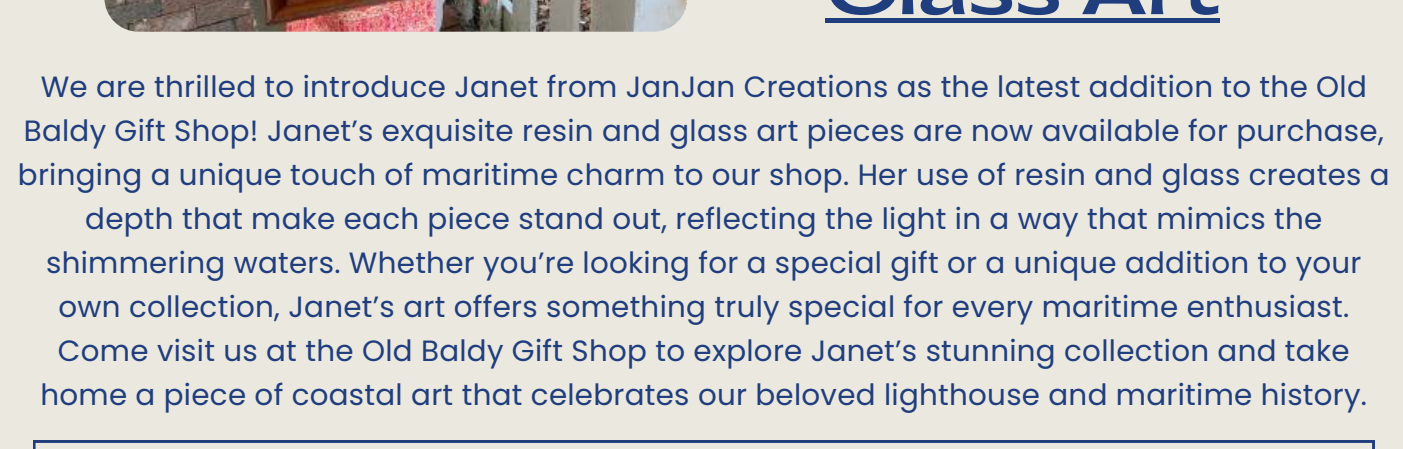


## EDUCATOR SPEAKS AT OCEAN RIDGE

Our Educator and Collections Coordinator Jake Grossman presented a fascinating talk on the history of Female Lighthouse Keepers to the the Ocean Ridge History Club, discussing Bald Head's own Rebecca Long, as well as other inspiring women.



## Community Captures: Old Baldy Through Your Lens



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## Treasures to Take Home: Spotlight on Our Gift Shop



### Glass Art

We are thrilled to introduce Janet from JanJan Creations as the latest addition to the Old Baldy Gift Shop! Janet's exquisite resin and glass art pieces are now available for purchase, bringing a unique touch of maritime charm to our shop. Her use of resin and glass creates a depth that make each piece stand out, reflecting the light in a way that mimics the shimmering waters. Whether you're looking for a special gift or a unique addition to your own collection, Janet's art offers something truly special for every maritime enthusiast. Come visit us at the Old Baldy Gift Shop to explore Janet's stunning collection and take home a piece of coastal art that celebrates our beloved lighthouse and maritime history.

AVAILABLE IN OUR GIFT SHOP NOW

## Get Ready for Back to School with Old Baldy!



## SAVE THE DATE: WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLD BALDY

### LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND

#### SEAFOOD BOIL WITH KEVIN DUFFUS



**Saturday Aug. 3rd | 5:30PM | BHI Association Building | \$75**  
**Seafood Boil with Kevin Duffus**  
An evening dedicated to maritime history and delicious food! Join us for a Seafood Boil featuring a **talk and book signing by author Kevin Duffus**. He will delve into the story of the 1768 Charleston Lighthouse and its connection to Bald Head Island. **Specialty drinks from Codigo 1530 Tequila** as well as Cook's Mill and Flying Machine Brewery.

**Registration Deadline July 30th**

#### RUN FOR THE LIGHT RACE

**Sunday, August 4th | Old Baldy Lighthouse**  
Run for the Light is a scenic **5K/10K and 1 Mile run** near coastal dunes and through the maritime forest on Bald Head Island, NC. Enjoy the views while running at dusk toward the light of The Old Baldy Lighthouse. Make your participation in this race an entire day trip your whole family can enjoy by taking part in an afternoon celebrating National Lighthouse Day featuring **music, food, and family fun.**



**Race Information and Signup**



## Foundation Focus: How Your Support Impacts Old Baldy



The Old Baldy Foundation plays a vital role in the preservation and upkeep of Bald Head Island's historic lighthouse, a cherished landmark with a rich maritime history. There are several ways to support the foundation and ensure the lighthouse's continued maintenance and use as an educational tool to the thousands of yearly visitors. One impactful method is by **donating to the annual fund**, which directly contributes to ongoing restoration projects and educational initiatives. These efforts include **preservation of our historic structure, care for our vast collection of artifacts, continuing research into Bald Head Island's history, and building financial capacity to face the challenges of hurricanes and other disasters.**



**JOIN US** in preserving this legacy and ensuring that the light of history shines on Bald Head Island for years to come.

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