

2009 Lunch at St. Helena

Friday June 19, Friday July 10 and Tuesday August 4, 2009

In 2009, visitors to St. Helena Island will immediately notice the huge amount of progress which has taken place over the past couple of years.

Our historically correct lantern proudly caps the tower, and offers a wonderful panoramic view of the entire light station complex. The reconstructed boathouse is complete with tracks, boat car and winch, awaiting the arrival of our fully restored 20' lifeboat. New Douglas fir flooring in the covered way serves as the perfect setting for the newly restored stairs, banisters and railing. Over the 2008 season, most of the dwelling rooms received a fresh coat of historically accurate paint, with many of the rooms rearranged and refurnished to provide

a more accurate historical appearance. Over 2009, we will be offering three "Lunch at St. Helena" excursions on Friday June 19, Friday July 10 and Tuesday August 4.

On each of these dates, the Coast Guard approved vessel Cake and Ice Cream will depart the Shepler's dock in Mackinaw City at 9:00 a.m. and transport you and the other guests under the Mighty Mackinac Bridge, and across the Straits to the island of St. Helena.

Costumed volunteers will await your arrival on the island, where they will greet you with a plate of tasty "St. Helena Welcome Mints", and will transport you back in time to 1912.

After a traditional Upper Peninsula lunch of pasties, coleslaw and carrot cake, you will have a couple of hours to tour the lighthouse from top to bottom, experience the beauty of the island, throw a few horseshoes, take a short hike to the old village site, or sew a quilt patch on the treadle sewing machine. The cost for this opportunity to experience "The Miracle in The Straits" is \$145 per person, plus GLLKA membership for non-members.

Trips are limited to 17 people. To make your reservation, complete the form on the inside cover of this issue of The Beacon, or telephone the GLLKA office at 231-436-5580.



The happy faces on these attendees of a 2007 "Lunch at St. Helena" serve as eloquent testimony to the good time that was had by all.

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