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## GLLKA 2010 St. Helena Experience Excursions

Friday June 25, Wednesday July 7, Friday July 16 and Friday August 6, 2010

Again for 2010, 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. Painting in the dwelling continued over the 2009 season, with most of the dwelling rooms receiving a fresh coat of historically accurate paint, with many of the rooms

rearranged and refurbished to provide a more accurate historical appearance. Over 2010, we will be offering three "Lunch at St. Helena" excursions on Friday June 25, Friday July 16 and Friday August 6.

On each of these dates, the Coast Guard approved vessel Cake and Ice Cream will depart the Mackinaw City Marina 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. For 2010, the price for this opportunity to experience "The Miracle in The Straits" is \$90 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.



*Witness the amazing restoration that has been undertaken on this remote island by volunteers and youth groups over the past 20 years*

*For additional information, or to make a reservation, call, the GLLKA Office at 231-436-5580*