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Lighthouse Celebration Lectures offered at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is offering a special series of lighthouse related programs as part of the sixteenth annual Apostle Islands Lighthouse Celebration. The programs are scheduled at 7 pm on Thursday September 8 and 3:30 pm on Saturday September 10.

Join park ranger Jim Stowell at 7 pm on Thursday September 8 for “An Evening with the Keeper.” For more than a century, lighthouse keepers with the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and now the National Park Service have staffed light stations in the Apostle Islands. This program will put a human face on the mystery and romance of working and living in a lighthouse. Mr. Stowell has been guiding tours of the Raspberry Island lighthouse as a seasonal ranger at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore since 2003. He is also an internationally acclaimed, award-winning actor who has performed at Twin Cities theaters for the last 30 years. His presentation will include stories of Raspberry Island lighthouse keepers, past and present, and a description of what it takes to keep a lighthouse.

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At 3:30 pm on Saturday September 10, Mark Weller will present “The Lights of Raspberry Island”. Mark Weller, a board member of the Friends of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, is an amateur astrophotographer. Each of the past three summers, Mark and his partner John Rummel have taken advantage of the national lakeshore’s pristine dark skies to make dramatic photographs of the Milky Way rising over different light towers in the Apostle Islands. In 2011, they photographed the Milky Way over the Raspberry Island Light. Join Mr. Weller as he exhibits his photographs and explains the techniques involved in capturing these remarkable images.

These presentations will occur in the auditorium of Apostle Islands National Lakeshore’s headquarters visitor center. The visitor center is located in Bayfield’s Old County Courthouse on Washington Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets. For more information about this or other programs at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore call 779-3397.

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