

September 2009



## Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

### For More Information:

www.nps.gov/fiis  
631-687-4750

Monday

September 7:

**Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest** – Watch Hill and Sailors Haven beaches

*Free program; 631-597-6455 (Watch Hill) or 631-597-6183 (Sailors Haven)*

Sign-up at 10 am, judging at 1 pm; all ages welcome.

Wednesday - Friday

September 9-11:

**Fire Island Trek** – Fire Island Wilderness to Watch Hill

*(Fee for program; Reservations required; call for information: 631-687-4765)*

3-day, 21-mile hike. Nominal cost for lodging and logistical support.

Saturday

September 12:

9 am

**Light Keepers Behind-the-Scenes Tour** - Fire Island Lighthouse

*(\$15/person; reservations required: 631- 661-4876)*

Guided top-to-bottom tour as the present light keeper makes his rounds.

Saturday

September 12:

11 am

**The Summer Gunner: Art and Lore of Traditional Decoy Carving** - William Floyd Estate

*(Free program; call for directions: 631-399-2030)*

Join decoy carver Jaime Reason on the front porch of the Old Mastic House to learn about the history of waterfowl hunting in the local bays and the rich traditions of carving shorebirds and ducks by hand.

Saturday

September 19:

8 am

**International Coastal Cleanup Day:**

*Fire Island National Seashore and Friends will sponsor a special beach clean-up at Watch Hill. Transportation from Patchogue to Watch Hill provided. Bring your work gloves, hat boots and lunch. Reservations required. Must sign up by September 14. Call 631-281-3010.*

Saturday

September 19, 10 am:

**Documents in Stone** - William Floyd Estate

*(Free program; reservations required: call 631-399-2030)*

Unique introduction to genealogical research. Discover a variety of ways to learn about grave markers from the materials they were made of to foot stones to kinship to burial characteristics. Learn about the origins of the "Deaths Head" and take home a grave stone rubbing.

Saturday

September 26:

2 pm

**First Bloom** - Fire Island Lighthouse

*(Free program; information: 631-687-4765)*

Learn about Long Island's native plants. Take home your own seeds to plant.

Sunday

September 27, 2009:

Rain Date: October 4

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Cruise to the Light" Auto Show:**

*Fire Island Lighthouse fundraiser at Robert Moses State Park Field #4*

## Reduced Hours for Most Fire Island National Seashore Facilities after Labor Day (September 7)

### Fire Island Lighthouse

*Open through Labor Day, 9:30 am – 6 pm; Sept. 8- October 31, 9:30 –5; Nov. 1 – mid-Dec., 9:30 – 4 pm*

*Last tower tour 1 hour before closing*

### Ferry Service to Sailors Haven and Watch Hill

*Reduced number of trips/day after Labor Day, Weekend service only September 12 – October 12*

### Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Visitor Centers

*Open weekends through Columbus Day, October 12*

### Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Marinas

*Open through October 25. Weekday special of \$1/foot, Monday –Thursday, starts September 8*

### Sailors Haven Snack Bar

*Open 11 am – 3 pm daily through October 12 (hours extended to 4:15 pm on weekends, Sept. 8-20)*

### Watch Hill Snack Bar

*Open 11 am – 4 pm daily through October 12 (hours extended to 4:15 pm on weekends, Sept. 8-20)*

### The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant

*Open Thursday-Saturday, 5 – 12 pm, and Sunday, 3-7 pm, through September 6*

*Open Friday and Saturday, 5 – 12 pm, September 11 through September 20*

### Watch Hill Campground

*Open through October 25.*

### William Floyd Estate

*Open through November 15: Friday – Sunday and Holidays, 9 am – 4 pm*

**Guided Old Mastic House Tours** 10 am – 4 pm on the half-hour when grounds are open