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### **Piney Point Lighthouse Museum Offers Holiday Exhibit**

The Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and Historic Park in Piney Point will present a holiday exhibit in the lighthouse keeper's quarters, a historic building not normally open to the public. The exhibit theme is "Reading Lights the Way" and each room of the keeper's quarters will highlight a favorite holiday storybook.

Museum staff and volunteers will offer tours of the exhibit, museum, 1836 lighthouse, and the Potomac River Maritime Exhibit filled with historic wooden boats. The lighthouse tower will be available for a climb to the top.

The Lighthouse Lens Museum Store will be open with an array of unique gifts, lighthouse and nautical items, jewelry, clothing, home décor and children's items. Museum gift memberships are the perfect gift for the "one who has everything" and provide a 10% discount on museum store items.

The museum and holiday exhibit will be open 12 noon to 4 p.m. on December 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16. To accommodate the schools' holiday recess, the exhibit will be open daily from December 17 through December 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Admission is \$3 per adult, \$2 for senior citizens and military personnel, \$1.50 for children 6 to 18, and free for kids 5 and under.

All are invited to the Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 11 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Bring the kids and the camera to meet Pinch, Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Baseball mascot, from noon to 2 p.m. Kids should sign up for a boy and girl's bike giveaway donated by the Tall Timbers Optimist Club. Free refreshments and children's holiday activity inside the museum.

The Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and Historic Park is managed by the museum division of St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks and the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners. The facility is located at 44720 Lighthouse Road in Piney Point, MD. The museum, maritime exhibit and grounds are handicap accessible.

For more information, please call the museum at 301-994-1471 or visit the website at [www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums](http://www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums).