

The Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society

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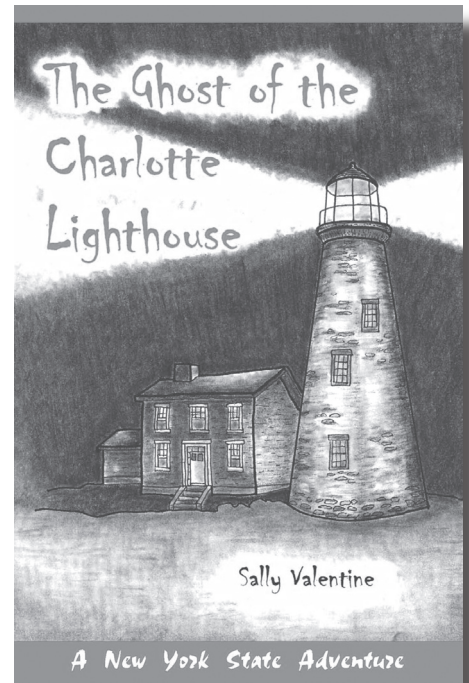
An exciting book signing event!

**Author Sally Valentine's
New Book**

“THE GHOST of the CHARLOTTE LIGHTHOUSE”

Is there really a ghost at the Lighthouse? Come and find out! The book will be available for sale. The Author, Sally Valentine, will be present to sign each book that is sold on this day!

Sally is a native Rochesterian, who has been both a student and a teacher in the Rochester City School District. After teaching math for 25 years, she is now off on a tangent of writing. She was inspired to write this book by her love for kids, books, and Rochester. Sally lives in Walworth, NY with her husband, Gary. Her adult daughters and her grand-dog (really a dog) live nearby.



FACE PAINTING by Sally & Ducci

Have a Ghost Painted on your Face!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

The event is FREE to the Public

**Where: Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse
70 Lighthouse Street**

(Behind Holy Cross Church parking lot)

Snacks will be available!

*Free tours of Lighthouse & Tower (weather permitting)
will be available*

Gift Shop will be open!



The Coddling Tradition Continues

By Rich Coddling

George Coddling was the last United States Lighthouse Service Keeper at our Lighthouse. He served until 1940 and lived in the Keeper's house with his wife Sarah and four sons: Morris, Lawrence, Floyd and Ralph. Although George is gone, his fam-



Photo courtesy Robert Morassey

ily continues the tradition of being at the Lighthouse.

Margaret "Muggins" Coddling was Floyd's daughter and volunteered for many years. The gift shop was dedicated to her memory in 2005. June Coddling, wife of Paul (Floyd's son) and their daughter, Judy Sprig, served as docents in the museum. Richard and William (Ralph's sons) also serve as volunteers with their wives Carol and Marge.

This past summer, 4 generations of the Coddling family gathered at the lighthouse to attend the wedding of George's grandson, Richard, to Carol A. McCauley on July 8th, 2006. They gathered outside of the house where George and Sarah lived with their four sons. It was a day for the generations to connect. Ralph's four children, Marilyn, Linda, Richard and William, were there to enjoy the sunshine and the outdoor wedding.

The daughters of the bride and groom attended the wedding couple. Many family members and friends were there to witness the ceremony performed by Charlotte resident and judge, the Honorable John Owens.

Carol and I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to have this very special event at the Lighthouse. We also want to especially thank Carol Riesenberger for her assistance and presence at the wedding.

2006 "Volunteer of the Year"

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998, Lois and Norm Dunn asked that in lieu of gifts, donations would be made to the Lighthouse. Those contributions started an annual tradition known as the Dunn "Volunteer of the Year" award. Past recipients of the "Dunn Volunteer of the Year" have included: Dorothea deZafra, John Ochs, Ben O'Brien, Lillian Roemer, Betty Fetter, Joe Genova, John Schmitt and Celia Rankin. This prestigious award is voted by members of the Society and honors an individual's outstanding years of contribution and service to the Lighthouse.

After the recent death of Lois Dunn earlier this summer, this award became even more important and a continuing tradition that will forever honor her memory. The "Volunteer of the Year" for 2006 has been awarded to **Dorothy McKee** of Charlotte. President Fred Amato presented Dorothy with a plaque at the Semi-Annual Meeting on Aug. 17th. Dorothy's name will also be inscribed on a plaque on permanent display in the keeper's house, honoring all the recipients of this annual award.

Dorothy McKee has been involved with the society for over 15 years. She became active after her retirement as a museum docent and then volunteered to take on the challenging position as "Membership Chair," a position she held for many years. She helped the society's volunteer coordinator to make sure enough workers were available to work the lighthouse tower, Keeper's house and Gift Shop. In addition to those volunteer efforts, Dorothy has also been the "Key person" available to help other members get into the lighthouse when they forgot their own key.

In nominating Dorothy for this award, one of the society's out-of-town members recognized Dorothy for her "Tender Loving Care in keeping 'expatriates' like himself posted about

membership details, arranging for purchasing items from the gift shop, etc. Dorothy has always displayed a sense of caring above and beyond the call of duty." As she accepted the award, Dorothy modestly stated: "I just enjoy doing this kind of work. I like the light house and what it stands for"



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