

MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE NOTICE

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Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse re-enactment of inaugural lighting to commemorate May 24, 1897 anniversary

- Excellent Photo Opportunity -

What: On May 24, 1897, William Lane was the first keeper and first to light the light at Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse in South Portland. This event will be re-enacted with a SPLL Trust member playing the role of Lane, on this Wednesday. Interviews with 'Lane', and or other Trust representatives are available. Some area school children have been invited to attend, but their attendance is not yet confirmed.

When: Wednesday May 24, between 11am to 1pm, RAIN OR SHINE.

Where: Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse, Fort Road, South Portland near Southern Maine Community College Campus and Portland Harbor Museum. Meet at the breakwater walkway to the lighthouse. (Note Directions)

Why:

- ANNIVERSARY - Celebrate over 100 years of this historic landmark's lighting.
- **Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse is the only caisson lighthouse in America that is land accessible and that you can tour inside.**
- Bring Maine maritime history alive for area viewers/readers, students, adults....
- Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse has one of the most stunning and memorable views of Portland Harbor.
- The lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, Maine's Registry of Historic Buildings, and a Save America's Treasures Official Project.
- **To help promote the Lighthouse's new, expanded Open House schedule this summer – Every Saturday 10a-2p, June 24th through September 2nd.**

Directions: From Interstate 295

From Interstate 295, take Exit 6A and follow Route 77 through Portland, over the bridge to South Portland. The bridge feeds traffic directly onto Broadway. Go straight ahead off the bridge. {DO NOT turn off Broadway where Rte 77 branches right at the Ocean St. traffic light!} Stay on Broadway until it ends (stop sign) at Fort Road. Follow Fort Road through the Southern Maine Community College campus until it ends at the water. Portland Harbor Museum is on your right.