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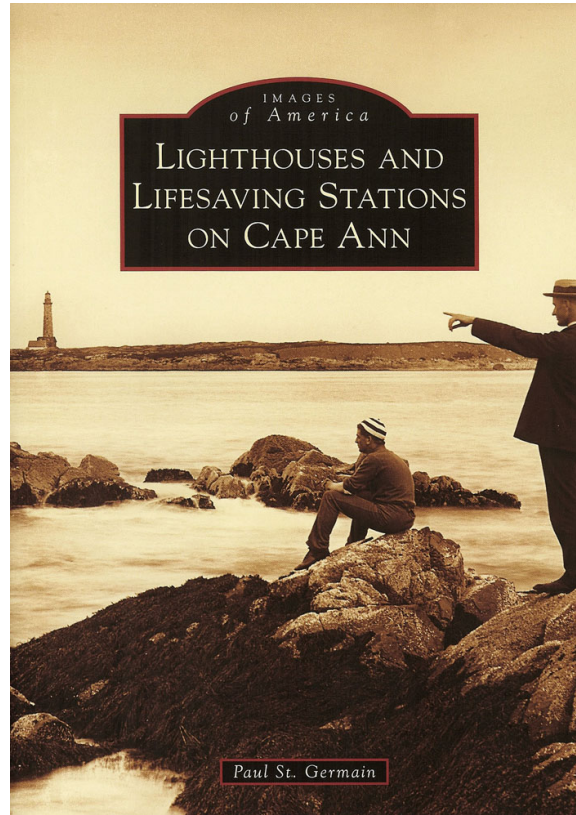
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Illustrated Talk and Book Signing on Cape Ann's Historic Lights

The Cape Ann Museum is pleased to present an illustrated talk and book signing by Paul St. Germain, Thacher Island Association President and author of the newly published book *Lighthouses and Lifesaving Stations on Cape Ann* on Saturday, September 7 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Germain has been a Rockport resident for the last twenty years and has served on the Thacher Island Association's Board of Directors since 1999. He previously wrote about the Island in his book *Twin Lights of Thacher Island, Cape Ann* and authored the application that resulted in the Island's 2000 designation as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. The Museum archive has been one of St. Germain's most critical resources throughout both research projects, and he was instrumental in the collaborative effort that recently returned one of Thacher Island's original First Order Fresnel Lenses to Cape Ann. That lens is currently on exhibition in the Museum's

Maritime Gallery along with a Fourth Order Lens, Breeches Buoy and various other marine artifacts.

The waters surrounding Cape Ann have supported vibrant fishing and shipping industries since the mid 17th century, and much of that success is owed to the light stations that illuminated the way. The book provides an overview of life in this maritime community and features stories of seafaring adventure and heroism. It explores the history of all six lighthouses and three life saving stations on Cape Ann. Vintage photographs as well as illustrations from artists such as Fitz Henry Lane, Edward Hopper and Winslow Homer-- whose etching *The Life Line* is displayed in the Museum--provide the visual narrative to this tale of America's oldest seaport.

The Cape Ann Museum tells multiple stories, all relating to this remarkable place. Founded in 1873, the Museum's collections represent the history of Cape Ann, its people, its industries, and especially its art and culture.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Museum is closed during the month of February, on Mondays, and on major holidays. Admission is \$10.00 adults, \$8.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors and students. Children under 18 and Museum members are free. The Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information please call: (978) 283-0455. Additional information can be found online at www.capeannmuseum.org.