



National Historic Landmark

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Meet the 2014 GS Board

President

Katie Cherry

Executive Administrator
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Carol Visalpatara

Retired

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Woodmen of the World

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Developer

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Administrator

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Community Advocate

Bill Lloyd

Retired Marina Director

Carl Updyke

Retired

Firefighter/Paramedic

She is Coming Home

March 22nd the *Governor Stone* returns to St. Andrews marking the official end of *History Continued, the Restoration of the Governor Stone*. She will be launched from Bay County Boatyard. Contributors will travel on board to arrive in St. Andrews during the St. Andrews Farmers' Market where an honor ceremony will be held. Members and the public are invited to tour the new, old vessel. We are planning a major event with lots of fanfare, so mark the date. As they are firmed up, details will be announced.



Katie Cherry (also our new President) says - It is shaping to be an exciting year for the *Governor Stone*. After six months and thousands of volunteer hours, the *Governor Stone* will return to the waters fully restored to its original luster and stronger than ever. Not enough thanks can be given to our Senior Captain & Restoration Project Manager, Bill Hamilton, for his leadership and dedication in traversing the restoration process. Also, special thanks to our Board Members, Harry Dennard, Carol Visalpatara, and Kay Cherry for the endless hours of work on the vessel and coordinating grant documents with Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. It is with the conclusion of this phase of the *Governor Stone's* history that I happily step aboard as President for 2014 and aid in the process of "showing off" all the grand work our volunteers have done to keep the *Governor Stone* a living vessel. The Friends of the Governor Stone Board continues to work to make the fundraising and sponsorship stable for the support of the *Governor Stone's* future needs and community enjoyment. We are developing a full list of events and activities for the New Year starting with the "Homecoming" of the *Governor Stone* to St. Andrews in March. Please make sure we have your most current contact information on file throughout the year to ensure we keep you up-to-date on all our happenings. My key focus is to continue building upon the social narrative of the *Governor Stone* and growing awareness within all the communities that we serve. Please tell your friends and follow on Facebook; come and volunteer at an event; or just come out and enjoy the beauty of this unique, one of a kind schooner as she sets sail on the Northwest Florida waters again.

~May you always have a fair wind homeward~

Three New Board Members

Carl Updyke – is a member from Carrabelle. He is retired from firefighting, but not from restoring houses, traveling and sailing.

Bill Lloyd – is recently retired as director of the Panama City Marinas. He has 54 years of boating experience, 38 of them under sail.

From Our 2011 to 2013 President

My congratulations to President Katie Cherry. Katie is both intelligent and a good administrator. Additionally she has proven leadership skills along with youth and energy. Just what FOGS needs to lead us into the exciting future with our restored Governor Stone. I wholeheartedly echo Katie's thank you's. Special thanks also to John Curry, who first had the vision to save and donate this priceless vessel to the general public. Our Board of Directors now have the awesome responsibility to maintain and preserve her for future generations. They are capable of the task. Most deserving of our gratitude are the members, donors, and volunteers, who unselfishly supported and worked to provide the foundation on which we could build during my presidency. I will always appreciate your support and cherish the 1877 replica of the first Coast Guard registration you presented me at our Annual Membership Meeting. Thanks for allowing me to continue to serve on the board. – **Harry Dennard**

Thanks to our Generous Donors of Funds and/or Services

Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historic Preservation
Bay County Boatyard
Glen Raven, makers of Sunbrella Marine Fabric
Captain Bill Hamilton, Project Manager
Kurt Voss, Historic Ships and Boats
Eastern Shipbuilding Group
Bill Holland, Master Boatbuilder
St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership
Carol Visalpatara Kay Cherry
Harry Dennard John Darrah
Jess Palmer
Mastry Engines
R & W Rope
West Marine, Panama City
Tom Carter Rory Jones
Emerald Coast Restorations
Panama City Woodman Lodge
CB Sails

Help Us Continue to Make It Happen

Donations for continued care and maintenance of the vessel are tax deductible and an investment in the future of the *Governor Stone*. Just click the DONATE button on our website or Facebook page or mail to P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.

History – Past Masters

The National Archives records contain the early licenses for the *Governor Stone* which name the Master of the vessel. The following captains in order sailed the vessel 1877 through 1922:

Charles A. Greiner, owner and Master
Armand Lyons, in-law of owner Mulford Dorlan
Augustus Jones
Patrick Burns, ½ owner from 1882-1905
Osborne Lyons, Walter Fallon, Patrick Burns, Solomon Johnson
Thomas Burns, son of Patrick, owner after 1922
Solomon Johnson, Patrick Burns, Joseph Taylor, Patrick Burns, Robert Burns, Samuel Williams, Thomas. R Jones, S. Johnson, Thomas L. Jones, Walter Fallon, Jas. A Bishop, John Collier and Walter Fallon
We would love to see someone interested in researching these men and filling in the story of the vessel during this time. All but Charles Greiner lived in the Mobile Bay area. Do you know any of them?

Wish List

New historic-look lines for standing rigging
Historic-look running lights
Gear controls, not historic – photo below



We just could not do it all with the funds available. Please call or email if you can help either financially or with the actual parts. **850-621-0011**

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Become an Old Salt

Our new membership level of \$100 called Old Salt is popular with renewing members. If you still aren't an Old Salt, become one today.

| Dues Schedule for Members | |
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| Encourage your friends to support the Gov | |
| _____ | \$25 ~ Steward Member (individual) |
| _____ | \$50 ~ Cabinmate Members (family) |
| _____ | \$100 ~ Old Salt |
| _____ | \$250 ~ Seaman Donor |
| _____ | \$500 ~ Staysail Donor |
| _____ | \$1,000 ~ Foresail Donor |
| _____ | \$5,000 ~ Mainsail Donor |
| _____ | \$10,000 ~ Commodore Donor |
| The amounts are minimums per category | |

All levels receive email newsletters. All members receive email notices each time the vessel sails. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level receive a keepsake of the Governor Stone. Some premiums are awarded at the Annual Meeting.