



FIRE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

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Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society receives Grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation for Interactive Software program in the Fresnel Lens Building

Fire Island– The Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society has been awarded a matching grant of \$10,700 from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation to support the new interactive software display in the First Order Fresnel Lens Building. The display will consist of three touch screen monitors explaining and visualizing how the Fresnel Lens functions. The Light works display will include a set of movable lens that can be tuned and positioned to bend and focus the lens light. The display will also provide an interactive digital model of the gear train that drives the Fresnel lens producing the signatory flash.

“What a fantastic addition to the Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building ” states Bob LaRosa, President of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society. “This grant will enable school children and visitors the opportunity to see how the Fresnel lens rotates and also understand how the lens was able to cast a light beam out over 21 miles into the Atlantic Ocean”

Established in 1987, the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation primarily supports the education of New York History . The Foundation is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiners’ personal passion for New York History. For more Information , please visit rdlgfoundation.org.

The Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society is a cooperating association partnering with the Fire island National Seashore , National Park Service dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Fire Island Light Station. The Society endeavors to create enhanced visitor experiences through creative and interactive appealing exhibits and displays and through educational programming meant to convey and understanding and appreciation of the Fire Island maritime history.

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