

## Chairman's Message

As you can see, DSPF has been very busy since our last news letter. There have been many fun and useful projects completed. I would like to thank all of you who helped out with these. I feel we are living up to our hopes and dreams. Not only are we "talking the talk" but we are "walking the walk." If you didn't get the chance to help on these past projects, there are and will be many more fun projects for you to get involved with. Let someone on the board or Park Office know when and where you would like to get involved or come to one of the DSPF board meetings.

The board meets the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lifesaving Station, if something is going on there we meet at the Park Office.

Again I would like to thank everyone for helping make DSPF a success. Without your help things don't get done. This is a group not any one person, so if you have the time, "come on down, bring a friend, and become a friend."

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!



John Hiott, Chairman

*The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation is a non-profit Friends organization created to preserve, protect and enhance the Indian River Life Saving Station Museum, and the Parks within the Delaware Seashore State Park Region including the Indian River Marina, Delaware Seashore, Fenwick Island, and Holts Landing State Parks.*

## DSPF Embarks on Project to Restore World War II Observation Towers

The DSPF is embarking on a project to restore the World War II observation towers within the Delaware Seashore State Park beginning with Tower #3 just south of Dewey Beach along Route One.

A number of towers were built along the Delaware coastline during World War II. The towers were used as artillery spotting locations. Our military was posted in each of the towers in order to spot enemy ships sailing off our coast.

The "spotters" used a telephone to advise the artillery gunners as they targeted enemy ships.

German submarines patrolled the East Coast and sunk an average of one US ship per week, including our US Navy destroyer, Jacob Jones, just off the Delaware coast. Over

one hundred of our sailors were killed in that battle.

Many years of neglect and weather have contributed to the structural deterioration of the towers, and it is the goal of the DSPF to restore these historical landmarks as a tribute to our service men and woman and have the towers become functional World War II interactive museums.

If you would like to help us in this endeavor with either your time or a donation, please contact our chairperson Shirley Price at 302-539-6738 or email Shirley at [price@scdel.net](mailto:price@scdel.net).



## A Gift for Posterity

DELAWARE SEASHORE  
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Make a lasting impression at the Indian River Life Saving Station Museum by purchasing a personalized brick permanently displayed in the Station's courtyard!

For your \$100 tax-deductible contribution, we will have a personalized brick specially engraved with your name or that of a family member and placed in the courtyard of the Station. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift contributed directly to the on-going efforts of Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation.

The number of available bricks is limited – so please respond to this special opportunity today by calling 302-227-6991.

## Visit the Nautical Gift Gallery at Indian River Museum

- Fine works from various local artists including Ellen Rice
- Apparel, Books, Nautical Gifts



New DSPF apparel now available at the Indian River Life Saving Station Gift Shop!



## Coastal Clean-Up Day

Delaware's participation in Coastal Cleanup is part of an International Coastal Cleanup run by the Ocean Conservancy that supplied the trash bags, data cards, and more. Please consider joining our efforts at the IRLSS next year on September 16, 2006.

*Delaware's 2005 Results*  
1750 Volunteers  
12,023 Pounds of Trash  
22,596 Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters

## We Have a Winner!

Sandy DeAngelo of Georgetown, Delaware, held the lucky ticket and won a framed Ellen Rice "View from the Bridge" print valued at over \$500. The print was presented to Sandy at the Indian River Life Saving Station by Chairman John Hiott. Congratulations, Sandy!



## DSPF On the Road 2006 DSPF On-Going Projects

We are proud to represent the Foundation at the 2005 events and look forward to more in 2006.

- Coastal Clean-Up Day
- Coast Day
- National Marina Day
- Rocktober Tournament at IRM

### DSPF Board of Directors

John Hiott, Ernie Felici, Barney Barnhill, Clinton Bunting, Joe Di Battista, Hal Dukes, Judy Henninger, Don Klein, Cathy Magee, Shirley Price, and William Smith.

### DSPF MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 10% Discount on merchandise purchased at all Delaware State Parks' Gift Shops
- Members-Only Programs & Events
  - Quarterly Newsletters

**JOIN TODAY!**

Some of the projects planned for the DSPF for 2006 are as follows at:

### Indian River Life Saving Station Museum

- To expand & support activities and programs
- Restore the small outside buildings
- Provide assistance in maintaining the facilities landscaping

### Delaware Seashore

- Assist in the extension of the barriers along Route One to protect the turtles from crossing into the highway
- Help with Beach Cleanups and Grounds Maintenance

### Indian River Marina

- Provide administrative assistance and conduct market surveys in addition to help maintaining the landscaping

### Fenwick Island State Park

- Conduct beach clean-ups and market surveys

### Holts Landing

- Assist with the trail maintenance and the repair of the bird and duck boxes

### Thompson Island

- Aid in the assisting of the maintenance of the canal and the trails

**Volunteers Needed** The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation needs your help in preserving, conserving, managing and interpreting the Delaware Seashore State Parks.

In as little as two hours, individuals and groups can make a difference in Delaware Seashore State Parks. We need your help to ensure that Diamond State Parks "sparkle" with activity from sunrise to sunset. Become a Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation volunteer today. **Call 302-227-6991.**

**Those who would like to join the Foundation or make a tax-deductible contribution, may contact the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation at 302-227-6991 or mail to P. O. Box 981, Ocean View, DE 19970. Checks should be made payable to the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation.**