

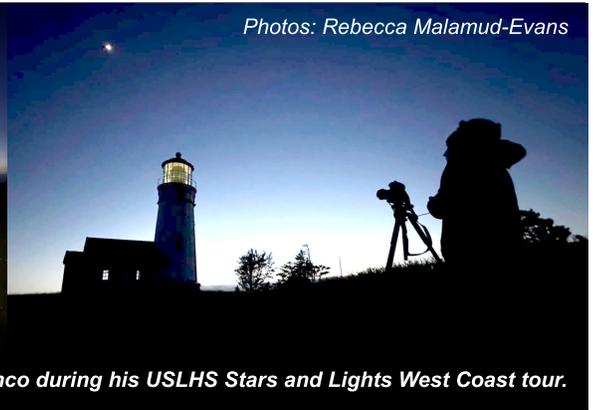
A MONTHLY PUBLICATION

*of the*  
**CAPE BLANCO  
 HERITAGE SOCIETY**



**CBHS BOARD MEETINGS:** Port Orford City Council Chambers at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** our meetings are open to everyone who would like to attend. We invite and encourage anyone interested in CBHS to participate!

# On Location at the Cape Blanco Lighthouse



*Photos: Rebecca Malamud-Evans*

*David Zapatka visits Cape Blanco during his USLHS Stars and Lights West Coast tour.*

Photographer and USLHS ambassador David Zapatka finally had a chance to visit the Cape Blanco Lighthouse to capture it against the night sky on May 20, 2024. He originally scheduled his trip last Fall, but cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Executive Director Rebecca Malamud-Evans met up with the artist on his journey photographing not just Cape Blanco, but many West Coast lighthouses. This is his third book in the “Stars and Lights” series (*yet to be titled*) and he is also working on a children’s book. He gave her a preview of the work, which he is authoring as well as designing, and shared his stunning photography that he captured on this road trip. Oregon lighthouses that he successfully captured include the Umpqua River Lighthouse, Yaquina Lighthouse and Heceta Head. He even had the opportunity to photograph Battery Point Lighthouse (*Crescent City, CA*) during the incredible northern lights event that occurred on May 10.

The photo shoot at Cape Blanco was a typical most-westerly weather event, with the photographer being greeted by 40mph winds and a

challenging marine layer that was promising to obscure the night sky. David and his crew ventured in the dark night (*outfitted with bright head flashlights*) down the lighthouse gate road and David worked his magic, capturing a series of stunning shots that you can see on his “Stars and Lights” website. The images show the lighthouse at various stages of dark sky, revealing twilight, a sea of stars and even a shooting star.

The fresnel lens was not functional at the time of his visit,

however this led to a series of unique shots that might not have been possible if the light was shining at full strength. The photographs certainly are unique to our beautiful lighthouse and we are so pleased that the weather and other atmospheric occurrences cooperated for David’s West Coast photographic journey.

David’s two earlier books will be on display at the Cape Blanco Greeting Center Gift Shop and his West Coast book will be available from CBHS when published. ✨



*Photo: David Zapatka*

# More Lighthouse Photography: Cape Blanco Weather Project

Our Cape Blanco Lighthouse docents have been on a photographic journey of their own with the *Cape Blanco Weather Station Project*. Every day, our docents take a reading from our weather station that records temperature, humidity and rain amounts plus measure wind speed with a hand-held anemometer. The weather readings are useful for our visitors to know if conditions are favorable to hike out to the lighthouse given the deteriorating condition and need for repair of the lighthouse gate road. What is even more interesting than the daily readings are the beautiful photos that our docents capture on their daily hikes to the lighthouse. We are creating an archive of imagery at our “*Save Our Lighthouse*” website and will have the photos at the Lighthouse Greeting Center Gift Shop at a photography exhibit later this year. Watch our site and Facebook page for details.

On a side note, recording weather conditions was indeed an early function of the Cape Blanco Lighthouse. Charles Peirce, the second head keeper at Cape Blanco (*after Harvey Burnap who*



*was the first to light the fresnel lens*), began daily entries covering mostly wind direction and weather in the AM and PM, in essence creating the first weather station out at the lighthouse in 1875. He and the other keepers also noted the number of passing schooners. ⚓



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