



## FAQs about the Loxahatchee River Historical Society

### What is the Loxahatchee River Historical Society (LRHS)?

Celebrating over 45 years, the award-winning Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1972 by local families and pioneers, including John and Bessie DuBois, to preserve the wonderful "History Shaped by Nature" of the Loxahatchee River region. Governed by a Board of Directors and administered by the President & CEO and staff, the Society operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum where more than 3,500 guided tours, programs and events are offered to over 80,000 visitors annually.

### What is the mission of the Society?

We are stewards of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum and a partner in the National Conservation Lands. Our mission is to preserve and interpret the dynamic history, ancient cultural heritage and sensitive natural systems of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area and the Loxahatchee River region.

### How is the Society funded?

The Society relies on many avenues of support, including: admissions, gift shop sales, charitable contributions, sponsorships, government and foundation grants, weddings, engraved bricks, special events and memberships. An independent CPA firm provides an annual audit of the Society's financial statements.

### Why does the Society operate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse?

The Society opened a small Lighthouse Museum in the Oil House in 1973 – the same year we were able to have the Lighthouse listed on the National Register of Historic Places – and has advocated for its preservation and protection ever since. In 1994, we signed a long-term lease with the United States Coast Guard that required us to fully restore the lighthouse, maintain and insure it, and operate public tours.

Since that time, we have been awarded over \$1.5 million in funding for its continued and exceptional restoration. We have expanded both the hours of operation and the public facilities, creating the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum in 2006. In 2008, the Society spearheaded efforts to obtain Congressional designation and protection of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. We are a named partner in that Federal legislation and are currently responsible for the management of the cultural areas of the 120-acre site through an agreement with the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

### What will I find at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum?

The waterfront historical museum, in the restored WWII building, offers the exhibit *5,000 Years on the Loxahatchee* throughout eight galleries. A museum gift shop, archives, meeting room and offices are located in the Museum as well. Outside, brick pathways with native landscaping connect the visitor to the restored



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1860 Lighthouse, Oil House and Keeper's Workshop and exhibit. The 1892 George Washington Tindall Pioneer Homestead, an authentic Seminole Chickee, and an interpretive area under the historic ficus tree add to the richness of the visitor experience.

Programs for children, schools and adults are offered, such as Hands-on History Programs, Hike Through History, Lighthouse Sunset & Moonrise Tours, Twilight Yoga, Lighthouse Book Club and Lighthouse Story Time & Crafts. Annual Events include: Sea Fest for Kids, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Rendezvous at the Light, Autism Family Night at the Light, and the Veterans Fishing Classic. Volunteer docents provide guided tours, and help in the museum, gift shop, archives, gardens and with weddings and events. Over 100 volunteers are members of the LRHS Docent Organization.

### How can I help?

You can help by becoming a Lighthouse member, Lighthouse Luminary, sponsoring and/or attending programs or events, volunteering, serving on Board Committees or the Board of Directors, shopping in our gift shop and sending family and friends to visit the Lighthouse & Museum. You also can help sustain the programs and mission of our unique historic and natural treasure with your donations, planned giving and charitable gifts.

### What are the hours of operation at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum?

- December 26 to April 30 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Every day
- May 1 to December 24 | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Tuesday through Sunday
- The last Lighthouse grounds admission is at 4 p.m.
- Sunset Tours and Moonrise Tours are also offered and tickets can be reserved online.
- Children must be 4 feet tall to climb the lighthouse.

### How can I contact staff or learn more?

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