

Fire Island National Seashore &
Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society



Return of Fire Island's First Order Fresnel Lens

Challenge:

To return the original 1858 First Order Fresnel Lens to the Fire Island Lighthouse.

In 1858 the First Order Fresnel Lens was installed atop the new Lighthouse Tower. In 1933 the lens was removed and placed on display in the Franklin Museum in Philadelphia until 2000.



Project:

To move the boat house back closer to its original location near the bay dock and to construct a building to display the First Order Fresnel Lens that will closely resemble the exterior of the electric station that once stood on this site.

In 1894, an experimental electric station was built adjacent to the site of the first Fire Island Lighthouse. Although out of service after only two years the building remained until the 1940's, when it was demolished. It was then that the boat house located on the bay dock was moved onto this location where it rests today.

Opportunity:

The Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society is in the process of fundraising to construct the building that will house the lens.

You can help by supporting the project with donations to:

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