



## PRESS RELEASE

From: Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History  
To: All Media  
RE: Point Pinos Lighthouse Celebrates 151<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
PR Date: January 26, 2006. For immediate release.  
Event Date/Time: February 1, 2006. Celebration begins at 4:00 p.m., with ceremony at 4:30 p.m.  
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# Point Pinos Lighthouse Celebrates 151<sup>st</sup> Birthday



Interested members of the public are invited to attend as the docents of the Point Pinos Lighthouse in Pacific Grove hold a free ceremony to commemorate the lighthouse's 151<sup>st</sup> birthday on Wednesday, February 1 at 4:30 p.m.

The event will start at 4:00 p.m., when the light will be put out. Then at 4:30 p.m. the first keepers, Charles and Charlotte Layton, and the first lighting of the beacon at Point Pinos will be remembered during a short ceremony to be held around the flagpole. The flag will be taken down for the day and the light will be relit, just as may have been done on this same day in 1855.

The light at Point Pinos was the first coastal light on the west coast, and remains the oldest continuously operating light. It has the oldest Fresnel lens on the west coast and had the first woman keeper, Charlotte Layton. The lighthouse is administered through the City of Pacific Grove's Museum of Natural History.

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For more information about this event, contact Lighthouse Historian Jerry McCaffery at [jerrymccaffery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerrymccaffery@sbcglobal.net)

The Point Pinos Lighthouse is located at the very end of Lighthouse Avenue. Access to the Lighthouse is from Asilomar Avenue, just north of the intersection with Lighthouse Avenue. Parking is available at the entrance. The building is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Thursday through Monday. Group reservations are required in advance. Requested donation of \$2 for adults, \$1 for youths. For more information on visiting the Lighthouse, call (831) 648-5716 ext. 13.

The Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History is located at Forest & Central avenues, and is open free to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call (831) 648-5716 for Museum information, or [pqmuseum@mbay.net](mailto:pqmuseum@mbay.net) / [www.pqmuseum.org](http://www.pqmuseum.org)