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**Ladies of the Lights**

**Ferndale Library Hosts Virtual History Presentation**

**Thursday, March 25**

**7pm**

**Sign up Link: <http://tiny.cc/ladylights>**

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**Learn About Michigan's History of Women Lighthouse Keepers with "Ladies of the Lights":**

*Ferndale Library Hosts Virtual Presentation on March 25*

**FERNDALE, Mich. (March 5, 2020)**-- For Women's History Month, the Ferndale Library will be hosting a virtual presentation sharing the stories of the women who tended the beacons along Michigan's shorelines since 1840. "Ladies of the Lights" will be hosted via Zoom. Dianna Stampfler of Promote Michigan will lead the presentation. The Ferndale Library has an online sign-up link for anyone interested in attending this program, including Stampfler's readings from newspaper archives and autobiographies and a list of featured ladies, and a bibliography of additional reading references.

"Ladies of the Lights" is about an extraordinary set of women before their time, taking on the romantic yet dangerous and physically demanding job of tending to the lighthouses that protected the shoreline. More than 40 women have been identified across the last two centuries who excelled in this profession, from 1840 to the present day.

Michigan has a rich history of lighthouses, at one time leading the country in the number of facilities with 140, but this program aims to illuminate more of the story--particularly the history of women tending to the upkeep of these buildings and their large ship-guiding lamps.

Stampfler's stories and readings will introduce attendees to a variety of women who served along the shores of Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, and Lake Superior, with upwards of 70 images of the keepers, their families, and their lights.

About the presenter: Dianna Stampfler has been referred to as one of the most motivated, energetic, and passionate leaders in Michigan's tourism industry, with more than 25 years of marketing, public relations, and media relations experience. A radio broadcaster since the fall of her senior year in high school (1986), Dianna produces two programs – Promote Michigan and West Michigan Weekend – which air on WAKV AM980 in Plainwell. She has been a radio news broadcaster, newspaper reporter, journalism advisor, freelance writer during her career.

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