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**St. Mary's County Museum Division Announces
Annual Holiday LEGO® Building Challenge**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – October 26, 2026 – The Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, the nonprofit organization that supports the St. Mary's County Museum Division, invites builders of all ages to show off their creativity in the annual Piney Point Lighthouse LEGO® Building Challenge. The holiday competition celebrates the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac River and gives participants a chance to have their creations displayed at the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum.

Participants are challenged to create an original lighthouse model using LEGO® bricks or similar interlocking building blocks. Entries will be accepted in three categories:

- Ages 12 and younger
- Ages 13 and older
- Family category: Teams of at least two builders, including one adult age 18 or older and one child age 17 or younger.

All entries must be original creations made entirely of interlocking building blocks. Kits, electronics and other decorative materials are not permitted. Models must be no larger than 12 inches wide, 12 inches deep and 20 inches high and must be placed on a sturdy base.

Participants may drop off their completed models at Piney Point Lighthouse Museum, located at 44720 Lighthouse Road in Piney Point, Nov. 20-25, 2026, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Entries will be on display Nov. 28, 2026 through Jan. 2, 2027. Museum visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite creations. Each visitor will receive one voting ticket, with additional tickets available for purchase at five for \$1. Proceeds will benefit the museum.

“We love how this annual competition has really become a way to celebrate Piney Point Lighthouse during the holidays as well as a fantastic opportunity to get families and the community involved,” said Karen Stone, manager of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. “What's even more fun is that everyone will be able to see their creations on display at the museum!”

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Winners will be selected by popular vote and notified Jan. 4, 2027. The winner in each category will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card and bragging rights as one of the year's best lighthouse builders. Models may be picked up Jan. 3-10, 2027, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Participation is free, but registration is required. To register, email janet.cooper@stmaryscountymd.gov or call 301-475-4200, ext. 1832.

For complete contest details, visit <https://bit.ly/PineyPointLEGO2026>. For more information about Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and upcoming holiday events, call 301-994-1471 or visit www.Facebook.com/1836Light.

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