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Spring update. We are “open for business”. In May, with the help of numerous volunteers, and the PT cruiser operated by Blue Heron cruises, we were able to stock the island with our summer supplies. There are approximately 15,000 items for sale, ranging from soft drinks, to chips, to bars, to pins and magnets. We are hoping to ensure the tuck shop in the museum is open most, if not all, days through the entire season. In addition to our regular visitors from near and far, this year Viking Cruise Line is stopping its 2 ships a total of 14 times in Tobermory, and Flowerpot Island is one of its many excursions for its guests.

June 8 and 9 were the dates for the 40th Anniversary of the formation of Friends, and we were fortunate to have a window of decent weather for the celebrations at the Lightstation. The event was co-ordinated by Heather Keast, along with help from several volunteers including Melissa and Kevin Kanmacher and Jane Greenhouse. Parks Canada was represented by Acting Superintendent Ethan Meleg. Several board members attended as well. There were children’s games, tours and cake. The Flowerpot Island Monster made a surprise visit. Several hundred visitors toured the grounds and museum over the 2 days. Sales in the tuck shop were brisk. The Board is very pleased with the attendance, the comments, and the great start to season. Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the weekend one to remember. A couple photos are attached, many more are on our facebook page.

