

ALLEN LEWIS

Our September speaker is Allen Lewis, a Tybee resident and member of the “Friends of the Cockspur Lighthouse.” His wife, Jane, and he devote a substantial amount of time with other members of this non-profit organization in preserving and restoring this historic lighthouse. It is part of the Fort Pulaski National Monument and is located East of Fort Pulaski on an Islet of Cockspur Island. It served to mark the South Channel of the Savannah River. It survived the shelling of nearby Fort Pulaski by Union forces.

Allen is a native of Wilmington, N.C. and a graduate of Wake Forest University and, also, of the University of South Carolina Law School. Before moving to Tybee, he enjoyed a diversified career – practicing law, teaching school and working in the family automotive business. He served in the South Carolina National Guard. He is a member of the Tybee Historical Society and was Senior Warden of All Saints Episcopal Church in Tybee.

Allen will discuss the interesting history of the lighthouse and the current restoration efforts. Since 1958, the lighthouse has been under the control of the National Park Service.