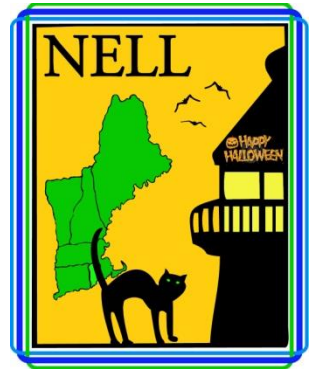
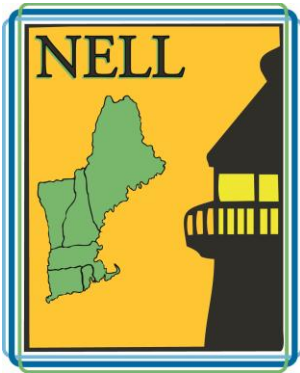


# CHAPTER CHATTER



September/October

**Happy Halloween**

## **NELL Fall Meeting - 20th-21st September**

We're now doing a "Bi-State" event, since Plum Island became far too complicated to get to work with DHS at this time. Hopefully we can get there at some time in the future.

Saturday 20th September: Meeting at Project O on the Avery Point Campus of UConn, which is the same place that we have our Board of Directors meetings. This is just steps from the Avery Point Light, which I'm hoping to get opened up for us at some point during the day.

After the meeting, I'm working out getting us to New London Ledge Light, where NELL has made contributions, both monetary and physical, towards the light's amazing restoration. The boats for that trip will most likely leave from UConn Avery Point as well, so the day will be centered there. I still have to finish working that out.

Sunday 21st September: Trip to Block Island. Unfortunately, we couldn't do Saturday, since there is only one bus on the entire island, and it was booked for a wedding Saturday long in advance. We'll be having a solid day out there -- leaving on the 9am traditional ferry to the island, spending the whole day there, and returning most likely on the 7pm ferry (possibly you could leave earlier on the 5pm, figuring that out too). From what Carolyn Carbone has tirelessly put together during her summer trips out there this year, it's going to be an amazing day, with climbs of both the North and Southeast Lights.

Don't book the ferry on your own -- it's going to be part of a package deal for that day.

Hotel detail for Friday 19th and Saturday 20th. **We have until August 27th to get the group rate.**

Quality Inn  
404 Bridge Street  
Groton, CT 06340  
[\(860\) 445-8141](tel:(860)445-8141)

Rate: \$111.75/night, plus tax (15%) = \$128.51/night  
Free continental breakfast  
Most rooms with 2 beds on 2nd floor, no elevator

## Other Events

The Hudson-Athens lighthouse is again open for the season, the second Saturday of July - October. Google the web site if interested as groups sometimes book entire trips at popular times and there is not sufficient room on the shuttle boat for non reservation folks. This year the lighthouse store is selling 2015 calendars (7" x 10", \$10.00) featuring the lighthouses on the Hudson River. Also there is a poster (16" x 20", \$15.00) of the four lighthouses on the upper Hudson River which was NELL's trip back in 2009. These were both made by Bob Taylor, NELL's post card and badge maker. He will bring some of each to the Fall meeting in New London.

## Other News

### DEER ISLE

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#### IHT awarded grant for Mark Island lighthouse repair

Island Heritage Trust has received a \$5,000 grant from the New England Lighthouse Lovers, a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation, according to a press release from the organization. Writing on behalf of NELL, Preservation Committee Chairman Frank Carbone noted that the "excellent supporting documentation," provided by IHT Executive Director Mike Little, was a significant factor in IHT's selection for the grant. For many years administered by the U.S. Lighthouse Service and later by the U.S. Coast Guard, Mark Island Light off Stonington came into IHT's possession in 1998. While the Coast Guard still maintains the automated foghorn and light in the tower, the building and the island are owned and maintained by IHT. Currently, the brick structure needs to be scraped, mortar joints repointed, and new "breathable" paint applied, at an estimated cost of \$26,880.

Prior to being awarded the NELL grant, the trust had \$8,000 saved for Mark Island Light maintenance. Board Chairman Ellen Rowan said, "We were thrilled to get the grant. We've been worried for some time about funding for Mark Island Light maintenance. The lighthouse is such a fixture of island life and has long been a beacon for both the working watermen and pleasure boaters. IHT is mindful of the history and significance of the lighthouse to the community, and, consequently, we don't take the responsibility of its care lightly. This grant will help move us considerably closer to our goal."

For a history of the light and its keepers, see Marnie Reed Crowell's book, *Mark Island Light*, available at IHT's Nature Shop on Sunset Road. For information about donating to the Lighthouse Fund, contact IHT at 348-2455 or at [islandheritagetrust.org](http://islandheritagetrust.org).

### Gay Head Light (Aquinnah) in the News

Singer **Rosanne Cash**, with husband **John Leventhal** joining her on guitar, performed at a fund-raiser benefiting Martha's Vineyard's beloved Gay Head Light. The sold-out event at Flatbread raised more than \$120,000 for the restoration and relocation of the landmark lighthouse. "Monk" actor (and Vineyard resident) **Tony Shalhoub** wielded the gavel at an auction that included a week in a Paris flat and a helicopter tour of the island followed by a catered dinner at the historic light. The Save the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee is now halfway to its goal of \$3 million, the cost to move the lighthouse away from the edge of the eroding Gay Head cliffs. (The light now stands barely 45 feet from the edge of the cliff.)

### Grant for Point No Point Lighthouse Windows

HANSVILLE — Point No Point Lighthouse will receive \$4,760 for restoration of eight windows.

The money comes from Lighthouse Environmental Programs, a Whidbey Island-based non-profit organization. Funds for the grants come from the sale of Washington lighthouse license plates.

Other lighthouse receiving grants included Browns Point in Tacoma, Burrows Island in Anacortes, New Dungeness in Sequim, North Head in Long Beach, and Turn Point in the San Juan Islands.

Go to [www.washingtonlighthouses.org](http://www.washingtonlighthouses.org) for information about lighthouse history and restoration efforts.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Dot Black	9/02	Tim Harrison	9/03	Tom Kenworthy	9/06
Ann Solaequi	9/13	Anita Norris	9/14	Marcia DeClerk	9/16
Lee Benford	9/18	Bob Scroope	9/22	Janie Coates	9/26
Donna Hyde	10/02	Sheila Bach	10/03	Christine Cardace	10/06
Arlene Pregman	10/09	Anthony Savino	10/12	Jessica Schulman	10/17
Bill Grumman	10/20	Tom Pregman	10/22	James Mays	10/29
Frank Carbone	10/30				

**Anniversary Wishes to:**

Bob Lynne Kerber	9/02	Ron & Pat Bandoek	9/09	David & Phyllis Idell	9/22
Herb & Tracie Carpenter	10/07	Wayne & Gladys Grabner	10/08	Anna & Richard Klein	10/22
James & Kristine Mays	10/30				

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Gary & Jean Zunda  
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**Just for fun....can you guess the light?**



If you think you know you can e-mail me. (answer next Chapter Chatter)  
July/August answer: Point Judith, Rhode Island

## International Lighthouse News



### Environment: Mediterranean lighthouse network project starts

ANSAméd) - CAGLIARI - The Mediterranean Lighthouse Project MEDPHARES has been launched in Cagliari, in Sardinia. The project involves France, Tunisia and Lebanon, and three semaphoric stations controlled in Sardinia: Cagliari, Sant'Antioco and Asinara.

The objective is to create an international network to develop strategies to conserve, restore and improve lighthouses and semaphore stations. And also to make this heritage a worldwide attraction. "A wonderful opportunity for Sardinia, it will give protection and give back to the local communities a large local coastal heritage, once a precious support to navigators and fundamental defensive garrison, tomorrow a factor of development for the area", said Alessio Satta, director of the Conservatory of the coasts of Sardinia, the project leader, at the end of the technical survey of southern Sardinia's lighthouses, in the presence of the Conservatoire du Littoral et des Rivages Lacustres, representing the French government.

The first concrete step of the project was the work of the first Steering Committee, which is the meeting of the partners that set up the operational methodology for the production of the network.

Integrated Program of Improvement is therefore taking shape, which follows the approval of the regional council that entrusts to Conservatory of the Coasts fifteen coastal conservation areas owned by region. The project can count on European funding of one million, 770 thousand euro. There are nine identified "pilot" sites to carry on restoration and improvement actions through discussion between citizens and institutions.

In Sardinia, involved are the Sant'Elia in Cagliari lighthouse and signal station, and the light houses and semaphoric stations on the islands of Sant'Antioco and Asinara.

#### **Please Note:**

We are looking for **volunteers** who are interested in serving on committees, those who have good ideas for lighthouse preservation, fund raising, suggestions on improving the operations of the club, or just getting more involved. Please contact Bill Kent: [bktwo@comcast.net](mailto:bktwo@comcast.net) or 1(978) 809-7133.

**The Lighthouse Digest** – For each subscription, please use the subscription envelope that you can get from NELL's 2nd VP Lynne Kerber, or the form on the NELL website. Mail with check to Lighthouse Digest, ATTN: Kathleen Finnegan, P.O. Box 250, East Machias, ME 04630. Be sure to write NELL in the memo section of your check and NELL will receive \$10.00 per subscription to go toward restoration and preservation of lighthouses.

If you have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me: [chapterchatter@outlook.com](mailto:chapterchatter@outlook.com)  
All articles and information must be received by the 25th of the month prior to make the publication.

**The NELL Beacon** wants your stories too, send with pictures to Lynne Kerber: [lighthousecats@comcast.net](mailto:lighthousecats@comcast.net) for publication. The NELL Beacon is our official club newsletter and will be published three times a year in time for our events. Deadline for the LHC&Y issue will be mid December, for the Spring Event issue mid April and for the Fall Event issue mid August.

If you know of a member that needs **some cheer, get well wishes, condolences or congratulations**, please let Cynthia Bosse - Sunshine Chair know at: [bossnjc@comcast.net](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860) 688-7347.

Please let me know your **birthday** (month & day only) and **anniversary** so I will be able to recognize you on your special day in our monthly Best Wishes section.