
Spring Business Meeting

by

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Nell's Spring 2004 meeting held on the weekend of June 12 – 14 in Rockland Maine was a huge success. To assist in the huge success, Tom and Arlene Pregman and their band of merry organizers did a wonderful job. As for the concerns for the early weather report, everyone who attended was not disappointed as the weather was near perfect for Saturday and Sunday's events. Daytime temperature rose into the mid 60's with lots of sunshine with light breezes. Monday's temperature may not have been as high, the winds blowing stronger, and the sun trying to peak from behind the clouds, but the members were not going to miss their closing events.

To start off the weekend, everyone met at the Middle Pier to depart on the M/V Monhegan for an 8 hour narrated cruise around Penobscot Bay. To the amazement of everyone, not one person sang the theme to Gillian's Island. With the sun shining brightly and the winds blowing very lightly, the trip started seeing our first lighthouse almost immediately, The Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse. The Rockland Breakwater was the first of eight lighthouses we expected to see. At the Rockland Breakwater, the captain of the boat set the precedent for the rest of the trip. He slowed the boat to a crawl, then he slowly brought the boat as close and possible to the light to ensure everyone had a clear view of the lighthouse and ample opportunity to take pictures. And, cameras were snapping. As one side of the boat approached the light, everyone would race to that side. When everyone got on the one side, you could feel that the boat had a noticeable list to that side with all the people. All the while, Ted Panayotoff, our tour guide narrated. The trip continued on to the next seven lighthouses throughout the day. The boat stopped at Owl's Head, Heron Neck, Saddleback Ledge Isle Au Haut, Deer Island Thorofare Goose Rocks, and Browns Head.

Because of the beautiful weather on Penobscot Bay, the captain sent word down to everyone that he had enough time remaining that he was going to visit 2 other lighthouses. When finding out about the 2 new lighthouses, everyone went searching camera bags and pockets for extra film, batteries, and memory sticks to be able to take pictures of these 2 unexpected lighthouses. After Browns Head Light, the captain turned the boat and headed toward the Curtis Island lighthouse. After Curtis Island, we visited Indian Island. These lighthouses were an unexpected treat for everyone.

Sunday, June 13, 2004 was another beautiful sun filled day. At breakfast, Tim Harrison and Kathy Finnegan of the American Lighthouse Foundation received their lifetime membership certificates. Tim and Kathy greatly appreciated the lifetime memberships. Tim Harrison thanked NELL for all of the wonderful work we have performed in the restoration and saving of lighthouses. Additionally, Tim mentioned some of the new plans regarding the new Lighthouse Museum in Wells Maine. Finally, Tim mentioned the newest ALF project, Petit Manan Lighthouse.

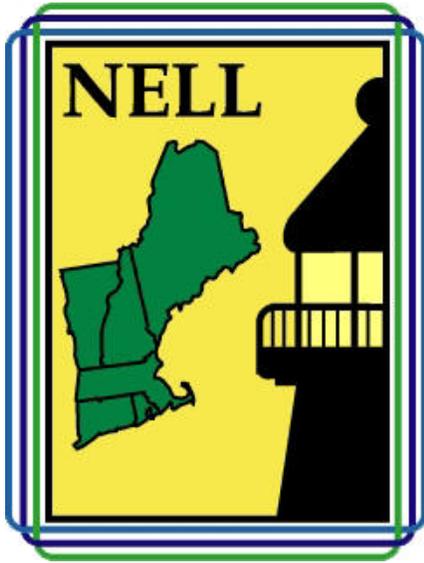
After breakfast, everyone convened in the Top of the Rocks room for the NELL Meeting. The highlights of the meeting were Dot Black's (Ken Black's wife) emotional introduction of Tim Harrison as the replacement speaker for Ken Black. Speaking unexpectedly, Tim Harrison was at a slight loss for word in trying to describe all the work that Ken Black has performed in trying to save lighthouses and lighthouse artifacts. After Tim Harrison's speech, Dot Black was asked to return back to the front of the room to accept on Ken's behalf, his lifetime membership to NELL. This brought another tear to Dot's eyes. After inducting Ken Black into NELL, there was an additional award given out. It went to Shirin Pagels for her work as Membership Chairperson. To bring a little humor to the meeting, Lee Hall was the lucky recipient of a mini roast. During the Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate, and You (Winter Meeting 2004). Lee was pictured at Morgan Point Lighthouse perched on the old fashion toilet saying that he stands behind all the work he performs. As some may or may not know, Lee owns his own plumbing business out on Cape Cod. At the end of the meeting, the final highlight of the morning was the auction of a Harbor Lights – Rockland Breakwater replica, series number 10. A rare piece because it was from Bill Younger's personal collection. When the bidding was finally over, Lee Hall won. Congratulations Lee!

As not to forget but as important, the meeting confirmed the elections of the board of directors. Before announcing the new board of directors, let's give thanks to our departing president, Ron Foster for all the hard work he has performed in making NELL what it is. Thanks Ron. Lets us welcome the returning elected members to the Board of Directors - Tom Pregman, Vice President; Carolyn Carbone, Secretary, Judy Hall, treasurer and Jim Streeter, Director at Large. Now lets us welcome our new

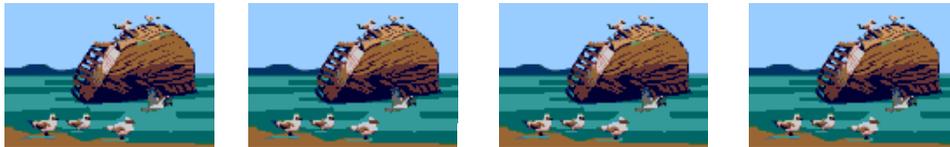
Director at large, Bob Taylor and our new president, Shirin Pagels. Congratulations all!

After completion of the meeting, the rest of the day's activities began with the members breaking up into 3 groups. Each group started at one of three venues. Each group took a ride on the Equinox to visit the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse and Museum. At the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse and Museum, we received a tour of the Keeper's house, the past work and future plans of the Museum. Other venues for the day included a tour of the Shore Village Museum hosted by Ken Black and a visit to the future site of the Maine Lighthouse Museum. The Maine Lighthouse Museum will be the new home of the extensive collection of lighthouse memorabilia and artifacts currently in the Shore Village Museum. The day concluded with dinner at the restaurant in the Trade Winds Motor Inn. After dinner, many NELL members were spotted on the streets of Rockland in search of some great ice cream.

For those who could stay in Maine until Monday, visits to the Owl's Head and Marshall Point Lights were on the agenda. Although the weather was cooler and with a lot more wind, it was still a treat to climb both towers before all of our members headed home.



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NELL SPRING MEETING / TOUR

MID-COAST MAINE PENOBSCOT BAY

June 12 - 14, 2004

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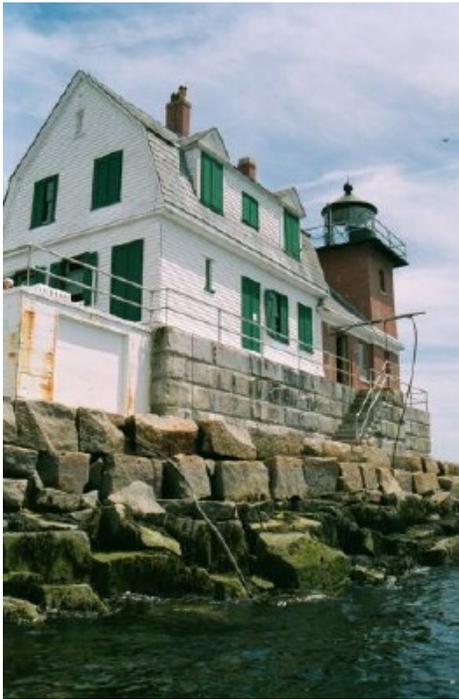
Arlene at Owls Head



Shore Village Museum



Ken Black



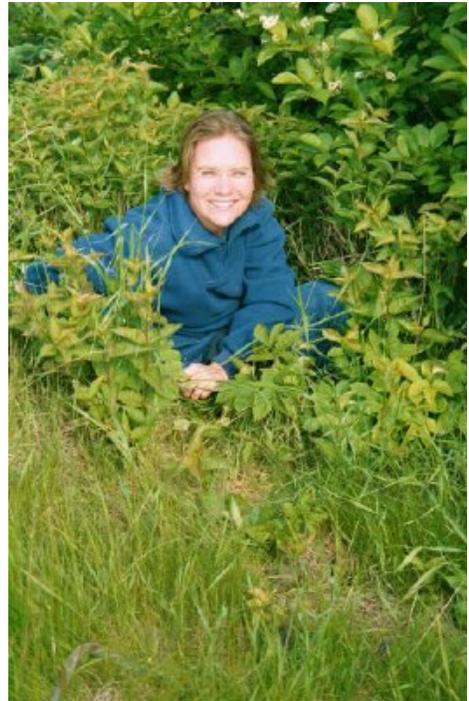


Flowers at Owl's Head Light



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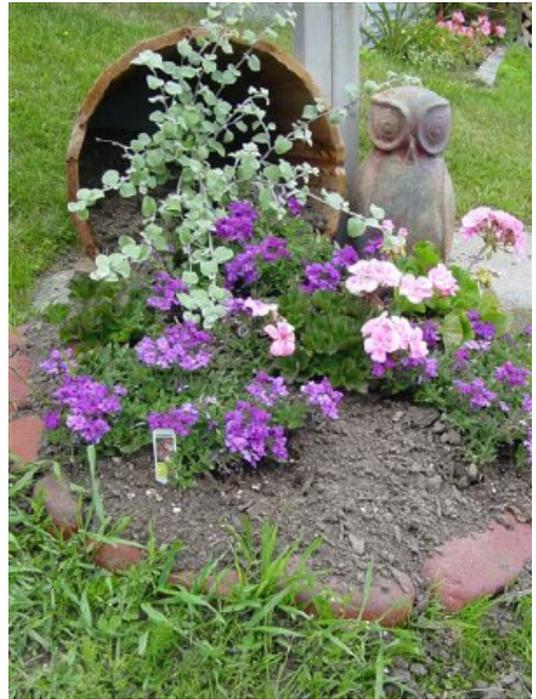




Ken Black at the Shore Village Museum



Ron on Rockland Breakwater Light



Flowers at Owls Head Light





Photos by Ron Foster



Safety tips before boarding



Ready to board for Rockland Breakwater



Waiting your turn



Last of the group



Lighthouse Lovers on board



Enjoying the boat ride



Passing lobsterman waves



Isaac C. Evans cannon salute



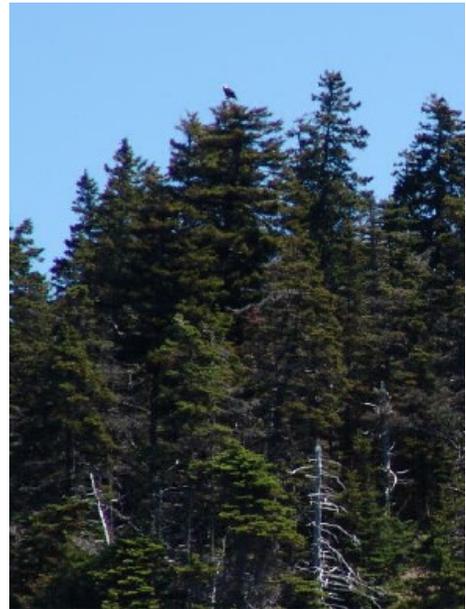
Brian and Lee get ready to sell stickers



Noreen and Linda - It's a Beautiful Day!



Eileen, Nina, Linda and Jim enjoying the cruise



Eagle in the treetop



Lighthouse Lovers on board



Odette



John and Noreen leave for Penobscot Bay



Goose Rocks Lighthouse



Dot Black with grandson



Owl's Head from boat



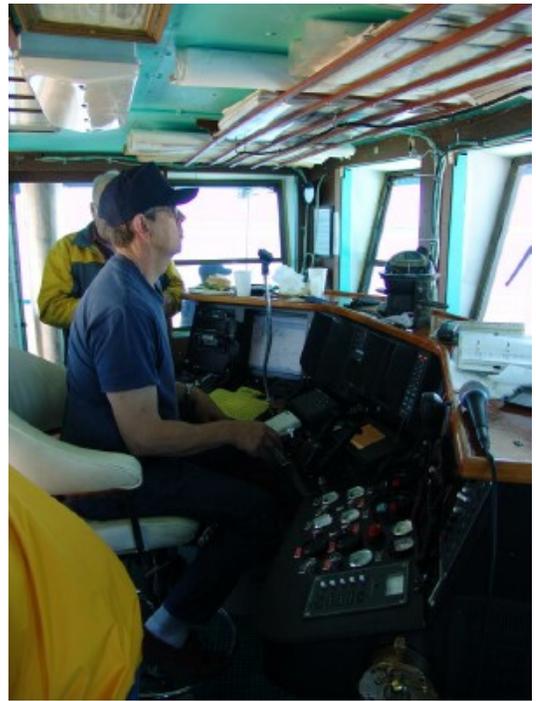
Jim in van at Owls Head



Nina, Commander Paul Dilger, Hilari, Walt in Owls Head Lighthouse



Bill catches up on the news



In the wheelhouse



Goose Rocks Lighthouse



Gulls love lobsterman



Penny, Augie & Odette



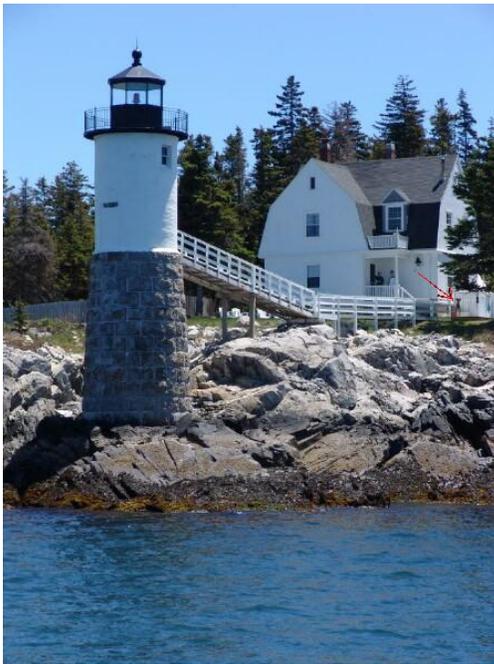
Victory Chimes off port side



Mark Island Light



Approaching Isle Du Haut



Isle Au Haut (note dog on right at fence)



Isle Au Haut Light



Lee



Patty, Lee & Gary



Saddleback Lighthouse



Saddleback a very small island to live on



Heron Neck Lighthouse



Heron Neck Lighthouse



Hillary



Judy and boat captain

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Ted Panayatoff narrates the tour



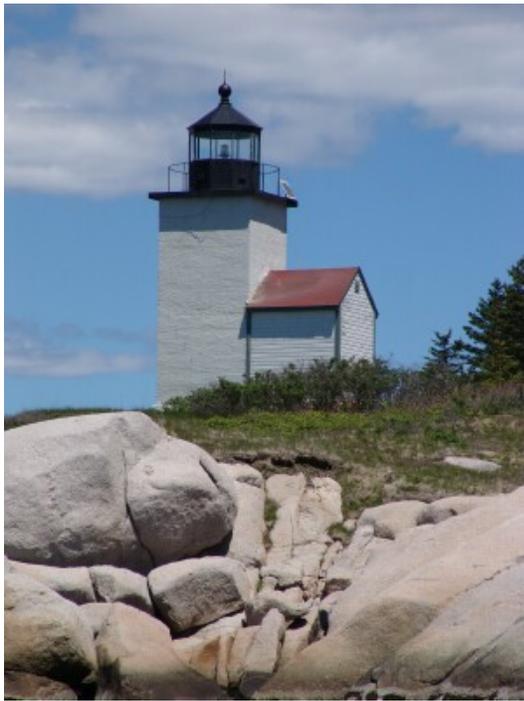
Browns Head Light



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Mark Island (Deer Island Thorofare)



MJ



Day Marker in Penobscot Bay



Indian Head Light



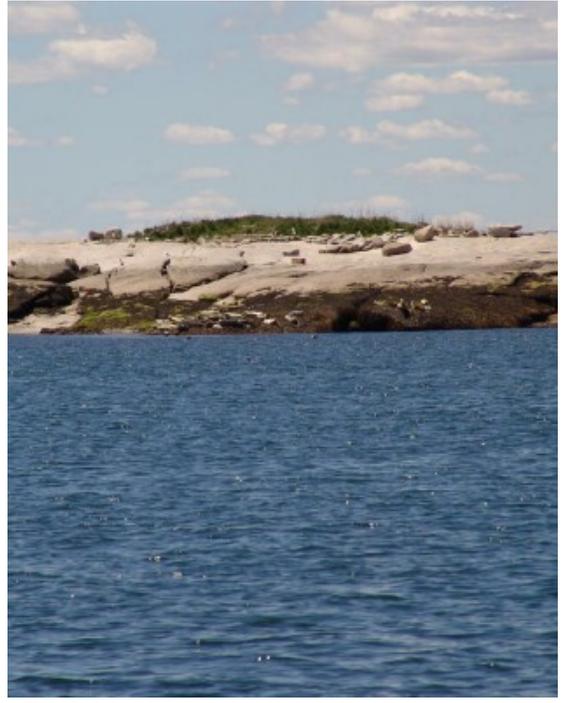
Bert & Sharon



Camden home on the bay



Patty & Gary (note the ever present back rub)



Seals on rocks sunning



Curtis Island off the bow



Curtis Island Lighthouse



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Kaitlyn, Lexis and MJ



Pat, Eileen & Tom (our regalhobo)



Eileen and Arlene on way to Rockland Breakwater



Boats moored in Rockland Harbor



Busy breakwater



Equinox docked at Rockland Breakwater floating dock



Equinox delivers the next group



Henry - How do I focus this?



Carolyn, Bobbie and Arlene



Passing Rockland Breakwater



Carolyn Lexis and Bobbie



Bobbie on the breakwater



Carolyn & Henry on Rockland Breakwater



Anthony through the lantern room



Group arrives at Rockland Breakwater



Half Mast on the Breakwater in honor of Ronald Reagan



Eileen through the lantern room



Beautiful day for a sail



Henry



MJ, Lexis, Kaitlyn and Shirin



Rockland Breakwater LH from the very end of the breakwater



Rockland Breakwater lighthouse and Keeper Panayatoff from the floating dock



Ventilator ball on Rockland Breakwater lighthouse



Back to Rockland Harbor



Victory Chimes in dock



Shirin from the lantern room



Inside Rockland Breakwater Keeper's Quarters



Al Pochek and JoPanayotoff (Keeper Ted's wife) who worked in the lantern room



Half Mast in honor of late President Ronald Reagan



Gull over Breakwater



A peaceful break on the breakwater



Sails past Rockland Harbor



Group at Shore Village Museum



Ken welcomes NELL to room of jewels



Lenses in Shore Village Museum



Fresnel lens in Shore Village Museum



Ken shows lantern bulbs from days gone by



Ken has a captive audience at the Shore Museum



Ken Black takes NELL through Shore Museum



Questions for Ken on lighthouse apparatus



Lexis and Kaitlyn receive lobsters for helping to raise money to save New England lighthouses



Lens



Tim Harrison addresses the membership at June 13th Meeting



John tells of upcoming Fall Event



Dot Black accepts \$420 donation for Rockland Breakwater LH



Ron reads Honorary Lifetime Membership to Kathy Finnegan



Ron presents Honorary Memberships to Tim and Kathy



Honorary Member Kathy with Ron



Ron reads Honorary Lifetime Memberships



Tim and Kathy with Honorary Lifetime Memberships



Tim Harrison talks about his Honorary Membership



Dot accepts Honorary Membership for Ken Black



Tim accepts Honorarium for the new Maine Lighthouse Museum



Dot Black speaks to NELL membership



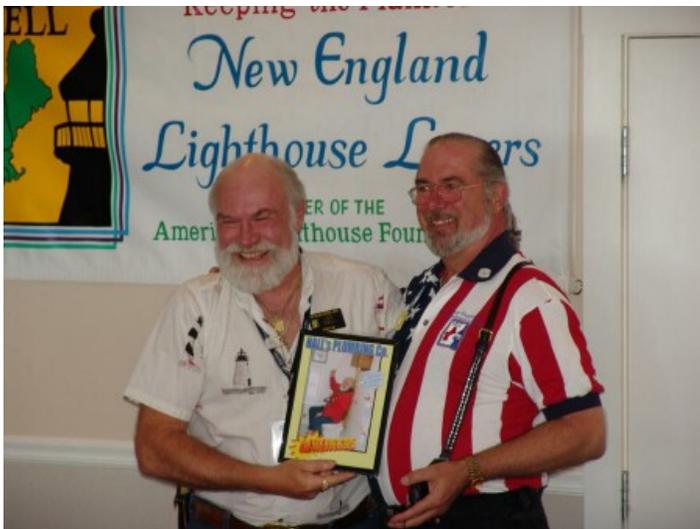
Tom & Amy



Marguerite receives a new outfit for NELLIE (a NELL mascot)



Membership Chair Shirin recognized for a "Job Well Done!"



Lee owner of Hall's Plumbing



Augie tells of upcoming Family Picnic



A long cruise comes to an end.



After a long day cruising



Ken Black and Ron Foster



Equinox at the floating Dock - Rockland Breakwater



Lexis, Shirin, MJ, Ron and friends enjoying the ride



Inside Rockland Breakwater Building



Lee Hall ready to swing



Ken Black



Rockland Keeper



Lee Hall relaxing



Ron giving Lee an "plumbing award"



Maine Lighthouse



Marshall Point



Owls Head