

CHAPTER CHATTER



January/February

Happy New Year - Happy Valentine's Day

It is time to renew your NELL membership dues for 2020.

2019 is winding down and it's time to start thinking about plans for next year and NELL. Your membership is for a calendar year and it's time to think about your 2020 renewal. This might be a good time to consider upgrading your membership to the next level.

Annual dues are:

- **\$50 Business / Corporate / Organization**

Contributing Member[s]: Individual or Family

- **\$50 Assistant Keepers[s]**
- **\$100 Keeper[s]**
- **\$200 Inspector[s]**
- **Other – Commissioner[s]**
- **\$10 Junior – age 6 through 17**
- **\$20 one adult – age 18+**
- **\$30 two adults in same household (must be same household, no exceptions)**
- **\$40 Family – 1 or 2 adults & children under 18**
- **\$500 Life Member – Individual Lifetime – \$800 Two Adults in same household (must be same household, no exceptions)**

If you plan going to LHHC&Y (Lighthouse Hot Chocolate and You) in January, your dues **must** be paid

Make out your check to "NELL" and send it to: NELL, 38 Lime Kiln Road. Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

Prefer paying by PayPal? Click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<http://www.newenglandlighthouselovers.org/membership-form/>

If any of your information has changed, just send a note to NELLmembership@mail.com so it can be updated.

NELL can always use additional volunteers, of course. And if you have an idea for a new fundraiser or an interesting meeting program, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Jean Zunda, Membership (401) 433-2506 NELLmembership@mail.com

LIGHTHOUSES HOUSES HOT CHOCOLATE & YOU 2020

Saturday, JANUARY 11, 2020



Custom House New London, CT

Climb New London Harbor Lighthouse

Elinor DeWire American
Author and Educator presents
"Women Lightkeepers"

Hot Chocolate and NELL's
Annual Cookies Contest

Tom Pregman with Films of
NELL Lighthouse Trips



Particulars

9:30 a.m. Arrive at Custom House 150 Bank St, New London, CT

Be assigned to a group of five individuals who will be shuttled to New London Harbor Lighthouse (aka 'Pequot' Light) for a twenty---minute visit and climb up the 119 steps of the tower. This is the oldest & tallest lighthouse on Long Island Sound and from the lantern room one can see an amazing number of lighthouses. This is the fourth oldest lighthouse station in the United States (est. 1760, current tower 1801) and still has the 4th order Fresnel lens that was added in the mid nineteenth century.

THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE SHUTTLES OF 5 PEOPLE LEAVING FROM THE CUSTOM HOUSE SO WHEN ONE GROUP IS FINISHED THE NEXT GROUP WILL BE AT THE LIGHTHOUSE READY TO VISIT & CLIMB

9:30 – 12:45 p.m. Enjoy the many displays at the Custom House Museum and Gift Shop; NELL's Tom Pregman will be showing films of Lighthouse Trips that NELL has taken or may take in the future; or grab a bite to eat at one of the many downtown eateries in New London.

1:00 p.m. Elinor DeWire presents *Women Lightkeepers* and will sign some of the many books she has authored.

Following Elinor's presentation we will enjoy the cookies baked by fellow NELL members along with Hot Chocolate and Tea. Cookies will be judged and prizes given out for the top three.

PARTICIPATION IS \$30 PER PERSON

>>>> SEND CHECK TO KATHY SANTUCCI, 38 LIME KILN RD, TUCKAHOE, NY 10707 <<<<

Also, send an email to Ron Foster, ron@foster-photo.com, to let him know you are planning to attend and if you will be baking cookies.

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Happy Birthday to:

Nancy Cope	1/03	Ron Foster	1/08	Carolyn Carbone	1/13
Sharon Mills	1/17	Patrick Clark	1/18	Herb Carpenter	1/24
Chris Heacock	1/26	Henry Winkleman	1/29	Mary Jane Foster	1/29
Sandy Coates	2/09	Judy Hall	2/14	Lynne Kerber	2/17
Linda Speece	2/23	Bill Kent	2/24	Bob Taylor	2/25

Anniversary Wishes to:

Ron & Mary Jane Foster	1/14	Hank & Chris Heacock	1/30
Lee & Bonnie Benford	2/15		

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 Ron Foster (860) 303-2986 or via e-mail: ron@foster-photo.com

The Lighthouse Digest – For each subscription, please use 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 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 or call 1(860) 688-7347.

If you have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me:
chapterchatter@outlook.com

All articles and information must be received by the 25th of the month prior to make the publication.

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.