

**SAVE THE DATES – MAY 21-23, 2021**

We are keeping our fingers crossed and our hopes high that the previously planned spring event in **Lake Sunapee, NH** will take place in May 2021. **Save the dates for the weekend of May 21-23, 2021.** The chartered cruise to view the three (3) lighthouses on Lake Sunapee is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021. On-board lunch will be included. A membership meeting and a guest speaker are also in the works. Stay tuned for further information. A definitive announcement and schedule of events will follow within the next couple of months.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. Let's welcome 2021 with hopes of getting our lives back to a "new normal"!





Ron Foster	1/08	Carolyn Carbone	1/13	Sharon Mills	1/17
Patrick Clark	1/18	Herb Carpenter	1/24	John Donovan	1/14
Chris Heacock	1/26	Henry Winkleman	1/29	Mary Jane Foster	1/29
Sandy Coates	2/09	Patricia Leary	2/10	Linda Speece	2/23
Bill Kent	2/24	Bob Taylor	2/25		



Ron & Mary Jane Foster 1/14

Hank & Chris Heacock 1/30



Best Wishes to Scott Walbert as

he recovers from recent surgery.

## HELP NELL FUNDRAISE WHILE SHOPPING

Keep supporting the fundraising efforts of New England Lighthouse Lovers when shopping on Amazon. It's easy!

1. Sign into your Amazon account using the website: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
2. Select New England Lighthouse Lovers as your charitable organization
3. Shop as you usually do!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization you chose.

Smile.Amazon.com is the same as Amazon.com – Same products, same prices, same service. But to generate donations you must shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

Spread the word to your family and friends to help support NELL. Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) whenever you shop online. Thank you for your support!

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Check out the latest Zoom trip on the <http://www.newenglandlighthouselovers.org> website – presented by Tom Pregman of his trip to ALASKA in 2011. It is a very informative program with beautiful photos.

The Nantucket Lightship/LV 112 that NELL has toured a couple of times and donated restoration funds to in the past was transported to dry-dock on August 20 this past summer for its next phase of restoration, being performed at the historic Fitzgerald Shipyard in Chelsea, MA (Boston Harbor) owned by Peter Fitzgerald. Read more here: [Nantucket Lightship now in dry-dock!](#)



Nantucket/LV112 being towed from her berth on the East Boston waterfront to the Fitzgerald Shipyard for dry-docking in Chelsea, Boston Harbor. Photo Credit: Ron Janard

Also of interest is the movie about Lighthouse Keepers that has recently been released. You can read more about it here: [RMHS alumnus chronicles stories of New England's 'Last Lightkeepers' | Reading | homenewshere.com](#)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The new year is here and there are some of you who have not renewed your NELL membership. 2021 will be a year of starting over for the entire world and NELL will be ready to go when that happens. All the plans we made for last year will actually happen this year – God willin’ and the crick don’t rise – and we can look forward to seeing our friends and the lighthouses we have all missed. Don’t be left out!

Renew today, either through the website – <http://www.newenglandlighthouseovers.org> – or by sending your payment to:

NELL Membership  
1 Princeton Ave  
Riverside, RI 02915-2632

Not sure if you renewed already? Ask at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com)

### General Membership

\$ 20	Individual
\$ 30	Dual – Two adults in same household
\$ 40	Family – Two adults and children under 18
\$ 10	Junior – age 6 through 17
\$500	Lifetime Individual
\$800	Dual Lifetime – Two adults in same household

### Contributing Membership

\$ 50	Assistant Keeper(s)
\$100	Keeper(s)
\$200	Inspector(s)
\$other	Commissioner of Lighthouses

Think of all the ‘What I did During Quarantine’ stories we’ll have when we see each other again. Don’t miss out!

You can also order your own Nell Membership Pin:



The board member the NELL NEWS is highlighting in this issue is our long-time treasurer, Kathy Santucci. Kathy works for a small accounting firm and completes tax returns, does tax planning, auditing and many other jobs for the small business owners that hire them. She first became interested in lighthouses approximately 23 years ago when she & her sister took a trip to Newport, Rhode Island and saw the Rose Island Lighthouse from the bridge.



This piqued her interest in lighthouses. The next trip she took with her sister was to Martha's Vineyard where they saw the four in town lighthouses. Once interested in lighthouses, Kathy started looking on-line for lighthouse groups to join and ended up joining several groups such as the New Jersey Lighthouse Society, Chesapeake Lighthouse society, USLHS, and NELL. She was an inactive member of NELL at first, but then went on a NJ Lighthouse Society/NELL sponsored trip to Hawaii where she met other NELL members and started to attend meetings and joined trips. After a few years, in 2008, Kathy was voted as Treasurer and has remained in that position since then. That same year Kathy was crowned as Ms. NELL. She has seen over 200 lighthouses and considers Boon Island in Maine her favorite.



Kathy wants everyone to know she misses you and hopes to be able to attend some of the NELL trips in the future.



## DOWN MEMORY LANE OF NELL LHC & YOU FROM 2008-2019



2008 trip to Massachusetts to see Gurnet and Scituate Lights, Minot's Ledge Lens and Hull Lifesaving Museum.



2009 trip to Rhode Island to see Goat Island, Castle Hill, Point Judith Lights and Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Beavertail Light.



2010 trip to Connecticut to see private Morgan Point Light and Stonington. We enjoyed cookies & other goodies at the Hilton at Mystic Motel.



2011 trip to Boston, MA to see Nantucket Lightship/LV-112.



2012 trip to Portsmouth, NH to see/climb Portsmouth Harbor Light & eat at Captain and Patty's restaurant in Kittery Point, Maine.

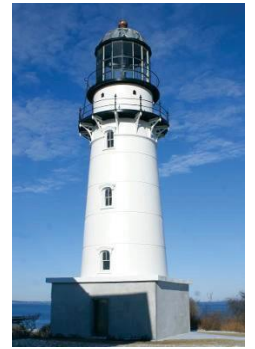


2013 trip to Cape Cod to see Nauset, Race Point, Highland, Nobska and Chatham Lights. We enjoyed cookies at Race Point Light.

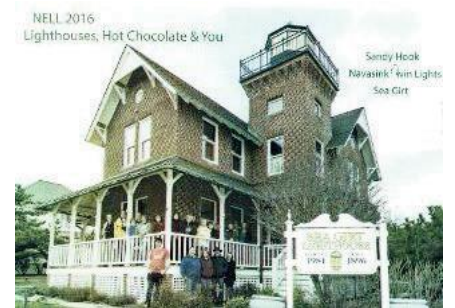


2014 trip to Massachusetts to visit Eastern Point and Hospital Point Lights. We had Cookies (our first cookie contest) & Hot Chocolate at the Marriot Boston Peabody Motel.

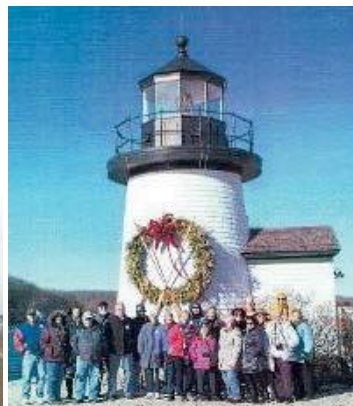
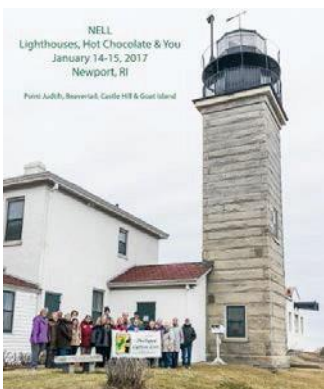




2015 trip to Maine to see & climb the “bug” light where a group photo was taken. We also saw and climbed Spring Point Ledge, Portland Head, and Cape Elizabeth Twin Lights. We had cookies and Hot Chocolate at the Holiday Inn Portland, Maine.



2016 trip to New Jersey to visit & climb Sandy Hook, Navesink, and Sea Girt Lights. Cookies & Hot Chocolate at Sea Girt.



2017 repeat trip to R.I. to see Goat Island, Castle Hill, Pt. Judith & Beavertail Lights. 2018 repeat trip to Conn. to see Watch Hill, Stonington & Mystic Seaport lights. 2019 repeat trip to Boston to see Nantucket Lightship/LV 112.



**Please Note:**

The position of Vice President is currently open. This BOD position also oversees NELL trips. Please consider stepping up to help. We are also 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 Henry Winkleman (617) 731-5181 or via e-mail: [wink8@mindspring.com](mailto:wink8@mindspring.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](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860)688-7347.

If you have any knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share, please sent it to [smills8839@aol.com](mailto:smills8839@aol.com). All articles and information must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month to make the publication. Also 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 Best Wishes section.

Final words from your Editor:

As mentioned before, I am technically challenged and learning as I go. I have switched the program I am creating the NEWS in and think I can now send it via PDF file which I think will be better for more members. Please remember that your ideas and suggestions are welcome as well as articles you'd like to see included in the NEWS. The NELL NEWS is your (the members) newsletter and my position is just as Editor. Sincerely, Sharon Mills

