

September 2019

NELL members:

Our fall 2019 event in Downeast Maine was a great success! Of course, the sunny, dry weather was a contributing factor. It was unusually warm (maybe too warm for some) for September in Maine.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way. Your involvement certainly helped!

This was the first event I planned for NELL. It was a huge undertaking, but Ron Foster was always available to me when I needed advice or assistance. Ron and his wife, M.J. assembled the envelopes and enclosures that were given to the attendees. Thank you, Ron, for leading NELL back to solid ground when we were floundering.

Thanks to Kathy Santucci, Henry Winkleman and Ron Foster for setting up the new bank account in order to provide the necessary checks for the weekend's events.

Special thanks to Henry for stepping up to assume the office of president. I know that Arlene was a major influence. I appreciate the resolve of both of you.

Ellen and Bob Granoth, along with Ron, spent a great deal of time and effort designing T-shirts for this event. We are all very grateful for your work in promoting and selling merchandise.

It is difficult to round up everyone for group photos, but John Donovan did it. And he is determined to have our new banner displayed outside of the lantern rooms of the lighthouses we visit.

Sandy Peterson and Debbie Brew were instrumental in organizing the kitchen when the food delivery arrived and leaving it spotless when we were done. They also set up and oversaw the silent auction. Both ladies always step up to the plate when asked for assistance.

We can always count on Tim Harrison for a fantastic presentation. If anyone can get the point across about preserving lighthouses and the legacy of the keepers, Tim can and will! Of course, his wife, Kathleen Finnegan, also plays a huge part in those endeavors.

Thank you to Bill Kent and Carolyn Carbone for acknowledging Ron Foster and me as Mr. NELL and Ms. NELL, 2019, respectively. It's an honor.

Bob Taylor always comes through with his stunning postcards and buttons that are included in your envelopes. Thank you for another job well-done.

My mom and stepdad, Rena and Jerald (Butch) Garriott helped set up the meeting hall and clean up afterwards. Mom was great company while I made last-minute stops and did errands in Calais, Eastport and Lubec.

Dot Black – What can I say? Everyone who knows Dot will agree that it was wonderful to see her. She never fails to provide laughs with her sharp wit.

To everyone who bought merchandise, donated or bid on silent auction items – thank you!

A short survey was handed out to members during the cruise. Of the 20 responses returned, eight (8) people had never seen or climbed some of the lighthouses in Downeast Maine that we visited, and four (4) people had never even been to Downeast Maine. Many locations and various lighthouses were suggested for future NELL events. We always welcome volunteers who are willing to assist with planning.

NELL members are very motivated and inspired to continue the mission of lighthouse preservation. We look forward to seeing you at our next event in New London, CT for Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You (LHHC&Y), on January 11, 2020. Elinor DeWire will be our guest speaker. Mark your calendars now. More information will follow in the coming months.

Thank you!
Linda Sherlock
Secretary