



NELL NEWS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021



LIGHTHOUSES, HOT CHOCOLATE & YOU
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 OR 15, 2022 at
10:30 AM

We expect there will be a visit to the Hull (Point Allerton) Life Saving Station



This is where the annual **COOKIE CONTEST** and Hot Chocolate will take place also.

The **MARITIME MUSEM** in downtown Cohasset will be open for NELL to see the history and artifacts from Minot's Ledge Lighthouse along with other local maritime history.

Later in the day participants can travel to the Cohasset Sailing Club on their own to see the old Minot's Ledge Lighthouse Lens and a Memorial Bell at the same location. You will also be able to see the current Minot's Ledge light at a distance. In addition there will be a small fee for attending this event, so checks can be given to the museums.

All this is in the planning stages now so exact dates, times, cost etc. will be sent separately when the plans are finalized. In the meantime, save the dates and if you want to be part of the cookie contest, think of what you might want to bake.

Save Dates of **MAY 13-15** for the **NELL SPRING TRIP**

Plans are being made to go to the Cape May, New Jersey area where Nell will go on a six hour cruise to see several lighthouses on the **Cape May Whale Watch Saturday, May 14th starting at 10am and returning at 4 pm.** Breakfast and lunch will be served on the cruise. A spring business meeting will be held and there may be a couple of other things planned. There is also a Free Zoo in the area that is well worth a visit. Stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer.





A fall trip to see and climb **Ladies Delight Lighthouse** located on Maine's **Lake Umbagog** and possible visit to a few lights in the **Acadia/Bar Harbor** area is also in the early planning stages.



The article on the next page was written by Robert Taylor who is in the position of Historian on the NELL Board. He will be the featured board member in this issue of NELL NEWS.

Bob Taylor lives in Pittsfield, MA. He is retired from Pittsfield High School where he was a math and computer teacher and also Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, MA where he was a professor teaching computers and serving as an Academic Advisor. After retiring from fulltime work at Berkshire Community College he worked part time also at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY for a decade as his "Retirement Fun Job". Bob started collecting Harbour Lights in 1995 when he bought his first replica of New London Ledge of CT from Lighthouse Depot. (see replica picture on left) Although Bob has seen and photographed approximately 1,300 lighthouses in the USA and



internationally, Hudson-Athens lighthouse located on the Hudson River in New York is the one he is most familiar with and has been volunteering there for 19 years. During that time he started following folks around and listening to those giving tours and taking many photos. That seemed to move into giving many talks in the area in libraries, a senior group at the local community college, 4 different volunteer recruitment shows to folks on each side of the Hudson River in Athens and Hudson. Bob did a podcast this year with Jeremy D'Entremont and two other volunteers (#93 on the USLHS site). He spoke on Zoom to the local DAR group during a monthly meeting, made post cards to sell and give to the 2nd graders from both sides of the river who come out to the light on a school field trip, assists with the newsletter to the members, did a one hour talk on FM97.4 radio show and spent 4 hours this summer at the light being recorded, picture and sound, which he was told that the Hudson River Maritime Museum is going to use in a movie

production of the remaining lighthouses on the Hudson River (their winter project 2021-22) By clicking on this link for the [Hudson Athens Lighthouse](#) you can see & hear the present problem with the foundation of the light. You will need to click "media" and then go to the video section and click on the colorful picture as you scroll down the page. The work was done by the professional company in NJ, Aqua Survey. The color cone indicates how much of the dirt and rocks around the wooden piles has been washed away. If you scroll further down you will also see a slide show Bob made to give folks, especially in the community about what is involved in making a lighthouse operate then and now. His other hobbies include photography and making badges and post cards for NELL.



Photo of Hudson-Athens Lighthouse taken by Bob Taylor

Where did NELL come from?

It occurred to me the other day that some of the new folks who are coming to NELL events or watching NELL on Zoom must wonder what some of us older folks are talking about when we say Nancy and Bill, Harbour (as the company copyrighted the spelling) Lights, reunions, the forum or past events. The company started in the early 1990's in Southern California making collectable lighthouses with Bill and Nancy Younger, their daughter Kim and son in law Harry Hine. Back then the internet was in its infancy and collectors were trying to find answers to questions on lighthouses. What is the next model? ,next reunion?, will they produce my favorite lighthouse? Google "Harbour Lights Collectors Forum" to find and read the postings. It was also used to buy and sell lighthouses. This was before eBay. To post you must be a member

“STORIES OF HARBOUR LIGHTS COLLECTORS CLUBS AND EVENTS ”

by Robert Taylor (Bob Taylor on the Forums)

Bill and Nancy Younger As Your Host & Hostess

In 2003 the Tampa Bay Harbour Lights Collectors Club ran a two week trip covering the lighthouses of California, Oregon and the first three lights in the State of Washington. The organizer was none other than Derith Bennett. Derith is a lady who lives in FL and in 2002 was doing trips for the Tampa Bay Harbour Lights Collectors Club. The story was told that someone said to her instead of doing one day trips to a lighthouse why do you not do a REAL trip. So she organized a trip from San Diego, CA to the state of WA covering most of the lighthouses in CA, OR and the first three lights in WA. She worked out the numbers to include 3 meals a day, a rented bus and a bed to sleep in each night. It was advertised to the FL folks, but only 40 folks signed up. To make the numbers work she needed 46! Somebody in NELL, probably Ron Foster, was asked to spread the word that New Englanders were welcome and it resulted in Ron & MJ, Ron and Shirley Drummer, and Tom Pregman and myself from NELL signing up for the trip of a lifetime.. She is very capable and now in retirement seems to be travelling around the country exploring many things including lighthouses and seems to post daily on Facebook.

Not wanting to hold up the trip, the six of us flew to San Diego a day early and booked into Derith's starting hotel. Somehow word got out to the Youngers that we would be there a day early and there soon followed an invitation for supper on the arrival day for the six of us. Word also got out that none of us drove from New England, and even if we did have a car, we might get lost on those freeways. We soon received information that Nancy with her car, and Bill with his car, would be there to pick us up and chauffeur us to and from the restaurant.

(Photos of the Youngers & 6 NELL members and photo at lighthouse that includes Elinor DeWire and Derith used by permission from Tom Pregman)

What a restaurant they took to order off the menu! When dessert, the Youngers said ordered. Dessert was served remember a cake that was the cut lengthwise. They dessert and each of us got a When it came time to pay, to Kim who proceeded to then it was back to the hotel



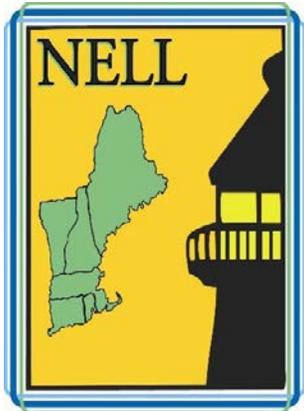
us to and we were told it came time for trust us and they family style. I size of half a football proceeded to cut each piece and so it went. the check was passed take care of things and for the night.



The next morning the Tampa Bay folks arrived and we all boarded the bus for our lighthouse adventure. That day for lunch we were taken to the Boll Weevil Restaurant where Bill and Nancy were already there to not only greet the bus but also to serve as part of the wait staff. The service was superb! When it came time to board the bus Bill and Nancy said they wished they could go with us, but they had a business to run. With customer service and appreciation like that it is no surprise that their business was a big success.

NELL (New England Lighthouse Lovers)

Harbour lights ran “reunions” for their lighthouse collectors (think family reunion or school reunion) around the country. At the Harbour Lights Reunion in October 1998 in Providence, RI, with over one thousand participants, there was a sign-up sheet placed out asking if lighthouse folks might be interested in forming a “Harbour Lights Collectors Club of New England?” Folks signed up and a notice was sent out which resulted in an organizational meeting being set up in November of that year at a restaurant in Andover, MA with 34 folks showing up for that meeting. Next was organized the first of what became annual events, namely a Spring lighthouse meeting with the first being held in Groton, CT at the University of Connecticut Avery Point Campus. The guest speaker for this first event was Elinor DeWire with a 35 mm slide show and talk on none other than lighthouses! This was followed up by a fall meeting in Portsmouth, NH where in addition to visiting lighthouses we had the pleasure of a talk by none other than Connie Small, a wife of a lighthouse keeper, who at the time was only 98 year of age! Thus the Harbour Lights Collectors Club of New England was off to a great first year.



Each fall we would say our good byes and “see you at the spring event” until one day we realized that lighthouses were operational all winter, even in the colder climates. Hence was born *Lighthouses Hot Chocolate & You*, an event in January with actual trips to lighthouses with ice, cold weather and snow. The first cool event was held in January 2001 in and around Scituate Lighthouse with a climb and visit to other nautical places in the area. This three event schedule continues to the present day.

Why the name change? Soon after the start of the club it became apparent to the officers that one could not use a copyrighted name and also be able to raise money for lighthouse preservation as a non-profit organization. The first president, Barbara Hupp, decided it was time to have a contest and come up with a new name. Of course with a new name, **NELL— New England Lighthouse Lovers**—we needed a logo to go with it and hence another contest. The winner was Ron Foster and is the logo to the left. There is an entire series of these logos, with the particular state in which the event is

being held, shown in a different color than the rest of the New England states. There is also a winter logo, an American Flag logo, etc. This new name and logo shown was born in 1999, and to this day is the club’s name and signature logo appearing on stationary, hat, coffee mugs, lunch pails, sweat shirts, etc. Google NELL and check it out.



Next Ron Foster got into the NELL badge business for each event. They were originally 2¼” and later became 3” in size, and now back to 2¼ . NELL’s first badge is on the left. Ron continued with the badge making until the Fall meeting in 2007 when I took it over. Ron next got into making post cards of lighthouses and that has also been taken over by me. On the right is the 2013 post card of Pomham Rocks, RI that I made.

NELL has also branched out over the years to schedule trips on the Saint Lawrence River and Delaware Bay, NJ looking at lighthouses. NELL’s past

Presidents have been Barbara Hupp 1998-2000, Ron Foster 2000-2004, Shirin Pagles 2004-2006, Tom Pregman 2006-2007, Tom Kenworthy 2007-2012, Bill Kent 2012- 2016, Greg Fitzgerald 2017, Ron Foster 2018 and Henry Winkleman 2019 - . NELL also has a MS. NELL and MR. NELL event each year in which individual members are recognized by the group for their contributions to NELL in particular, and lighthouses in general. On June 3, 2000 NELL hosted an evening dinner meeting with Bill Younger as guest of honor. This included stories and signing of Harbour Light pieces. In those days “Hatteras on the Move” was the piece to get.



Since its beginnings in that Andover restaurant in 1998, NELL has raised and donated to lighthouse preservation **\$170,000 as of January 2021**. Additionally, another Collectors Club came into being because the Youngers and their company, Harbour Lights, came to Providence, RI to share their love of lighthouses with others in the 3 day event.

PHOTOS FROM THE WONDERFUL NELL FALL TRIP. HAVE NOT GIVEN PHOTO CREDIT UNDER EACH, BUT SOME WERE TAKEN BY JOHN DONOVAN, OTHERS BY HENRY W., BOB T, SHARON M





In case you haven't looked at the NELL website here is a photo of Mr. & Ms. NELL of 2021
Ron Foster passed the title of Mr. NELL and the yellow NELL buoy to Graham Meddings and Linda Sherlock passed the title of Ms. NELL and the Nell wooden lighthouse plaque and crown to Sharon Mills at NELL's Fall Business Meeting.



Maine Open Lighthouse Day did take place this year although fewer lighthouses were open than usual. Bob and I had the opportunity to go to Mistake island to visit the Moose Peak Lighthouse thanks to it's private owners, Jeremey and Miriam, and climb the tower. NELL member Sherri Roberts was also on the trip. The owners only offered two trips to the lighthouse and allowed 7 people a trip to go. Below are a few of the photos taken September 11th .



Nell member, Sandy Peterson, who has been overseeing the silent auctions at our meetings and has agreed to be on the Fundraising Committee, received a special gift in early October and thought members of Nell might like to see a photo of it. A woman, Paula Horn, who came from Germany, was a quilter that was involved in a quilting group, and attended the church Sandy does, died recently. Sandy, because she was known to like lighthouses, was gifted with a beautiful Lighthouse Quilt that this woman had made in 2008/2009. As you can see, the Quilt has 16 squares that contain a different lighthouse each from around the world. They also have the name of the Lighthouse and country or State it is located in on the bottom of its square. Sandy told me the woman was very detailed and used paint on a few of the squares to make them more realistic.

From left to right in order the lighthouses are:

Erie Land, PA / Nauset, MA / Diamond Head, HI / Warnenunde, Germany

Alte Weser, / Race Rock / Latimer Reef / New London
Bremerhaven, Germany NY NY CT

Dungeness / Peggy's Cove / West Quoddy / Pigeon Point
Kent, England Nova Scotia ME CA

Cape Hattaras / Split Rock / Montauk Point / Statue of Liberty
NC MN NY NY



Things are not always what they seem. Linda Sherlock found this photograph in an antique store recently. If a person looks closely it identifies the picture as Nubble Lighthouse instead of Portland Head.





Pamela DePasquale	11/07	Larry Thompson	11/10	Laurel Mills	11/13
Kathy Santucci	11/13	Norm Bosse	11/15	Bob Mills	11/15
Jim Streeter	11/15			Gary Toth	11/19
Paul Leary	12/03	Sandra Peterson	12/03	Linda Sherlock	12/03
Cynthia Bosse	12/12	Jim Seery	12/14	Judy Newblom	12/26
Cliff Olson	12/28			Hank Hancock	12/29



Frank & Pamela DePasquale 11/14

Johnathan & Elinor DeWire 12/30 Paul & Patricia Leary 12/31



May your memories exceed your sorrow

**Our sympathy goes out to NELL member Shirley Drummer and the family who lost husband and father, Ronald Drummer on October 8th. Ron was one of the Charter Members of NELL and he & Shirley went on the trip to the West Coast mentioned in an article a few pages back in this issue. The family also requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to NELL. If you haven't read/seen it yet, you can find his obituary by going to: [Ronald Henry Drummer Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information](#)

If any other NELL Members would like to make a donation in Ron's memory, please send checks to NELL in care of Henry Winkleman, 99 Marion Street #1, Brookline, MA 02446 and appropriate receipts, note to family etc. will be sent out. We thank the family for their generosity to NELL through their request.

** NELL also sends condolences to long-time member Hilari Seery and her family on the loss of Hilari's mother, Margaret Cockburn, who died on Tuesday, October 19. She lived in England and would have turned 102 in January. Our thoughts are with you Hilari. Cards can be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Jim Seery, 4035 Troon Drive SW, Concord, NC 28027

CANVAS BAGS AVAILABLE WITH LAKE SUNAPEE LIGHTHOUSES PICTURED ON THEM

Ellen Granoth ordered a number of heavy canvas bags for our Fall Trip and a few are still waiting to be bought. There are still 8 Medium left and 6 Large left.

Medium Size cost \$12.00

Approximate size: 13 ½ " x 13 ½"

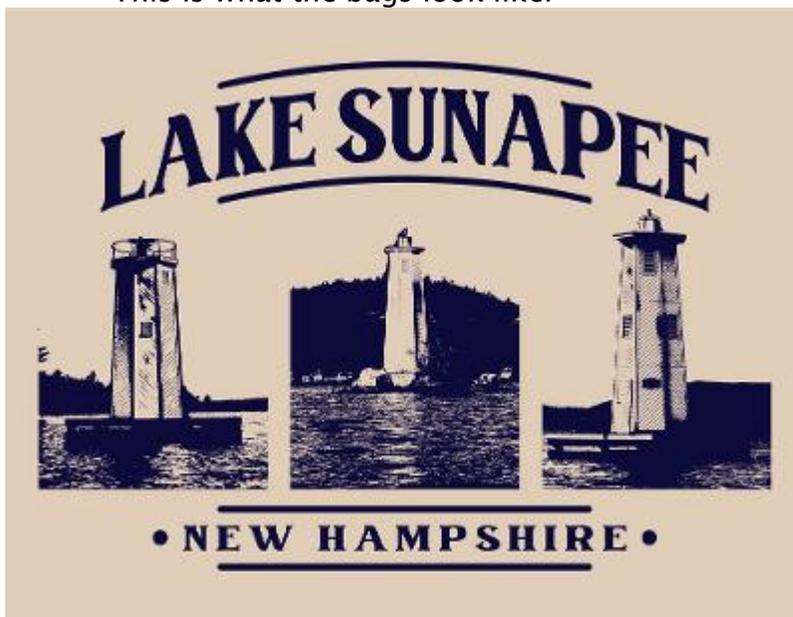
Large Size cost \$15.00

Approximate size: 14 ½" x 16"

Contact Ellen if you want to buy one for YOURSELF or a friend. It would make a great Christmas gift.

ellenlg@sbcglobal.net

This is what the bags look like:



Membership News

We are pleased to WELCOME new members: **Gregory Capel, Jr** of Glassboro, New Jersey
Tim & Sheila Pettee - from Green Ledge LH Preservation Society of Norwalk, Connecticut and
Marjorie Johnson - from Dill Island Lighthouse Society of North Kingston, Rhode Island

How about each and every one of us ask our friends and family about joining NELL and going on a neat trip to Hull, Mass area in January? **Forward them a copy of this month's NELL News and explain what you're doing and what it's all about. There's a membership application included already with all the information needed to join.** I got my sister to join and she lives in Florida so you never know what response you might get. Besides, the worst that can happen is you'll be told No. **Remember YOU need to renew before January if you want to attend the LHC&Y event.**



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Address: _____

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Membership Directory

Email: _____

Membership Type check one

- _____ **Junior Members** (ages 6 through 17)..... **\$10.00**
- _____ **Individual** (one adult age 18+)..... **\$20.00**
- _____ **Dual** (2 adults living in same household, age 18+)..... **\$30.00**
- _____ **Family** (1 or 2 adults age 18+ and children through age 17)..... **\$40.00**
- _____ **Life Individual** (one adult age 18+)..... **\$500.00**
- _____ **Life Dual** (2 adults living in same household, age 18+)..... **\$800.00**
- _____ **Business, Corporation, Organization Membership Dues**..... **\$50.00**

Make checks payable to NELL
 and send to:

NELL
1 Princeton Ave
Riverside RI 02915-2632

Payment made also be made through PayPal at newenglandlighthouse lovers.org
 PayPal account not necessary to complete the transaction.



HELP NELL FUNDRAISE WHILE SHOPPING – especially with Christmas coming up

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
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.

Spread the word to your family and friends to help support NELL. Shop at smile.amazon.com whenever you shop online. Thank you for your support!



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

To all members who have done and continue to do ZOOM presentations:

Check out all the Zoom trips and some other photos of our recent trip on the <http://www.newenglandlighthouse lovers.org> website – We had no Zoom trip presentation in September since we were able to finally **GO IN PERSON** on a trip but I think there are still some in the works for the winter. Henry will keep us all posted via e-mail.

We also want to give another BIG Thank-you to our Secretary Linda Sherlock, who did so much work to make the trip to Sunapee a success. LINDA, we appreciate all you put into this trip. We also thank other members Bob Taylor, John Donovan, Sandy Peterson, Debbie Brew, Jean Zunda, the Granoths, and any others who helped make this first trip in over a year special.

We want to especially thank members Sandy Peterson and Debbie Brew who stepped up to become Fundraising Co-Chairs and Ron Foster and Graham Meddings who stepped in to be Preservation Committee Members, joining Walter Mills. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WILLING TO STEP INTO THE VICE PRESIDENT POSITION. IF YOU ARE EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT, PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT HENRY WINKLEMAN TO INVOLVED. YOU'D GET A LOT OF



DISCUSS WHAT WOULD BE HELP.

There has been a lot of restoration going on here & there during the time when not as many people were able to visit lighthouses. Check out some of these reports:

Nubble Lighthouse in Maine had its restoration completed recently by Jim Leslie & Co. Click on link to see what was done: [York ME Nubble Lighthouse tour of restoration by Jim Leslie underway](#)

In Massachusetts, both Nauset Light on the Cape and Ned's point Light have had restoration. Ned's Point is now open after being closed for a couple of years. There are plans for special events this winter also. Check them out at:

[Preservation work restores charm and romance of Nauset Light](#)

[Ned's Point Lighthouse reopens for tours after two years | Sippican](#)

Because Portsmouth Harbor Light celebrated its 250th anniversary this year, it was the lighthouse chosen to be highlighted on the USLHS annual Christmas Tree Ornament. It can be ordered from USLHS website in the shop section : click here to see what is available. [Keeper's Locker | US Lighthouse Society](#)



This is what the ornament looks like:

Check out Pomham Rocks in Rhode Island as they celebrate their 150 year Anniversary. There were no tours this year but the Fresnel Lens was returned to the lighthouse and tours hope to resume next year.

[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse"150 Years of Guiding the Way Along the Bay"](#) They also have a beautiful Christmas ornament of the lens available which can be ordered (see details at Facebook link below. This is what it looks like:

[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse | Facebook](#)



Please Note:

The position of Vice President is currently still 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

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 smills8839@aol.com. All articles and information must be received by the 20th 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: I am becoming less technically challenged and learning as I go. I have not heard of any problems downloading the NEWS since creating it in a PDF file. 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





We
wish
you a
merry
Christmas

