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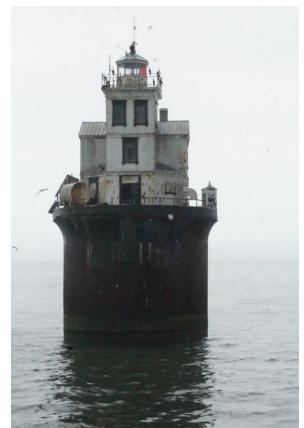
2022 NEWS



PHOTOS FROM CAPE MAY, New Jersey MAY 13 -14, 2022







The previous photos were shared from Henry Winkleman and Sharon Mills except for the group photo which was provided by Larry Roberts.

The first few photos are from the business meeting held in a room at the motel.

Next are photos showing the boat we took, members waiting to board, and NELL members enjoying the cruise in spite of the heavy fog. There is a picture of the “photo” cake we enjoyed after lunch and photos of four of the lighthouses we passed.

All on board enjoyed a breakfast and lunch and the cake showing Brandywine Shoal Lighthouse. A video was being shown throughout the day about the lighthouses we passed and some of the inside of Brandywine Shoal Lighthouse. There was a raffle of a couple T-shirts and sweatshirts showing lighthouses in the area. At the end of the cruise a donation from NELL was presented to the Captain who owns Brandywine Shoal. (see last few photos before the group picture.) Besides Lighthouses, we saw a Bald Eagle, several other birds, a swing bridge, part of a sunken boat, and several groups of dolphins.

The trip planners, **Ellen & Bob Granoth**, thank supported NELL by attending the trip.



everyone who signed up and

On **MAY 1, 2022**, ALF held the annual GALA after a two year pause due to Covid. Several NELL members were in attendance including Jean & Gary Zunda, Pat & Paul Leary and Sharon & Bob Mills. Also attending was member and one of our former speakers Elinor DeWire who accepted a special "Keeper of the Light" award for the USLHS. Below is a photo of the presentation.



Our featured board member this month is **Ron Foster** who serves as Preservation Co-Chair and is the President Emeritus of NELL. He is also one of the founding members. I thank Ron for writing an article for this month's NEWS.

Ron was born in Manchester, NH on January 8, 1949, the third of four children, to Virginia and George S. Foster, Jr. The family moved to Manchester, CT in the mid fifties. Summer vacations often found them near the ocean in York, ME where Ron and his older brother George, played on the rocks and in tide pools within sight of Nubble (Cape Neddick) lighthouse. It was Nubble light that first sparked an interest in lighthouses and the reason they are, more often than not, his destination on vacation and the subjects in his photographs.



Ron's family moved to Vernon, CT when he was in the third grade and he graduated from Rockville High School in 1967. While in high school Ron played soccer for four years. Music was a large part of Ron's life and he enjoyed singing in the school choir and playing drums in the symphonic and marching bands. Below see Ron in band uniform.



1963



For six years he played in a small band, The Progressions, at weddings and nightclubs throughout Connecticut.

Immediately following high school he enrolled at Manchester Community College for a couple of years followed by a semester at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. Ron became a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard and went to Fort Jackson, SC for his Basic and Advanced Individual Training before returning home to complete his duty. In his unit he was part of a 4.2-inch mortar section. During his seven-year stint with the National Guard he was called out to help with several severe storms in the state as well as to help quell the 1970 riots in New Haven, CT by anti-war protesters and those upset over the arrest of Black Panther co-founder Bobby Seale. Ron was honorably discharged as an E-5 sergeant in 1976.

Ron met his wife MJ in 1971 and they married in January 1972. At the time MJ was a secretary at a law firm in New London, CT and Ron owned a catering truck operating out of Rockville, CT. They first lived in Rockville, CT where Ron was also a Real Estate Agent. They moved to Groton, CT after Ron stopped his catering Business. Their first child, Vicki, was born in July 1973. Ron joined the workforce at General Dynamics Electric Boat in August 1973 installing insulation on piping and components of nuclear powered submarines. Ron worked on the first shift while MJ cared for Vicki and when Ron got home in the late afternoon MJ would go to work at a law firm in Groton while Ron took over childcare. Son Joe was born in August 1975 and the family routine continued.

Ron not only enjoys photographing lighthouses, he belongs to various lighthouse preservation organizations and has worked to help preserve our sentinels so that future generations may learn about and enjoy them. He was a member of the American Lighthouse Foundation, the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and a charter member and past president of New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL). Ron initiated *Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and YOU*, a NELL event that took place during the long winter months which, up until then, lacked an opportunity to get together as a group. The first Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and YOU was held in Scituate, MA where we visited Scituate Lighthouse and the Irish Mossing Museum. At the conclusion of this event we shared hot chocolate and cookies. This event was open to the public and became a good way for friends to bring friends who may be interested in joining NELL. NELL always made donations to the lighthouses that opened their doors to us for LHHC&YOU. I'm proud that this has become an annual event. Through NELL Ron has provided H.O.P.E. (Hands On Preservation Efforts) for several of New England's Lighthouses including Pemaquid Point (Bristol, ME), New London Ledge (Groton, CT), and Long Point (Provincetown, MA). He served on the Steering Committee of Connecticut's Avery Point

Lighthouse (Groton, CT) and worked to help save, restore and relight Avery Point Light in October of 2006.

When vacationing in FL Ron Lighthouse. This was the first returning home Ron & MJ saw a There was a miniature of Saint purchased it. This was the Harbour Lights Collector. traveled to San Diego, CA to who collected Harbour Lights.

Family Reunion that lasted rides to view lighthouses, an miniature lighthouse and all over the country. It was a Harbour Lights Collectors. This was due to the Younger family who produced and marketed these wonderful miniatures. Bill and Nancy Younger, daughters Kim and Tori Dawn, son-in-law Harry Hine all radiate love, which is contagious and makes everyone in their company feel loved and part of the family. Soon Ron and MJ had six curio cabinets full of Harbour Lights lighthouses and when the second Harbour Lights Collectors Family Reunion took place it was on the east coast in Providence, RI, so they attended that event also. It was just as spectacular as the first Reunion in San Diego, CA but more so because it was because of this reunion that NELL was born.

At this second reunion Barbara Hupp put up a little sign asking if anyone was interested in starting a Harbour Lights Collectors Club on the east coast to sign up. Following the Harbour Lights Reunion several dozen people who had signed Barbara's signup list gathered at a restaurant in MA and New England Harbour Lights Collectors Club (NEHLCC) was in its infancy. Bylaws needed to be established as well as officers and so various groups formed in order to draw up the Bylaws and form committees. Ron was in charge of organizing the first membership meeting, which took place at Avery Point in Groton, CT at the Avery Point Campus of the University of Connecticut. Our first guest speaker was Elinor DeWire, author, freelance writer, editor, public speaker, and educator. Members also brought some of their miniature lighthouses, some other than Harbour Lights, to show to the membership. We visited Avery Point Lighthouse as well as New London Ledge Lighthouse. The first officers included Barbara Hupp President, Ron Foster Vice President, Henry Hupp Treasurer and Penny Patch Secretary.



and MJ visited Saint Augustine lighthouse that Ron climbed. Upon display of Harbour Lights in a gift shop. Augustine in this display and Ron beginning of Ron becoming an avid Through Harbour Lights both Ron and MJ meet up with hundreds of lighthouse lovers This was the first Harbour Lights Collectors several days and included dinners, boat auction, opportunity to hand paint a wonderful time with likeminded folks from great feeling to be part of the family of

The club earned money to donate to needy lighthouses and our first donation went to Stonington Lighthouse in Stonington, CT for an acrylic case to enclose the Fresnel Lens that the museum has on display. Without this case the USCG was going to take the lens back. The case still protects that Fresnel Lens to this day and there is a plaque acknowledging NELL as the donor. The size of the club grew quickly and included many folks who loved lighthouses but who did not necessarily collect Harbour Lights. Hence, the membership voted to change the name of the club to New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL).

Two years after its formation Ron became President of NELL and knowing that we needed to become a non-profit, he approached Tim Harrison, President of The American Lighthouse Foundation (ALF), with the idea of NELL becoming a chapter of ALF, whereby NELL would become a non-profit. An agreement was drawn up and on October first 2001 it was signed in Wells, ME when NELL officially became a non-profit chapter of ALF. This arrangement worked well for many years but NELL applied for and received its own 501 (c) (3) non-profit designation effective December 28, 2018.

Ron is also a collector of antique post cards of lighthouses and life saving stations. He has traveled throughout the United States to photograph lighthouses and his images have appeared on the cover and in the pages of Lighthouse Digest magazine as well as lighthouse books by such well-known authors as Bruce Roberts, Elinor DeWire, and Tim Harrison (to name a few). His images have also adorned calendars, post cards and advertisements. For several years Ron set up a tent with his images on canvas at various art shows in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Ron continued working at EB on the tools in the insulation department for over ten years until an opportunity to become a supervisor became available. He became a supervisor in that same department and managed a crew of insulators on the submarines. He worked both new construction as well as overhaul of older subs. Ron's work at EB took him to various locations including Naval Base Rota, Spain; Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA; Bath Ironworks Bath, ME; Ingalls Shipbuilding Pascagoula, Mississippi; Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base St. Mary's, Georgia to work on ships. Ron became aware that chances of further advancement in management was better if he continued his college education and received more than an associates degree. He started going back to college at the University of New Haven nights after getting off work. The many years of classes at night eventually paid off, Ron became a General Foreman in the insulation department. After 23 years down in the shipyard Ron was sent to Engineering where he worked on the engineering of valves as a Project Engineering Assistant for the last 17 years of his career at EB. Ron retired in 2014 after 40-plus years at Electric Boat in Groton, CT.

Ron and MJ live in Groton, CT. Unfortunately, their daughter Vicki passed away in December of 2015 following a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 42. But Vicki had given them a granddaughter, Lexis who is an elementary school teacher and lives in Groton. Son Joe, wife Stephanie and granddaughter Veronica also live in Groton. Veronica just completed renovating a school bus turning it into a tiny house on wheels, which she has taken on a few adventures up north in Vermont and New Hampshire. We have been blessed over the years and are thankful for all of the wonderful friends and family we share time with.



Pictured Left to Right are: Ron, Veronica, Joe, Stephanie, Lexis, MJ and Vicki



RON & MJ



2011 BAR HARBOR CRUISE

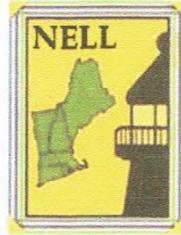


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BAR HARBOR AND WINTHROP, MAINE

August 26-28, 2022



[Baker Island Lighthouse](#)



[Ladies Delight Lighthouse](#)

FRIDAY EVENING – August 26th (4:45 PM to 7:45 PM) – Acadian Boat Tours

Departs from the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel, 119 Eden Street, Bar Harbor

Arrive at 4:15 PM to board the M/V *Eden Star* for a 3-hour private chartered cruise
View Egg Rock Lighthouse, Winter Harbor Lighthouse, and Bear Island Lighthouse. If the tide is right (fingers crossed), we may also have views Baker Island Lighthouse and Little Cranberry Island Lifesaving Station. Light snacks and beverages are available on board (cash only). Remember to dress warmly!

SATURDAY MORNING - August 27th (8:00 AM-1:00 PM) - Bar Harbor Whale Watch

Departs from 1 West Street, Bar Harbor

Arrive at 7:30 AM to board the M/V *Miss Samantha* for a cruise to Baker Island
A member of the National Park Service will join us. The entire excursion is approximately five (5) hours. We will be on the island for about two (2) hours. We will travel about nine miles out to sea aboard the 56-foot lobster fishing boat *Miss Samantha*. Then step down onto the 24-foot Carolina Skiff *Baker's Dozen* with handrails, stairs, and a retractable ramp that extends from bow to shore, making your landing safe, easy, and water-free. On the island you will take a short walk through a field up to the high point to view Baker Island Lighthouse. Then a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile walk through the woods to the dance floor rock formation. Lookout for rocks and some tree roots. If you wish, pack a lunch, and enjoy it here. It is a moderate 1 to 1.5-mile hike in total.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - August 27th (4:00 PM) – Annual Membership Meeting

Atlantic Oceanside Hotel, 119 Eden Street Bar Harbor

Meet in the Hulls Cove Room and Bar Harbor Board Room. Election of officers, reports from Board and Committee members, presentation of Mr. and Ms. NELL for 2022, welcome new NELL members, fundraising, etc.

SUNDAY MORNING - August 28th (Approx. 10:30 AM) – Ladies Delight Lighthouse

Lakeside Lodge & Marina, 77 Turtle Run Road, East Winthrop, ME

Leave Bar Harbor and drive southbound to Lake Cobbseseecontee, arriving approximately 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM. Members of the yacht club have graciously agreed to transport us via pontoon boats to Ladies Delight Lighthouse, the only landlocked lighthouse in Maine. We will have the opportunity to climb the tower. The island is small and can only accommodate a few people at a time, so there will be staggered departure times from the marina. Once everyone has notified me of their attendance, we will divide into groups of approximately ten people per boat. The drive from Bar Harbor to Lake Cobbseseecontee is approximately 2.5 to 3 hours, so please plan accordingly. (Yes, another early morning start!)

There is no dock on the island. The boats will pull up to the shore and they will have a step stool at the front of the boat for you to disembark (with assistance). The boat trip from the marina to the island is approximately 10 minutes each way. We will spend about 15-20 minutes on the island.

Lakeside Lodge & Marina has a café where you can have breakfast, lunch, or something to-go. The White Duck Brew Pub (2527 US-202, Winthrop, ME) is also nearby. Lighthouse Wine & Seafood, (918 Western Avenue, Manchester, ME) is less than a two-mile drive.

For those who wish to stay in this area, you may find accommodations on the lake or in Augusta.

The cost for the weekend's events is \$160.00 per person (\$166.40 if paying by PayPal).

If you are not going on the cruise to Baker Island on Saturday morning, the cost is \$110.00 per person (\$114.40 if paying by PayPal).

If paying by check, please mail your payment to Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Road, Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

Please notify me if you plan to attend and if you will be taking the Bar Harbor Whale Watch cruise to Baker Island on Saturday morning.

This event is not open to non-members at this time. If space becomes available and we can accommodate non-members, they will be charged an additional \$20.00 per person.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to make lodging reservations as soon as possible. In addition to the suggestions previously sent on March 29th, several members recommend the Acadia Sunrise Motel, 952 Bar Harbor Road, Trenton, ME (207) 667-8452.

<http://www.acadiasunrisemotel.com/> It is a short drive to the weekend's activities in Bar Harbor.

Further information will be forthcoming in the days leading up to this event.

I hope to see you in August!

Linda Sherlock
Secretary
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Eric Sharp	7/01	Linda Allen	7/04	David Schulman	7/05
Sara Greene	7/07	Lee Olson	7/12	Tracie Carpenter	7/15
		Odette Kent	7/24		
Elinor DeWire	8/03	Bill Newblom	8/04	Marilyn Zimmon	8/06
Nancy Younger	8/09	Geraldine Powell	8/12	Harry Hine	8/13
Bill Younger	8/18			Ron Bandock	8/30



Bill & Judy Newblom	7/09	Chris & Marie Alex	7/11
Robert & Marilyn Zimmon	7/15	Norm & Cynthia Bosse	7/23
Bob & Ellen Granoth	8/10	David & Jessica Schulman	8/20
		Frank & Carolyn Carbone	8/24



If any NELL members are having continuing health issues, or a cold, flu, covid, etc.
we hope you will feel better soon.

With Deepest Sympathy



NELL sends heartfelt sympathy to member Debbie Brew who lost her husband suddenly just before the May trip. Our thoughts remain with you as you adjust to this loss.

Bob & I, Sharon Mills, (editor) want to thank members of NELL for their expressions of sympathy for our loss of 19 year old grandson, Nathan, in a motorcycle accident on June 15.

REMEMBER TO KEEP HELPING 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
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 Smile.Amazon.com 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!

VARIOUS LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

Lighthouse tours return for season

Rockland Breakwater is now being overseen by the town of Rockland and Open Houses are planned this year. See below for the schedule:

[Open houses being planned for Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse – Knox County VillageSoup](#)

You can now book a tour of the Burnt Island Lighthouse with volunteer's acting as the past Keepers of the light. Click link below for schedule:

[Visit the Burnt Island Lighthouse in 2022 | Boothbay Register](#)

Click below to read about staying at Rose Island LH in Rhode Island

[Have An Adventure When Stay At This Lighthouse In Rhode Island](#)



If you want to see Pomham Rocks lighthouse with the inside restored and the Fresnel lens on display sign up for a tour here: [Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Tour | Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse](#)



You can see the Boston Fireworks from the deck of Nantucket LV112

WHEN: Saturday, July 2, from 7pm to 10pm (the fireworks are scheduled to start around 9pm).

WHO'S INVITED: Anyone who wants to reserve a spot and join us on *Nantucket/LV-112*'s weather deck, with friends and family, Cost is \$30.00 Per Person

For more information, contact: 617.797.0135 or [email](#).

Membership News:

The Cape May was a success in more ways than one: We welcome several new members who are with us as a direct result of our trip. And by the way, we matched the membership challenge in the last newsletter with six new members. Good for us!

Beth Hamlett	Norfolk VA
Nancy Cleveland	Windham ME
Stephen Hassman	Boston MA
Nina & Dave Yourson	
Marsha Pratt	Portsmouth NH

Wouldn't it be nice to get the same results from the Bar Harbor trip? Talk it up with your family and friends!



We are updating our list of birthdays and anniversaries (month & day only) so we can acknowledge them in the News. Please send them to either me nellmembership@mail.com or Sharon Mills, NELL News editor, smills8839@aol.com Even you long-timers; we are missing many of your important dates as well.



Name(s): _____ Birthday _____ Anniversary _____ MM/YY

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Membership Type check one

<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Members (ages 6 through 17).....	\$10.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Life Dual (2 adults living in same household, age 18+).	\$800.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Business , Corporation, Organization Membership Dues.....	\$50.00

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Riverside, RI 02915-2632**

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

Please Note:

The position of Vice President is 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 me at smills8839@aol.com. All articles and information must be received by the 20th of the prior month 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.

Final words from your Editor: I wish to thank anyone who has given me permission to use photos they took, members who have sent articles and information about lighthouse events, and others who have helped make this YOUR Newsletter. Articles and suggestions are always welcome. Sharon Mills



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