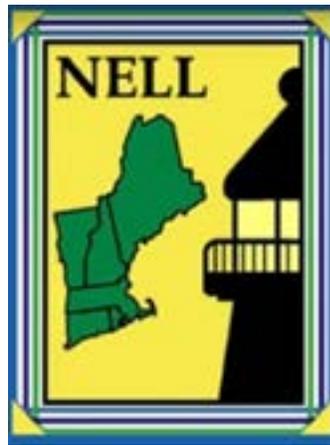


Have a safe Labor Day



NELL NEWS

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TWO PHOTOS FROM BAR HARBOR and WINTHROP, Maine

AUGUST 26 -28, 2022



New Mr. NELL – Bob Mills and
New Ms. NELL – Arlene Winkleman
being photographed by their spouses.
(Photo by Jim Malone)



Group Photo after Saturday Boat Trip
(Photo from Henry Winkleman)

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE NELL TRIP, PLEASE SEND PHOTOS TO JOHN DONOVAN FOR THE WEBSITE OR TO ME (Smills8839@aol.com) FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NELL NEWS (NOVEMBER/DECEMBER) KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE PHOTOS.

The NELL board member we are featuring in this NEWS is Sandy Peterson, who is a fundraiser chair along with Debbie Brew. Sandy grew up in Essex, Connecticut and was a Charter member of Sailing Masters of 1812 - a Fife and Drum group. She lived in Old Lyme, Conn. for 49 years and for the last two years lives in Niantic, Connecticut. Sandy worked for Southern New England Telephone for 1 year before working for Northeast Utilities for 8 years. She also worked in banking for 18 years and for the Lee Company for 15 1/2 years. Sandy has two children - a daughter Sarah and a son Martin. Sandy joined NELL in October of 2000 when a school girlfriend and husband asked her to join the group and go on a tour with them to Pemaquid Point and Boothbay Harbor. Since then Sandy has visited almost every lighthouse NELL has gone to except the Alexandria Bay, New York area and the last Cape May, NJ trip. She especially enjoys seeing the inside of the lighthouses as they are all so different. Another special trip she went on was up to Prince Edward Island, Canada with friend Debby Brew in 2019. They went to West Point Lighthouse and slept at the Keeper's House and also saw the North Cape Lighthouse north of there.



Sandy's favorite lighthouse is Pemaquid point as it was the first light she got to see up close when her Dad took the family there in 1960 and it was also the first one she climbed when she joined NELL in 2000. She is afraid of heights so on her first climb to the top outside walk she kept her back tight against the tower as she worked her way around it. She's come a long way since then, and says even if you're afraid, try climbing and you will be happy you did.

A couple of Sandy's most precious lighthouse decorations are 2 wall-hangings a woman from her church passed on to her upon her death last year. Following are photos of the two of them.



OTHER NELL MEMBER NEWS

Several members of NELL attended the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse Gala in June and I bid & won a special Tour of the **WOOD ISLAND LIFE SAVING STATION** in Kittery, Maine for up to 12 guests. June 10 ended up being the Tour date, and several members of NELL and a few other guests went to the Wood Island LSS with President of the Preservation Organization who is doing the restoration of the Historic building. Below are a few photos taken that day.





DID ANY NELL MEMBERS DO SOMETHING INTERESTING ON AUGUST 7TH (NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY)???

The answer is YES. Our President Henry and wife, Arlene, visited the National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island, New York and visited a couple of the lighthouses there. Here are some of their photos from that day:



Arlene watching a video inside mostly Harbour Lights Replicas display case.



Fog Horns



Rescue Row Boat



375mm Fixed Drum Lens

This 360degree, 375mm lens is comparable in size and focal length to a Fifth Order classical Fresnel Lens.

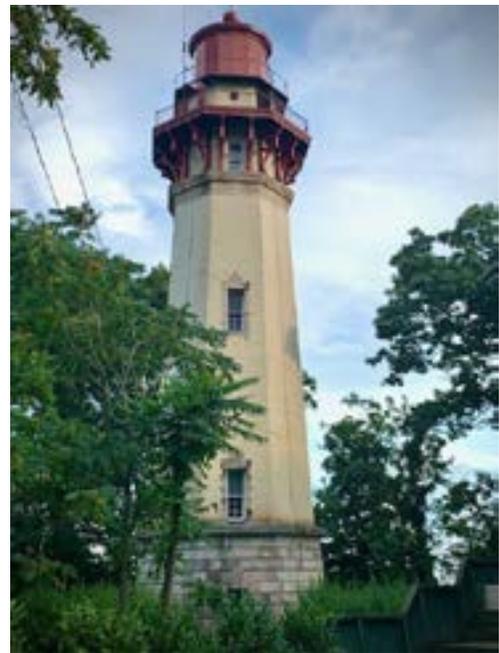
375mm Lantern

This type of lantern was originally powered by acetylene gas and later electricity. They were used on lightships, buoys, and piers.





Fort Wadsworth Lighthouse



Staten Island Lighthouse

If any other members did something of interest this past National Lighthouse Day, please send a paragraph or two about what you did and photos to the Editor at SMills8839@aol.com and I'll be glad to include them in the next NELL NEWS.

TARPAULIN COVE LIGHTHOUSE VISIT & CLIMB

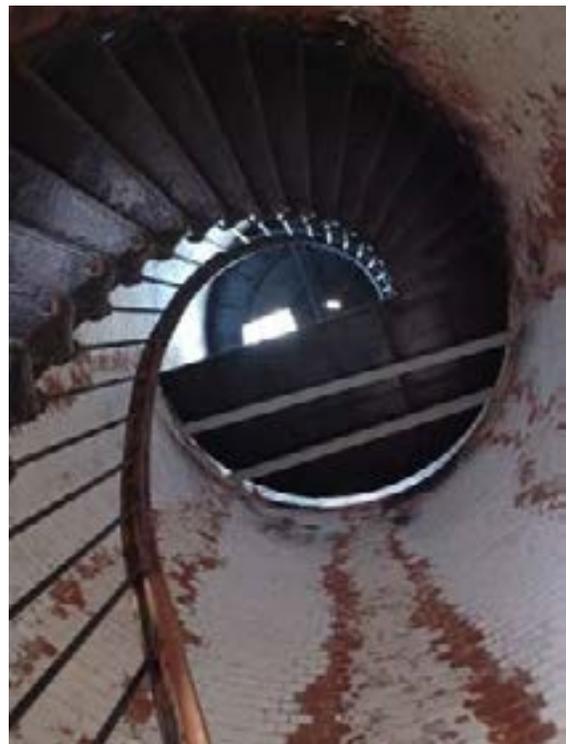
Thanks to NELL member Sherri Roberts for her article and photos about a trip to this hard to see lighthouse.

On July 17, 2022 a few of us traveled to Tarpaulin Cove Lighthouse. Aboard the boat were NELL members Fran Jehrio and myself, Barry Rosenberg and friend Linda, and a couple from Michigan Ashley Nicole and her husband who are involved with the restoration of the Saint Clair Range lights.

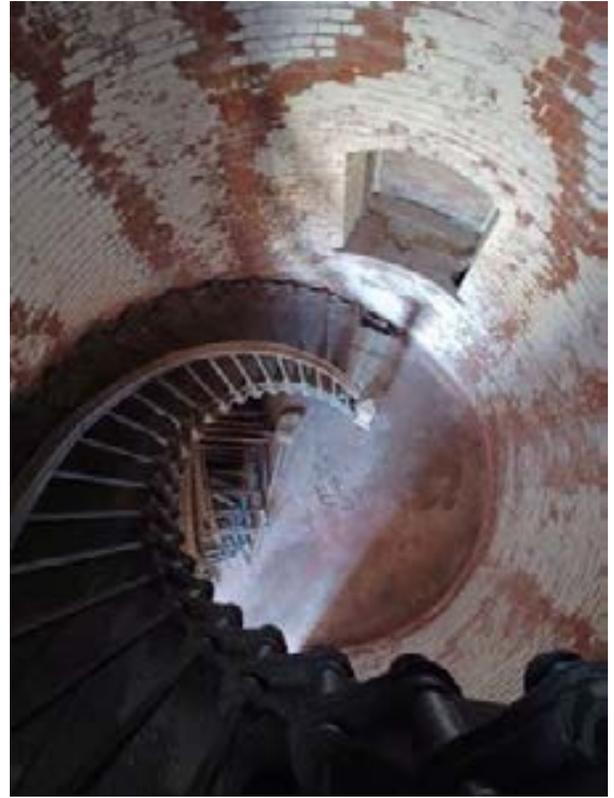
We chartered Eric Wade Charters out of Onset MA. and left from Safe Harbors Onset Bay around 9:30 am. On our way to Tarpaulin Cove we stopped for photos of Wings Neck, Bird Island and Cleveland Ledge Lighthouses. Then we headed across Buzzards Bay, past Woods Hole and swung by Nobska Lighthouse for another photo opportunity.

After anchoring, Eric got the dingy ready to start shuttling us ashore where we climbed a short, rocky bluff and began exploring. Tarpaulin Cove is maintained by the Cuttyhunk Historical Society. We met a couple of folks from there who had the light open for us and were doing some work on the light and grounds.

We had a fabulous day, the weather was great, and the water refreshing. I swam back to the boat. Biggest disappointment was not seeing the Scottish Highland cows that live on Naushon Island. I included one picture from last year because I couldn't resist showing you the "sea cows" we saw last year.







Article and photos by Christine Cardaci aka The Lighthouse Hunters

It's boating and lighthouse season. Actually it's always lighthouse season. Tommy and my new friends from Indiana began traveling together but separately since 2014. They found us on the USLHS Community page and reached out. We talked on the phone a few times and finally met them briefly in 2014. We all knew right away that we were a good match. So from the fall of 2014 to summer 2018 the four of us would go on vacation together once or twice a year. They pull their trailer with the 17 foot Grady White with a center console boat with a 150 hp outboard motor. We had my Honda with our The Lighthouse Hunters magnets on both sides of the car. We enjoyed talking about different lighthouses and how we got to them over the past twenty years. They've used their boat for over 15 years and Tommy and I would often charter one. The four of us were together for five lighthouse trips until Tommy got sick. We planned a closer to home vacation for the four of us in the summer of 2019, but that never happened. Since then I've been on vacation with the Clays for four times and about to do my fifth soon.

Right before the pandemic I traded in my Honda and Tommy's truck, both stick shifts, for a new 2020 Honda CRV. Tommy and I always wanted to go to Lake Michigan in February but had to wait for him to retire. Then our lives changed. So February 2022 I packed up my winter gear along with my new boots and stainless steel traction cleats. I headed out to meet the Clays in Michigan. I drove as far as mid northern Ohio and had to turn back towards home. My Dad's lung from a donor in 2009 is now in rejection and put in the hospital. I did see a few lights when it wasn't snowing, Marblehead, Port Clinton, and Vermilion. I got out of my comfort zone and am proud of myself. I drove 1,146 miles in three days and in some parts it was snowing which is scary for me.

In late July I packed up my summer gear with my boat trip supplies. I drove north and the next morning, Monday near Syracuse, NY I went to see the Verona Beach light. It was painted since I saw it last. Then I met the Clays at a boat ramp on Oneida Lake. It's always exciting to see my friends. We've seen all these lighthouses before and hope to improve on some of our shots. As you will read we do a lot in a day. The long days are fun but exhausting. Boat trip #1 we motored to the Frenchman's Island "dock" and there was not much to tie up to. The wind suddenly picked up and it became too choppy. So I just took shots of the top of the light before heading back. We motored for 40 minutes going 6 miles. I read the island has many snakes and tons of poison ivy now anyway. We went to the Brewerton RR light on the lake and then headed north. At the Selkirk light the wind was now 25 mph and Lake Ontario was throwing up some waves over the nearby breakwall.

Tuesday brought low humidity and temps. In NJ its crazy hot and humid. On boat trip # 2 we barely crossed into Canadian waters for the **Wolfe Island East End** and the Thomas Point Shoal Replica lights. In the hour we went 11 miles| The last time I was there was with Tommy and NELL's Uncle Sam's Boat Tours on May 14, 2011. For that 10 hour 110 mile trip with lots of fog there were 77 passengers. On our vacation we then saw the 3 skeleton river lights in a business yard on Route 81. Our boat trip # 3 was just across the way from Rock Island. After a freighter passed the light we docked and walked around Rock Island. Next time we'll bring cash to get the tour and climb it. We motored 2 miles. Our Horse Island boat trip # 4 didn't go as planned. We beached the boat, anchor tied up to a tree and then noticed the very overgrown "path" with a no trespassing sign. I'd want no leaves on the trees anyway. We only went 3 miles on the water.



Wednesday began with boat trip # 5. We saw a freighter going ahead of us toward the Tibbetts Point light. After that light we headed to the Carleton Island skeleton and saw a house through trees on this private island. We passed the Cape Vincent breakwater where the two old breakwater lights use to be, now just modern lights. This trip was 1 ¼ hours and we went 14 miles. We drove SW to Oswego, NY. We quickly saw the Oswego's 4th Order Fresnel lens at the H. Lee White Maritime Museum. Next, the half hour boat trip # 6 was for the

Oswego West Pierhead light. I finally got to see it from the water from all sides. We went only 2 miles. Then we went to the Fairhaven Keeper's house and other lights.



Thursday was rainy at times so we went to Rochester's two waterfalls and the Rochester East Pier light. We skipped other lights and revisited a few in our path while driving west. Friday we drove across the Niagara River to Grand Island Old Front Range light. Then to the Strawberry Island Upper Cut and Lower Cut ranges. We even saw a tug pushing a barge. Boat trip # 7 was going to be for several lights but due to the white caps outside the breakwall we only saw the inner 3 lights. NY's South Buffalo South Side had scaffolding up with a painter inside the lantern room. Then we motored to the Buffalo Main and the

Bottle light. In 53 minutes we only went 9 miles. Still driving west went to the several lights in Dunkirk and later Barcelona.

Saturday was a sunny, hot, busy summer weekend everywhere in PA and OH. We began on PA's Presque Isle for the lights there. It was Presque Weekend with several events. Eeeks. Boat trip # 8 was for OH's Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater light. The owner's son



was there and we talked to him. Jon got to climb it. We saw the 1000 foot Walter J. McCarthy Jr. freighter turn around and very slowly back into the harbor. This trip took us 45 minutes only going 2 miles. Boat trip # 9 took a half hour to go 4 miles for the Ashtabula Harbor light



and a freighter. We briefly went to the Ashtabula Museum to photograph the 4th Order Fresnel lens from the lighthouse. Boat trip # 10 was so I could finally see the Fairport Harbor West Breakwater from the water. That was a twenty minute 2 mile trip.



Sunday was cloudy for boat trip # 11. We launched the boat and saw the Cleveland lights including the off shore Cleveland Crib light and the Cleveland Cliffs freighter. Years ago Tommy and I saw something in the water



distantly we thought it was a freighter coming in. At that time we didn't know it was the crib light. This took 1 ½ hours for 19 miles. Boat trip # 12 was for the two Lorain lights and took only a half hour to go 2 miles. The Huron Harbor Pierhead light was boat trip # 13. This ramp was crazy busy and disorganized. Luckily it only took a half hour to go 2 miles.

Monday was windy and rainy so we went to the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, OH for 1 ½ hours. It had the Squaw Island 4th OFL, Sandusky Outer RR's 5th OFL, Spectacle Reef's 2nd OFL and OH's Green Island's 4th OFL on the floor in a back room. It had great exhibits, many models and outside a tug and a freighter. Once in Michigan we saw a few range lights, a

Canadian D-9 and the Fort Gratiot light.

Tuesday was cloudy for half the day. We saw a few repeat lights on our way up the thumb of Michigan. Boat trip # 14 was for the Harbor Beach light. I wanted blue sky, bummer. It was a quick half hour trip going 3 miles. It was very choppy outside the breakwall. Then I saw the Harbor Beach's 4th OFL through the window

of the Grice House. On the thumb's tip it was too windy for a trip to the Port Austin light. By the time we got to the Saginaw River it was sunnier and calmer. Boat trip # 15 would have been better with morning sun but I improved my shots. There was a lot of seaweed "shrubs" under the water and we had to be careful of the depth. That half hour trip was for the **Saginaw River RR**, a modern structure and the location of where the FR used to be. It was another short 2 mile trip.

Wednesday was a tough day with the pouring rain on/off and personally. Three years ago, on August 3, 2019, my husband Tommy passed away from Pancreatic Cancer. I'm glad I got to spend this day with friends who loved him also. Often during our lighthouse trips we've seen butterflies passing the boat or at a lighthouse. That makes me smile thinking Tommy's happy I'm continuing with what we both loved. We went to the Tawas Point light and life saving station. I finally got to see the Au Sable Pierhead skeleton light in its new home. When Tommy and I were here in the summer of 2018 it still wasn't in place yet. While driving a storm rolled through, we passed the 45th Parallel sign on Route 23 North, and later went to the four Presque Isle lights. Then I saw the Calcite Breakwater lens on display off the street next to a shopping center near Rogers City, MI. I just learned a bit about its history. The humid temps are back and the flies were biting at the Forty Mile Point light. In the lot was an old Ford car, cool.

Thursday in Mackinaw City, MI we had to wait for a few hours for the fog to burn off. Then it was boat trip # 16. We were on the water for 3 hours seeing Fourteen Foot Shoal, Poe Reef, Spectacle Reef, Cheboygan Crib, breakwater and Cheboygan River FR. We went 42 miles on this good flat day. Next we drove over the Mackinaw Bridge to the MI's Upper Peninsula. Boat trip # 17 was out of St. Ignace. This was a tricky dock ramp area. We motored to the Round Island Passage and Round Island lights. Those Sheplers fast ferries were make huge wake all over and didn't care about us at all, not cool. Once out of that mess we went to Bois Blanc Island. After asking permission we docked. We walked along the wide path eight minutes to the **Bois Blanc**



Island light. It was almost all in shadows due to the trees at this time of early evening. Before we got back on the boat Jon said he saw two good size snakes. Glad I didn't see them. What an opportunity to get on this island. Back on the boat and to that tricky ramp area on the mainland. We were gone for 2 ¾ hours going 32 miles. From our hotel in St. Ignace, MI we saw Mackinaw Island, the two Round Island lights distantly and the Wawatam light not far from the hotel.

Friday was boat trip # 18 and our last one of this vacation. First we filled the gas tanks again. It was a beautiful flat day. We began at **Waugoshance** with its pretty green clear water with rocks underneath. Then we motored to Grays Reef and Skillagalee. One must be careful around the island due to the shallows and rocks. Then off to White Shoal. There were three volunteers working at the light that weekend. Jon got permission and climbed up the metal ladder up to the platform. He climbed the nine stories to the top. Once he was back on board the wind picked up and we had rougher water for an hour on our way to St. Helena Island. We hoped to dock but didn't. Before leaving he put on the reserve gas tank and we got back to the ramp. That trip was huge and took 4 ½ hours plus his climb up White Shoal for an hour. We went 65 long miles. This ramp area now had waves and it was tough to get in. The waves even hit the back of their car



while the trailer was in the water. Crazy. Later at our hotel in Mackinaw City we saw fireworks being launched from a boat right outside our windows. Cool.

Saturday morning we said good bye for now and went our separate ways. I briefly went to take a few shots of the **Old Mackinac** lighthouse and the Mighty Mac Bridge. Then I drove the most I ever did in one day, 488 miles through Michigan and Ohio. Remember Tommy was my driver when we were together. I got home in two days and I'm proud of myself. I drove a total of 2,977 miles and almost half was totally alone.



IN PERSON BOARD MEETINGS RESUME

After a couple of years of having NELL board meetings via ZOOM, a board meeting was held at the Custom House down in New London, Connecticut on Sunday July 31st. Ten members were able to be there in person and Walt Mills attended via ZOOM.





Gary Zunda	9/02	Dot Black	9/02	Tim Harrison	9/03
Tom Kenworthy	9/06	Ann Solaequl	9/13	Anita Norris	9/14
		Bob Scroope	9/22		
Tony Allen	10/06	Christine Cardaci	10/06	Anthony Savino	10/12
Jessica Schulman	10/09	Tom Pregman	10/22	Frank Carbone	10/30



Rabbi Avi & Sara Greene	9/01	Bob & Denise Seifel	9/08
Jean & Gary Zunda	10/01	Herb & Tracie Carpenter	10/07
	Larry & Anne Rhine	10/18	

HEALING AND SPEEDY



RECOVERY WISHES

Recovery thoughts go to Norm Bosse as he heals from an operation.

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



NELL sends heartfelt sympathy to member Graham Meddings who recently lost his daughter Kathleen suddenly on July 25. She was only 52.

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!

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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

As editor I try to keep up to date on TOURS and OPEN LIGHTHOUSES ETC., BUT I CAN USE **YOUR HELP**. If you know of an upcoming event or OPEN LIGHTHOUSE, please e-mail me at SMills8839@aol.com or Henry at Hwink29@gmail.com so the rest of our members can be informed.

Rhode Island Bay Cruises

ONGOING: Go on a thirty-mile cruise as you pass by ten beautiful islands and ten iconic Rhode Island lighthouses along Narragansett Bay. The Newport Harbor, mansions and historic Fort Adams will be some of the many sights you take in during the breezy voyage. Visit the website for cruise rates and times.

Sat.–Thurs. *Quonset Point, North Kingstown, 295-4040, www.fastferry.com*

Lighthouse and Mimosa Cruise

ONGOING: On a seventy-five-minute narrated lighthouse cruise ride, admire the sights of scenic Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay, including the Rose Island Lighthouse, Goat Island Lighthouse, Castle Hill Lighthouse and others. Visit the website for dates. 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. \$10–\$35. *5 Bowen's Landing, Bowen's Wharf, Newport, 423-9900, www.coastalqueencruises.com*

Lighthouse tours still going 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: There is one open house left this year.

[Open houses being planned for Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse - Knox County Villiage Soup](#)

Click below to make a reservation to stay at Rose Island LH in Rhode Island

[Reservations - Rose Island Lighthouse and Fort Hamilton Trust](#)



If you want to climb some light towers that are not generally open to the public make plans to attend MAINE OPEN LIGHTHOUSE DAY on September 10, 2022.

Click link for info: [Maine Open Lighthouse Day](#)

Coming soon will be info about the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge to be held October 15-16, 2022. Click link to stay informed: [New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge](#)

NELL welcomes several new members just in time for our Bar Harbor adventure!



Cindy Kimball	Waterford ME	
Greg Capel Sr	Glassboro NJ	
Charlie & Linda Gruetzner	Carmel NY	returning – Welcome Back!
Carol & Bob Blake	Norway ME	

Our next gathering will be LHHC&Y in January. Dare some of your friends to join us on this typically frigid event. It's unbelievable how much fun this turns out to be every year. Hot chocolate to warm us after a day of lighthouse hopping and – even better! – our annual cookie contest where you can taste some wonderful treats and vote on which you like the best. Not to be missed!



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- _____ **Junior Members** (ages 6 through 17)..... **\$10.00**
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- _____ **Life Dual** (2 adults living in same household, age 18+)..... **\$800.00**
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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

