

NELL NEWS 2022



NOVEMBER





Save the Date: January 15, 2023

Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You (LHHC&Y)

We will begin the day at the **Plum Island Lighthouse** (also known as the Newburyport Harbor Light). The Friends of Plum Island are very excited to have us visit – and will be opening the lighthouse especially for us. In small groups of 5 or 6 we will have a guided tour of the artifacts on the first floor. Due to safety concerns (ie: black ice etc.) we will be **UNABLE** to climb the tower, but will be allowed to

stand on the stairs for picture taking.

Last spring the Friends also erected an informational kiosk on the grounds of the lighthouse.



Location: Northern Blvd, Newburyport, Massachusetts
Time: 9:30 – 11:00 (to stagger tours)

If you have never been to the Plum Island Light – or have not visited in recent years – this should be a special treat.

Check out the website: www.friendsofplumislandlight.org

NEXT – we suggest you drive through Newburyport to visit – and possibly photograph – the **front and rear range lights**.

Directions: The Newburyport Rear Range Lighthouse is located at 6-1/2 Water Street in Newburyport. The Newburyport Front Range Lighthouse is located on the grounds of the Merrimack River Coast Guard Station. It can be difficult to spot.

There are many places to find a restaurant for a quick lunch in Newburyport.

By 12:00 PM some of us will want to start arriving at the **Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse**. Jeremy D'Entremont will give our NELL members a tour of this light. The last Tour will end before 1:30 PM.



Address: Coast Guard Station Portsmouth Harbor,
25 Wentworth Rd, New Castle, NH 03854.

After visiting the Portsmouth Harbor Light we will gather for our refreshments and afternoon program by 2:00 PM at the **Kittery Lions Club** function hall in Kittery.

Address: 117 State Road, Kittery, ME 03904

We will begin this part of our program with our Hot Chocolate, Tea and Cookie Contest. We need bakers for this contest. (please let Arlene know if you will be baking wink8@mindspring.com).

About 2:45 we would like Jeremy to begin his presentation:

“New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them”

Our program should conclude around 4:00 PM.

Note: More specific details will be given closer to trip.

***The cost is: \$39.00 per person if paying by check
\$41.00 per person if paying with PayPal***



Please let Arlene and Henry know if you plan to attend or have questions.

ALSO REMEMBER YOU MUST RENEW NELL MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND

Other PHOTOS FROM BAR HARBOR and WINTHROP, Maine *AUGUST 26 -28, 2022*



President Henry and Secretary Linda at NELL meeting



Members on boat at Bar Harbor Dock



About to land at Baker Island



NELL members on boat taken from small boat



Life Saving Station



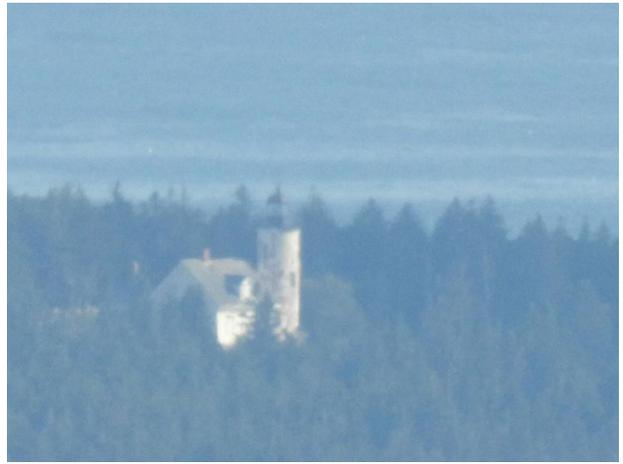
Bear Island Lighthouse taken by Andrew Bourne



Sail boat and daymarker taken by Andrew Bourne



Egg
Rock
Light



Photos of Baker Island from top of Cadillac Mountain taken by Jim Malone



NELL members on evening Sunset Cruise



Petit Manan Lighthouse taken by Andrew Bourne



Winter Harbor Lighthouse taken by Andrew Bourne



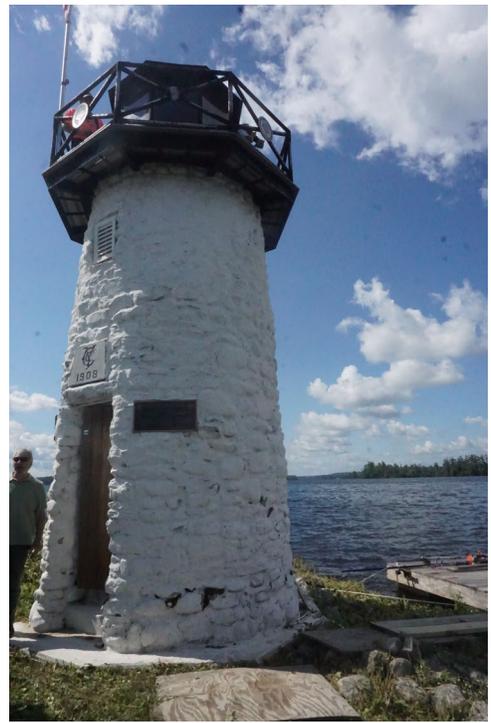
Sunset heading back to Bar Harbor



Check given to Yacht Club

Pontoon on way to Ladies Deligh





Photos of Ladies Delight Lighthouse on
Lake Umbagog, Winthrop, Maine

What is Mr. & Ms. NELL about?

It is believed the first Ms. Nell was crowned by then President Barbara Hupp in 1999 when a group of the women went to lunch at a Burger King and got a cardboard crown. Although some charter members recall the time frame differently, the records indicate the next year a Mr. Nell was also created. Again recollections differ, but I was told the current title holders would suggest recipients and a vote taken. The members with the highest vote would receive the title for the following year. Other members don't remember any voting process. Regardless, sometime during the ensuing years, only the current Mr. & Ms. NELL would decide who was deserving of receiving the honor for the coming year. The purpose of the position is to honor a member who had been especially helpful or done something special for the group the previous year. It is not known when a paper/cardboard crown was changed to a more permanent one but sometime after the first year a crown was given to Ms. NELL with several lighthouse pins attached to it, along with a cloth banner decorated with a lighthouse on one side and the year and names of the title holders on the reverse side. An Oar was given to Mr. NELL also listing the year & title holders. In 2018, different awards were made by Linda Sherlock. For Ms. NELL a wooden wall hanging in the shape of a lighthouse was created that also lists the year and title holders and for Mr. NELL a bright yellow buoy was created with the NELL Logo on one side and a black lighthouse on the other side painted with the year and names in white of the title holders.

Title holders from previous years

1999	-	Penny Patch
2000 – Ron Drummer	-	MJ Foster
2001 - Walt Mills	-	Shirin Pagels
2002 - Fred Thumm	-	Arlene Pregman
2003 - Henry Winkleman	-	Carolyn Carbone
2004 - Bob Taylor	-	Arlene Winkleman
2005 – Norm Bosee	-	Cyne Bosse
2006 - Anthony Savino	-	Pat Bandoek
2007 – Lee Hall	-	Linda Graham
2008 – Tom Pregman	-	Kathy Santucci
2009 – Ron Foster	-	Nancy Satkowski
2010 – Frank Carbone, Jr.	-	Ellen Scott
2011 – Tom Kenworthy	-	Lynne Kerber
2012 – Ron Bandoek	-	Lynne Kerber
2013 – Ron Bandoek	-	Judy Hall
2014 – Doug Scott	-	Hilari Seery
2015 – John Donoval	-	Ellen Granoth
2016 – Bill Kent	-	Ellen Granoth
2017 – Greg Fitzgerald	-	Sandi Peterson
2018 – Walt Mills	-	Carolyn Carbone
2019 – Ron Foster	-	Linda Sherlock
2020 - No meetings due to COVID 19		
2021 – Graham Meddings	-	Sharon Mills



This years Mr. & Ms. NELL
Bob Mills & Arlene Winkleman

For the last issue of NELL NEWS this year, the featured Board Member is the fundraiser co-chair Debbie Brew.

Debbie was born and grew up in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was part of the baby boomers generation so the classes were always big. Her high school senior class numbered in the 800's!! Debbie started working in high school as a carhop (no roller skates!) at a restaurant chain owned by Land O Lakes. By the time she was in her early 20's she was the first female restaurant manager for the company.

Debbie moved to Denver, Colorado in the early 80's. and went to work at the University of Colorado in Boulder in the Residence Life division in Food Service as a Dining and Catering Manager where they served 6,000 students and faculty 3 times a day. She lived in the city of Denver, in the beautiful mountains of Boulder County for 12 years, and back to the city of Denver again for a total of 23 years. She met her husband, John, at the University of Colorado and they'd been together since 1996. At that same time frame John met and became friends with Sandy Peterson's son, Martin, when he came to Denver to attend Mechanics School there. Soon, Debbie met Martin's mother Sandy and they became fast friends. It was through her friendship with Sandy that Debbie heard about and joined NELL.

In 2005, Debbie and her late husband, John, followed their dream of living in New York City, a wonderful and challenging adventure! When she moved to the East Coast, Debbie was pleased to be able to spend more time with Sandy. Debbie works for the Tumi company in New York City, a division of Samsonite, as a store manager currently managing the store on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. She has been with Tumi since she moved there 17 years ago. Her husband John also had an interesting job as maintenance manager at a music theater in Times Square. This job enabled Debbie to be able to see and be backstage for some great shows over the years including the Eagles, Prince, Tom Jones, John Denver's Band, Earth, Wind and Fire, John Bon Jovi and so many more. She & John met many interesting people and were able to see behind the scenes and the New Year's Eve Ball drop without having to stand out in the cold all day. They also spent much time exploring Manhattan.

Debbie's first trip with NELL was in June of 2007 to Monhegan Island. She is not sure how many lighthouses she's seen or climbed, but she has been on almost all of the NELL trips.

Debbie loves the mission of NELL to preserve the lighthouses and their histories. Also, joining NELL has been a great way to explore New England and spend time with friends. Her favorite lighthouses on the East Coast are Portland lighthouse, in Fort Williams Park and Block Island North light in Rhode Island. Belonging to NELL and being able to climb these lighthouses has been a wonderful experience.



One of Debbie's favorite lighthouses in the country is Split Rock Lighthouse on Lake Superior in Minnesota. Every November 10th they light the beacon to commemorate the sinking of the freighter the Edmund Fitzgerald made famous by the song by Gordon Lightfoot.

[Gordon Lightfoot - The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald Lyrics | Lyrics.com](https://www.lyrics.com/10610/1/Gordon+Lightfoot/The+Wreck+of+the+Edmund+Fitzgerald)



OTHER NELL MEMBER NEWS

Several members of NELL were able to take advantage of special trips to visit and climb Little Gull Island light in New York Sound on August 20, 2022. NELL members included Eric Sharp, Hilari Seery, John Hopp, Jim Malone, Sherri Roberts, Colette Long, Sharon Mills and possibly a few others.

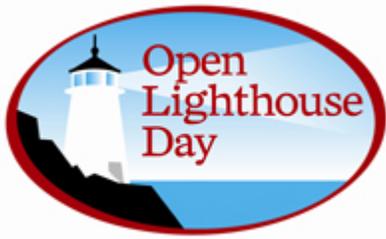


Photos provided by Sherri Roberts and Sharon Mills



Photos from Maine, September 10

Lighthouses from Bath area & South



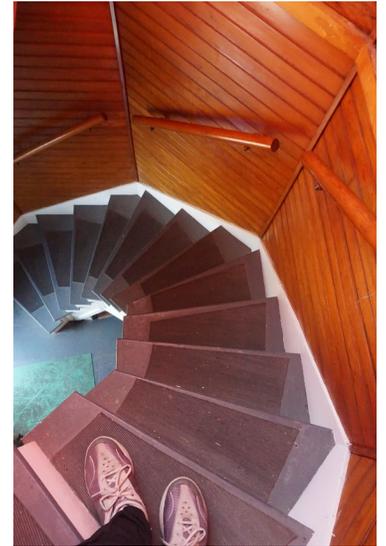
Doubling Pt. Light and

Front Range Light



the

Squirrel Point Ledge



Inside Squirrel Point Ledge

Squirrel Point Ledge Lens

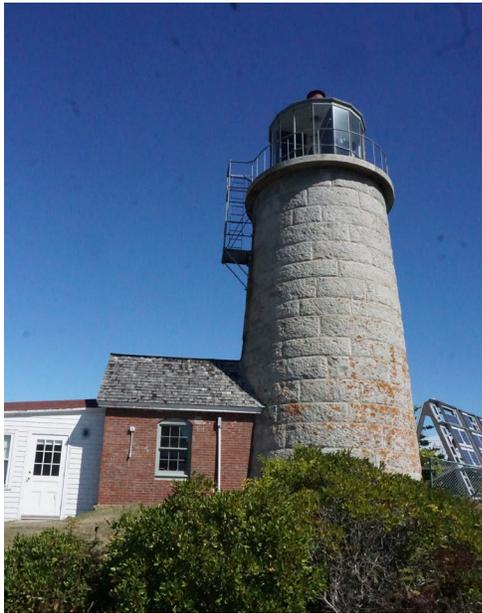


Portland Head Light

Portland Breakwater (Bug) Light



Trip to Monhegan Island Maine, September 24, by Sherri Roberts
& Sharon Mills – Photos provided by both



Visit to Hospital Point Lighthouse, Beverly, Mass on September 25



Derby Wharf Light, Salem



Fort Pickering (Winter Island) Light

Mystery Photo



See if you can figure out where this beautiful photo was taken. Answer in next Issue of NELL NEWS.

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We are pleased to have Tom Pregman present to NELL his program:

Rhode Island from the Harbour Lights Reunion, to all RI lighthouses, and Block Island fund raiser auction as well as the Amistad keel laying and launch at Mystic, and the terrific OP SAIL 2000 at New London



Bill Younger, founder of Harbour Llights
Arlene Pregman
Harry Hines, former product development director at Harbour Lights
Tom Pregman at Block Island Lighthouse

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

At 7:00 pm

Via ZOOM



Top of Tall Ship

<https://fau-edu.zoom.us/j/5612972984?pwd=YUo0WVp5dGcweFFKN2J4bm9ZZHkzdz09>

Please make an effort to join us for this nostalgic trip to RI Harbour Lights reunion in Providence RI, the biggest and most successful NELL fundraiser and well as the historic keel laying and launch of the Amistad in Mystic Connecticut.*



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

Gary & Kay Toth 12/05 Johnathan & Elinor DeWire 12/30
 Paul & Patricia Leary 11/23/31



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

TIME FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

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

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.

The Scituate Lighthouse that NELL visited during LHHC&Y this past February, is having restoration work done on it and the lantern room has been removed. Read all about it by clicking the two links below.:

[Scituate Lighthouse lantern room comes down after 92 years](#)

[Crane removes lantern room from top of historic Scituate lighthouse](#)

As we all know, many parts of Florida and a few other coastal states got hit hard by hurricane Ian. Sanibel Island is still cut off due to a breach in the bridge to the island and the lighthouse there was damaged and lost the other buildings. I've attached a link to a story about the lighthouse. If any of you know of other damaged lighthouses in Florida or other states, please send info for next NEWS.

[Historic 138-Year-Old Lighthouse Suffered the Wrath of Hurricane Ian | Nature World News](#)

Membership News



I have no new members to report for this issue of NELL News. C'mon folks! Let's see if we can do better for the next one.

I am happy to report we've added another lifetime member to our roll. That brings us up to four. If that's something for you to consider, let's do it!

However - If it's November that means it's time to renew with NELL for 2023. Everything

Renew now



remains the same - no price increase, although this would be a good time to reconsider your membership level and perhaps move it up a step higher. We can always use more keepers and their assistants.



And guess what? The holidays are upon us. A membership to NELL makes a great gift. Send one to someone you would enjoy going with on a NELL trip. Having friends along make our adventures even more fun than they already are. Six of my relatives joined last year; now my goal is to find some friends to share the NELL Experience.



NELL is counting on you ~ Our members are our lifeline

Junior	● \$10 Junior - age 6 through 17
Individual	● \$20 one adult - age 18+
Double	● \$30 Double - two adults in same household (no exceptions, must be same household)
Family	● \$40 Family - 1 or 2 adults & children under 18
Asst Keeper	● \$50 Assistant Keepers[s] Individual or Family
Business	● \$50 Business / Corporate / Organization
Keeper	● \$100 Keeper[s] Individual or Family
Inspector	● \$200 Inspector[s] Individual or Family
Lifetime Individual	● \$500 Life Member - Individual Lifetime
Lifetime Family	● \$800 Life Member - two adults in same household (no exceptions, must be same household)
Other	● Other - Commissioner[s] Individual or Family
Honorary	● Honorary

<http://www.newenglandlighthousekeepers.org/membership-form/>

Payment may be made through PayPal - a PayPal account is not required to use the service - or by sending a check to

NELL Membership
1 Princeton Ave
Riverside RI 02915-2632

Member Badges

And while you're at it, adding a member badge to the membership would really let your family/friends know how much you want them to be with you. Also, if you don't have a badge yourself or would like to update the one you do have, here's your chance.

Backs are available in **magnetic, safety pin** or **clutch pin**. Cost is \$10.00 and includes shipping and handling. You can order these from our website; simply continue scrolling down after you renew to find the link to the badge order form. You may also send a check to the membership address above. Be sure to include your color and back information with your order.



Dark Blue with White lettering



Dark Green with White lettering



Yellow with Blue lettering



Black with Yellow lettering



Light Blue with White lettering

Questions? Send to nellmembership@mail.com

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

