

NELL NEWS

MARCH/ APRIL 2023

Another Successful Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You (LHHC&Y) Event

On January 15th, 30 members attended NELL’s 2023 Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You (LHHC&Y) event. Many people helped make this event a success. It was a bright, sunny, but cold and very windy day. The day was very full – as we made our way to five different locations in three states.

Our first stop was **Plum Island** in Massachusetts. The Friends of Plum Island Light were very excited to be hosting our NELL group. Jenn Bogard, President of the Friends, arranged to have the PITA HLL open from 8:00 AM-NOON. They had coffee, hot chocolate, donuts and muffins – and a bathroom waiting for us. Ann Morin, Vice President of the Friends, put together a wonderful “goody bag” for each of our members – to remember our visit here.



Photo of Goody Bags & at PITA HALL

by Henry Winkleman

We enjoyed seeing our NELL friends and meeting and chatting with the members of the Friends of Plum Island Light. At the lighthouse we were met by two other board members: Bill Cooper and Rear Admiral Dan May (USCG) Retired.

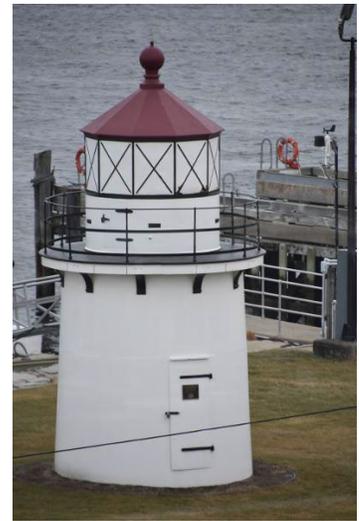


Plum Island Light by Larry Thompson

Our next stop was the **Newburyport Harbor Rear Range Light**. Our NELL member, Larry Thompson, helped make arrangements with the Lighthouse Preservation Society that maintains this lighthouse. Larry arranged to have the building open as well as have permission for our members to climb. And, yes, you can still have a special dinner in the lantern room.



Photos of Range Lights by Larry Thompson



On December 24th Jeremy D'Entremont called to tell Henry that the violent storm the preceding days had destroyed the bridge to the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse and we would not be able to go into the lighthouse. Jenn Bogard suggested we visit the **Custom House Maritime Museum** which is just a short walk from the lighthouse in Newburyport. Chris Silva, the director of the museum, was very open to the idea of NELL members visiting – and agreed to open the museum 2 hours early just for our members. Everyone was very enthusiastic about our visit and the docents were most knowledgeable and helpful. The Museum is proud to have an original letter from George Washington on display. The collection of Coast Guard memorabilia was excellent. As the Museum website states: “The modern U.S. Coast Guard was founded in the merging of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service in 1915, as well as the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1939. Newburyport is said to be the birthplace of the Coast Guard because the first Revenue Cutter put into service (the *Massachusetts*) was built and launched in Newburyport in 1791.”

The next stop was the **Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse** (New Hampshire) where we could walk (in the frigid cold and high wind) up to the beginning of the walkway and view the damage done by the storm. It was cold but clear – and we had a nice view of Whaleback Lighthouse and the Wood Island Life Saving Station (both in Maine). Thanks to our member Larry Olasky who made the suggestion (and provided a map) that our members might like another view of the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse from Great Island Common.

Photo by Larry Thompson – Portsmouth Harbor

Then it was time to warm up and enjoy our refreshments at the Kittery (Maine) Lions Club Hall – including the cookies provided by Courtney Bitto, Tracie Carpenter, Colette Long, Sharon Mills, Bob Mills, Sandy Peterson, Linda Sherlock and Arlene Winkleman. And the winners of the 2023 Cookie Contest were:



1st Place: Sharon Mills

3-way tie for 2nd place: Linda Sherlock,
Sandy Peterson, & Colette Long
(Photo of Colette from last year)



Jeremy D'Entremont presented an excellent audio-visual program entitled “***New England Lighthouses and The People Who Kept Them***”. Although NELL members are very knowledgeable about lighthouses – there is always something new to learn!



As always, each member who participated received a pin and a postcard created by Bob Taylor for this event.



NELL made donations to: in order of photos The Friends of Plum Island Light, the Newburyport Rear Range Light, the Custom House Maritime Museum and the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. (Photos by Henry/Arlene Winkleman.)



We hope you can join us next year for LHC&Y in 2024.

AND don't forget: Watch for notices about future ZOOM meetings as well as details about a trip in the spring.

Arlene Winkleman

Chair, LHC&Y 2023

Below are a few more photos from the LHC&Y event.



Inside Newburyport Rear Range by Henry W
Inside Plum by Henry W





A selfie photo taken at Custom House Museum by Jack Santos, a docent, when Bob Mills had been introduced to him. He subsequently placed a Facebook post on their website because the original architect of the Custom House had been a man named Robert Mills. He would be over 200 years old today.

SAVE THE DATES....May 27-28, 2023!

on **Saturday, May 27th**, we will be taking a cruise to see and climb

Greens Ledge and Sheffield Island Lighthouses in Norwalk, Connecticut

Included will be a box lunch and a soft drink

Sunday morning, May 28th

The membership meeting will be held with a delicious breakfast buffet

THEN

A group visit to the Norwalk Aquarium soon after the meeting

The Hotel has been chosen at a good rate. Included should be food at the hotel.
NELL will be signing a contract I expect next week.

There is a limited number of seats on the boat. **First come, first served.**
Another e-mail will be sent when the pricing for the trip and hotel have been determined
so you may sign up.

If your lighthouse friends want to join us, the additional cost will only be one year of membership
dues per person. \$20

EXPECT ANOTHER GREAT NELL WEEKEND FOR SURE

The Board member that is highlighted in this Month's NEWS is **Jim Malone** the newest member of the board – taking the position of Director at Large in place of Arlene Winkleman who stepped down. Below is a mini biographical narrative of his life and lighthouse interest written by Jim Malone.

Jim Malone was born on 10-23-1949 at Emory University Hospital in Decatur, Georgia near where the current Centers for Disease Control are located. He grew up in McDonough, Georgia, about 28 miles southeast of Atlanta. His father was a civil engineer for the State of Georgia Highway Department and his mother was a high school teacher. She taught English and math but also typing which is the single most valuable class that Jim ever had during his 16 years of formal education.

Jim met Linda in 1966 during the summer between his junior and senior years in high school. She attended a different high school in a neighboring county. They were married in 1969 between Jim's sophomore and junior years in college. Jim was graduated from Georgia Tech in June of 1971. He only interviewed for jobs outside the southeast in order to see and experience another part of the country. The job offer he accepted was with United Nuclear Corporation located in Uncasville, Connecticut. Jim & Linda moved to Connecticut by driving up the Atlantic coast during the last week of June 1971.

A daughter, Shannon Michelle Malone, was born 3-27-1974. At age 4, it was discovered that Shannon had a tumor in her kidney. It was removed and Shannon underwent several more surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation treatments during the next 3 years. She fought valiantly but succumbed to the cancer just before Christmas in 1981. By this time, Jim & Linda had separated and divorced.

Jim met Debbie in the summer of 1977 but did not start a relationship until the summer of 1980. After Jim's job at UNC required him to relocate to Rockford, Illinois that same summer, Debbie joined him within a few months. Jim & Debbie lived in Rockford until May 1983 when Jim's job once again required a relocation, this time to Ogden, Utah where they lived until December 1984. While living in Utah, Jim & Debbie were married 12-10-1983 in Las Vegas. Contrary to rumors, however, they did not marry in an Elvis Chapel but rather at a Methodist church near the municipal building where marriage licenses were issued.

While in Ogden, Debbie was graduated from Weber State College (now University) after having worked on her degree for several years at several different colleges. Jim's job brought him back to Connecticut and they left Ogden after Debbie's last class in December 1984. While living in Rockford, Jim & Debbie started a quest to visit the state capitols in all 50 states with St Paul, Minnesota being the first. On the long and not direct driving route from Ogden to Connecticut, they completed their quest except for Augusta, Maine. They made the trip to Augusta in 1985 and it became their 50th state capitol.

Once back in Connecticut, Debbie resumed her education by achieving a Masters Degree in Finance from the University of Connecticut. She resumed her career in banking which she began when she was still a teenager. She worked for several banks over her career and retired from Dime Bank as their Vice President and Controller.

Eight years after Jim continued his job at UNC as a Project Director, the company decided to go out of business. UNC was one of two companies that built nuclear reactors for the US Navy's submarine fleet. But after the Berlin Wall came down in November 1989, the government decided they only needed one supplier. Jim continued through the shutdown and decommissioning of the manufacturing plant in Uncasville and left UNC (after 22 years) in March 1993 to start a quality and management consulting company. He continued this business for 14 years then retired in 2007.

Jim & Debbie built a house in Columbia, Connecticut and have lived there since June 1989. Debbie's mother, father, sister and two nephews live nearby in Putnam. Jim's father died in 1974 and his mother died in 1993. He has two brothers that still live in Georgia.

Jim's primary interests are travel, photography, jazz, hiking, and listening to audio books, but his passion for the past 8 years has been lighthouses. Debbie shares Jim's interest in travel, jazz and hiking but prefers to read her books on digital devices. She is also interested in lighthouses but only the ones that can be reached by driving or walking.

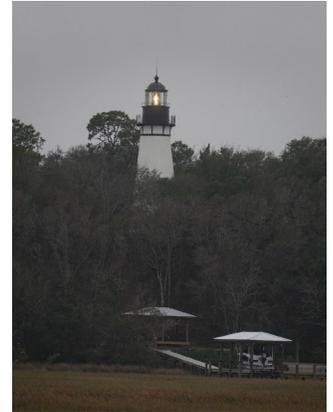
Jim's first recollections of seeing lighthouses were while traveling with his parents and brothers as a young person. He thinks the first lighthouse he ever saw was the Amelia island Lighthouse in northeast Florida. His family often vacationed at Fernandina Beach. He also is fairly certain he saw the Key West Lighthouse and the Saint Augustine Lighthouse on trips with his family.



Key West light taken in 2008



Amelia Island Lighthouse taken on trip w/Debbie in December 2022



Range light off of Fort Clinch near Amelia Island – December 2022

When Jim & Linda drove up the Atlantic coast when moving from Georgia to Connecticut, they stopped on the Outer Banks in June 1971. They climbed Cape Hatteras Lighthouse (in its original location) and Bodie Island Lighthouse. Those are most likely the first lighthouses he climbed and photographed. Soon after relocating to Connecticut, Jim & Linda made a trip to Maine in 1972 or 1973. But the only lighthouse he remembers seeing was West Quoddy Head Lighthouse. For many years this was his favorite lighthouse.



Throughout the next 30 years or so, lighthouses were not a destination on their own but were sometimes included on trips planned for other reasons. The one exception was West Quoddy Head Lighthouse that Jim revisited several times.



Visit to West Quoddy in Maine with Debbie

On 7-22-2018





Jim met Jeremy D'Entremont on March 31, 2015 and became more seriously interested in lighthouses, but did not start his "formal" quest until, quite by chance, he photographed a lighthouse in a unique situation. While riding with a friend across the old Tappan Zee Bridge, he tried to photograph the Tarrytown Lighthouse through the bridge structure. One of his photographs was successful and that hooked him.



Photo mentioned above taken 6-5-2015



Tarrytown LH with Tappan Zee bridge almost gone 1-10-1018

Since then he has seen and photographed all 179 lighthouses still standing in the New England states (Jim's count). He has traveled to the majority of the existing lighthouses in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia as well as those in Illinois and Wisconsin. Jim & Debbie went to Nova Scotia in 2019 and drove to more than 30 lighthouses. He also has seen some of the lighthouses on Prince Edward Island and in New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Quebec and Ontario. Since 2015, Jim has seen and photographed over 350 lighthouses and has climbed more than 150 of them.

This year (2023) Jim & Debbie plan one or two trips to the Great Lakes and will drive to as many lighthouses as possible. Jim might also take a boat trip or five. Jim has done some planning for a lighthouse trip to Iceland, probably in 2024, and to Ireland, in 2024 or 2025.

Although Jim always enjoys taking the traditional photos of lighthouses, he also likes to see and photograph lighthouses both up close and from a distance including the ones that are many miles from the nearest point of the mainland. He often tries to include more than one lighthouse in a single photograph. Photographs of lenses, especially Fresnel lenses, and other interesting details of lighthouse design are additionally important. Whenever access to a lantern room is possible, Jim takes a panorama photograph that shows the lens, as much of the lantern room as possible, and the view from the top. And, as anyone who has ever been with Jim near a lighthouse knows, he always tries to take a selfie.



Example of Panorama photo w/ lens at West Quoddy

Example of lighthouse design detail also at West Quoddy



Example of a "two-fer" with Butler Flats & Palmer Island in New Bedford, Mass taken 5-19-2020

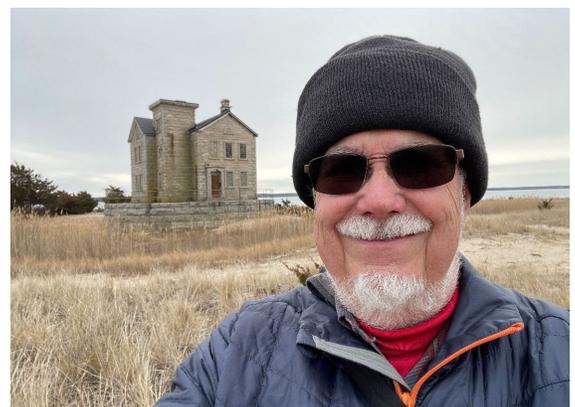
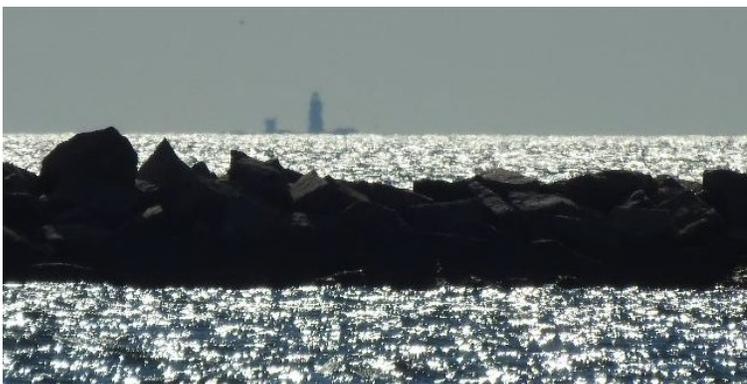


Photo with Montauk in distance taken recently at Stonington, CT.

Two photos taken Wednesday, Feb 22 at Cedar Island on Long Island and with Cedar Island Lantern room

If members have any questions please feel free to contact Jim at macmalone@gmail.com





Rab Sherman

3/09

MaryAnn Schroop

3/1

Ann Rhine 3/30

Arlene Winkleman

4/07

Linda Shay

4/14

Jean Zunda 4/13



Jim & Irma Streeter

3/07

Walt & Laurel Mills

4/11



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

NELL is off to a good start for 2023. We have six new members to greet.

Jennifer & Bob Bogard
Nancy Brooks
Patrick Johnston
Anne Morin
Robert & Nan Rodgers
Fred & Elaine Watson

York ME
Sanford FL
Somersworth NH
Byfield MA
Easton PA
Bridgewater MA



Make sure to introduce yourself when you see them!

Those who have not net renewed; it's getting late. The spring trip is coming soon. Use this form if you need it or pass it on to a friend who would enjoy spending a fun-filled NELL weekend with you.

NELL Membership Application & Renewal Form 2023

Name(s): _____ Birthday MD _____
_____ Birthday MD _____
_____ Birthday MD _____ Anniversary MY _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell phone(S): _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Membership Type Please check off the type of Membership:

- _____ **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**

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You can also pay through our website newenglandlighthouse lovers.com
A PayPal account is not required for payment

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT NELL FUNDRAISING WHILE SHOPPING

We received word from [Amazon Smile](#) that effective February 20, 2023 they are discontinuing the program that donates 1 cent for every dollar you spend to a specific nonprofit you have selected.

This unique program has helped thousands of small nonprofits like us, receive financial assistance that they more likely would not have gotten otherwise.

Thank you to those who supported NELL by using Amazon Smile!

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.

There is a Connecticut River Lighthouse Cruise that is scheduled for June 3. This cruise passes Lynde Point and Saybrook Breakwater lighthouses very close. Several NELL members have taken it before. The USLHS passport stamps for Lynde Point and Saybrook Breakwater are also available on the trip. To make a reservation click on link below:

<https://ctriverquest.com/portfolio/8lighthouse/>

A reminder to those who may not have planned summer schedules yet, there will be trips out to Baker Island from Bar Harbor this summer. Trips take place every week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8 am through 1 pm from June 27 thru September 7. Reservations can be made on line at:

<https://www.barharborwhales.com/ranger-cruises/baker-island-tour/>

Read article about how Gay Head lighthouse on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts may get funding for some of its needed repairs:

[Offshore wind funding possible for Gay Head Lighthouse repairs - The Martha's Vineyard Times](#)

Interested in owning a lighthouse? Here's your chance – A Hyannis lighthouse in Massachusetts, overlooking the port is up for sale. Of course most of us can't afford its price, but here is a link if you're interested:

[On the Market: A Hyannis Home With Its Own Lighthouse](#)

For those NELL members who live in Rhode Island and would like a lighthouse license plate, here is your chance, as a Beavertail license plate has been approved. Click below to read all about it:

[Beavertail license plate approved; 600 orders required for production - Jamestown Press](#)

Most of you know Bob Trapani of ALF (American Lighthouse Foundation). He has just released a new book about lighthouses. Click on link below to find out about it.

[Trapani releases new book on lighthouses – Knox County VillageSoup](#)

NEWS FROM YORK BEACH, MAINE

As you may remember, one of our charter members, Herb Carpenter and his wife, Tracie, own an old building in York Beach, Maine that is a piece of Lighthouse History as it was a store run by a past keeper of “Nubble Lighthouse”, Captain Burke. Herb attended our LHHC&Y event this year and showed me a photo of a new addition to the special historic spot. I asked him to share a bit more about it for our members and here is what was shared:

Soon the 100th anniversary of the opening of Captain Burke’s Store is coming up although we are not POSITIVE of a business incorporation date and are not able to find an actual record...yet based on photos, letters from Captain Burke’s daughter, testimonies from individuals who bought ice cream and candy, and Burke’s retirement date....we estimate it to be between 1923 and 1925 so we wanted to spruce things up a bit at the store.

We have always had a wood carving of a Captain Burke but the former one was well worn from age...one side where his leg once was had succumbed to wood rot. We used to post a sign saying “Beware of Sharks” as a joke. He wore a mask at Halloween, Bunny ears for Easter and a surgical mask all during COVID.

In the summer of 2021 we decided to invest in a new Captain Burke, so we found Josh Landry, a chainsaw artist and carver in North Anson, Maine and inquired about doing a Captain Burke. He informed us that he was very busy and not able to help at that time. It was meant to be however, as he called and said he had something that might work for us that he was working on in his spare time and was not for any specific customer. He sent us a photo of his captain in raw form and we could tell it was perfect so we agreed to buy him. Josh finished him up and painted and varnished him and we took delivery in October of 2021.

During the summer of 2022 we added a small flower bed around the front corner of the store and have been enjoying him ever since. Last summer we had at least one person every single day stop to read about Captain Burke with many of them posing for photos as well. We hope to find the actual date of the store opening to have an actual 100th Celebration in the next couple years. I don’t believe the date has passed as of yet.

Below are a three photo’s Herb shared. The first is of the NEW Captain Burke, next is the old Captain, and a third photo showing the flower bed, sign about the store & Captain, and the new statue and store in the background.



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

