

# NELL NEWS



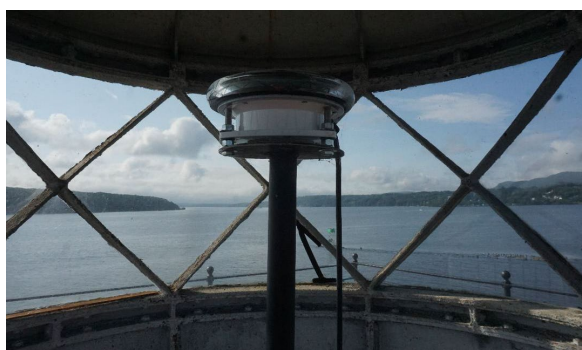
## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

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### PHOTOS FROM NELL FALL TRIP TO HUDSON RIVER, NY



On way to & at



From Arlene W.

Rondout Lighthouse



At Hudson Athens Light-lens ,talk  
by Bob Taylor, on deck by Arlene W



Photos above – (except 5 with notation) Boat to Hudson Athens, small white lighthouse near where old 4 mile point light and the old keeper's house was located, photo of Esopus Meadows light, 2 photos (front & back) of Saugerties Light and 4 photos at Fall Meeting including former and current Mr. & Ms. NELL. Photo of NELL Group below provided by Bob Granoth.



### NELL MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP

**Every** member can HELP with 2 projects.

FIRST – please email me (Arlene) your current contact information  
Names, addresses, email and telephone numbers.  
It has come to our attention that much of the current  
Information on file is incorrect – which is frustrating when trying  
to send group emails and/or call you – if just to say hello  
**Please send this information by November 19<sup>th</sup>.**

SECOND – Sell and/or buy our raffle tickets to benefit our  
Preservation Fund. NELL would like to help as many lighthouses  
As possible and fulfill all the grant requests we receive.  
To date NELL has given more than \$180,000 to lighthouses –  
Help us continue these good works!!

NOTE: Ellen Granoth, chair of the raffle, will reach out to you  
before mailing out raffle tickets – which is why we need your  
correct contact information.

Thank you for your help

Arlene Winkleman, President  
617-731-5181 home  
781-820-9980 cell phone (not a smart phone)

## A SPECIAL LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

NELL members – looking back and looking ahead.

LOOKING BACK – special thanks again to Linda Sherlock who planned another wonderful NELL event. The Fall Event with lighthouses on the Hudson River was another success – the weather that day was glorious (a Saturday without rain!), the people at Rondout and Hudson Athens lights were very welcoming and we all enjoyed the visits (and having our own Bob Taylor being a docent).

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to be on the board to help run NELL for the next year. Special thanks to Sherri Roberts who has assumed the role of Vice President and our new Events Committee members Debra Lilly and Sean Curran.

LOOKING AHEAD: January 14<sup>th</sup> will be our 2024 Lighthouses Hot Chocolate and You (LHHC&Y) event when we will be visiting the newly renovated Nobska Lighthouse in Falmouth (Cape Cod)

AND having Elinor DeWire as our guest speaker. We will also have special refreshments to celebrate NELL's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch for further details about times and price

REMINDER: It is time to renew your membership! Help us grow – and ask a friend or family member to join with you. Our dues are most reasonable:

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| One Adult             | \$20                |
| Two Adults            | \$30 same household |
| Family                | \$40                |
| Junior (6 – 14)       | \$10                |
| Life Membership       | \$500.00            |
| Business/Organization | \$50.00             |
| Assistant Keeper      | \$50.00             |
| Keeper                | \$100.00            |
| Inspector             | \$500.00            |

DUES MUST BE PAID TO ATTEND LHHC&Y!

You can pay on the website with PayPal – or send a check to

|                              |    |                     |
|------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| Jean Zunda, Membership Chair | OR | Arlene Winkleman    |
| 1 Princeton Avenue           |    | 99 Marion Street #1 |
| Riverside, RI 02915-2632     |    | Brookline, MA 02446 |

I look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Wishing you all a Happy, Holiday Season.

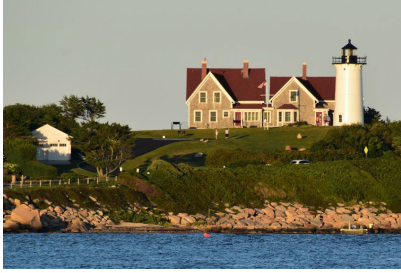
Wishing Peace to all the problem areas in our world.

**Arlene**

**SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024**

**NELL'S ANNUAL LHHC&Y will take place at**

**Woods Hole / Falmouth, MA  
Meet at Nobska Lighthouse  
233 Nobska Road  
at 10am**



**Total per person \$39 by check or \$40.50 by Paypal**

**Mail Check to:**

**Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Road, Tuckahoe, NY 10707**

**or**

**Arlene Winkleman, 99 Marion Street #1 Brookline, MA 02446**

We will be viewing and climbing the Nobska Lighthouse tower. There have been some exciting renovations accomplished over the last five years. The tower was completely renovated and the 4<sup>th</sup> Order Fresnel lens is still in the tower. The new landscaping of the grounds is spectacular. The keeper's house was renovated and is now a museum and gift shop. The Friends of Nobska Lighthouse have done a stellar job!



There is parking in the usual spot close to the road - double parking is fine as long as you know who you are parking behind. There is also handicap parking up by the keeper's house with a few other spots also available. Overflow parking is on the grass after you pull into the drive on the right. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Lunch is on your own. We will reconvene for a speaker and refreshments at**

**Dewitt Clinton Lodge**

**175 Main St., Sandwich, MA 02563**

**Our guest Elinor Dewire will speak about  
Lighthouses of North America**

Elinor Dewire was our speaker at the first ever NELL Spring meeting 25 years ago. The Lodge will be open at 1pm, and the talk will start at 2pm.



We will be having a celebratory 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake, so instead of a cookie contest we will have an **Appetizer contest**, so don't fill up on lunch. Plan on 30+ people if you are going to bring something and let Sherri Roberts know.

**Also email Sherri at [SRCRAN9@gmail.com](mailto:SRCRAN9@gmail.com) if you are coming.**

**Remember NELL Membership needs to be renewed by the end of December to attend this event.**

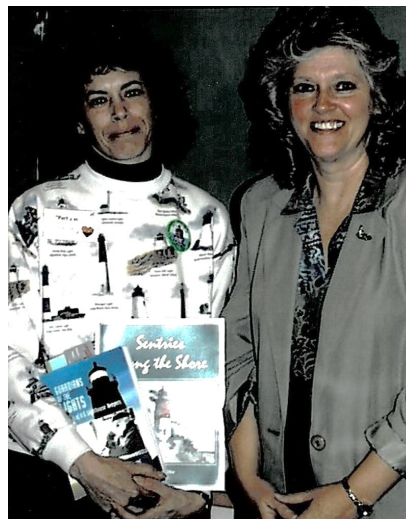
# SPECIAL MONTH FOR NELL

## 25 YEARS OLD

The organizational meeting for what became NELL met at the Grill 93 Restaurant in Andover, Massachusetts on November 8, 1998 with 34 people in attendance. This meeting took place after a sign-up sheet was placed at a Harbour Lights Reunion event by Barbara Hupp in October of 1998 in Providence, RI, asking for interest in forming a "Harbour Lights Collectors Club of New England" group. Since Harbour Lights was a copyrighted name, the group quickly changed its name to **New England Lighthouse Lovers (NELL)** which it has remained through the last 25 years. At the organizational meeting, Barbara Hupp was chosen as the first President. The next meeting that took place was what became an annual Spring NELL lighthouse trip/meeting. This gathering took place on April 24, 1999 in Groton, CT at the University of Connecticut which is where Avery Point Lighthouse is located. The first guest speaker was Elinor DeWire who had a 35mm slide show and talk about lighthouses. The next day a visit and tour was made to New London Ledge Lighthouse. Below are a few photos of the first Annual Spring trip/meeting:



**Barbara Hupp-President**



**Member Penny Patch with Speaker Elinor DeWire**



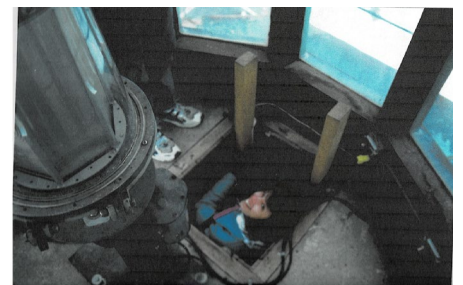
**1<sup>st</sup> NELL group photo w/o a banner**

**All photos used are from the NELL History Books**

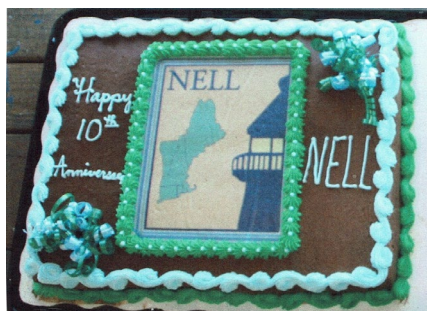
The next meeting/event was planned for October 9, 1999 (a 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary meeting) and became an annual NELL Fall Trip. It took place in Portsmouth, New Hampshire where a talk was given by past lighthouse keeper's wife and author, Connie Small who was 98 years young. A couple of years later, in 2001, the first annual Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You took place in January around Scituate Light in Massachusetts, where it was climbed (see below) and other nautical places in the area were visited. This three events a year schedule has continued thru this year, except for a few of the events that were cancelled from Spring of 2020 until Fall of 2021 due to Covid19.



**Penny Patch with Connie Small**



There was a special NELL10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic held on September 19, 2009 in New Haven, Ct with two Anniversary cakes served. Participants were also able to climb the Five Mile Point Lighthouse that was on the grounds of the park where the picnic was held. (see photos below)



Since the first trip back in 1999, NELL has seen, and/or climbed all but a handful of lighthouses in the New England states. There have been 11 trips to Maine, 3 to New Hampshire, 3 to Vermont, 24 to Massachusetts, 7 to Rhode Island, and 12 to Connecticut. We've also gone to New York for 6-7 trips and New Jersey for 3.

Membership in NELL has fluctuated quite a bit through the years. In the very beginning there were 34 members and at its highest there were as many as 350 members. The number of members also affected the number who attended trips and donated toward the preservation fund. Currently our membership is approximately 150 people. Although 19 states are represented in the membership, the overwhelming majority are from the New England States. There are also still approximately 20 Charter Members still involved with NELL.

A Button/Pin for the first trip to New London Ledge light was presented to participants by Ron Foster. They began to be made regularly by Ron, for all the trips, in the Fall of 2001. In the Fall of 2007 Bob Taylor took that job over. At some point Ron also started adding a lighthouse postcard to the packet of information attendees of the trips would get. This job was also taken over by Bob Taylor around 2010. (You can see photos of all the Buttons/Pins created in the 4 pages after this article – the first two pages are from the 2011 NELL Beacon and the rest I was able to attach from the NELL History books,) Sorry I was unable to add the date and location of each trip below the photo of the button, but they are in order of when the trips took place.

Another event that started to be held in January of 2014 is what has become the annual cookie contest at our Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You trip (LHHC&Y). Any member who wanted to be included could bake enough cookies for all members attending the trip and the top three “favorites” were chosen by votes from the attending members.

At this Fall's NELL meeting, the 10<sup>th</sup> President of our group, Arlene Winkleman was voted for. The Presidents through the years have been: Barbara Hupp 1998–2000, Ron Foster 2000–2004, Sherin Pagles 2004–2006, Tom Pregman 2006–2007, Tom Kenworthy 2007–2012, Bill Kent, 2012–2016, Greg Fitzgerald 2017, Ron Foster 2018, and Henry Winkleman 2019–2023

Another activity of NELL which started in 1999 was the crowning of a Ms. NELL for the coming year. Our first Ms. NELL was Penny Patch. Not to be outdone, the men started to choose a Mr. Nell in the fall of 2000, when Ron Drummer was chosen to fill the role. In the beginning a crown was given to the Nell lady who was chosen as Ms. NELL. The Mr. NELL was given a blue boat paddle with a painted lighthouse on one side and the names on the other. In 2012 when Lynn Kerber was Ms. Nell, she made a quilted cloth banner which had a lighthouse on one side and the names of all the previous Ms. Nells on the back with room to add the new names each year. In 2019 new “trophies” were made for Mr. &

Ms. Nell. Mr. NELL was given a yellow buoy with the NELL logo on one side and name on back and the Ms. NELL was given a wooden lighthouse shaped plaque containing the NELL logo and names on the front in addition to the crown which has continued to be passed on since the beginning. (see photos below) Although the idea of Mr. & Ms. Nell is for the previously chosen recipient to choose someone who they feel served Nell in some way and worked toward its goals, the following paragraph comes from the pages of the History Books when in 2005 Bob Taylor choose Norm Bosse as the new Mr. NELL. Bob Taylor wrote in part: "This year's winner follows a long tradition of service to NELL and its goals. After the very successful MISS NELL event, the men decided they did not want to be left out based on gender eligibility. Early on, Mr. Frank Carbone Jr. was asked to list the qualifications for this honor and true to Frank's sense of humor, he listed the following qualifications for Mr NELL. (1) Tends to stand still in the middle of traffic; (2) Has to be "broad in the beam", (3) Likes to get a "glow" on or, Likes to get "oiled" up; (4) Narrowest in the upper structure (and function); and (5) Very limited response capability. It is a wonder that anyone covets this annual award with criteria like that! People have asked me what are the major responsibilities of MR. NELL? There are actually two. First, before the year is out, one has to find an artist who can paint your name on the oar in such a way that you do not stand out, but rather look like *one of the boys*. Secondly and without being able to form a committee and blame others, you must decide who the next Mr. NELL is. The rest of the year Mr. NELL can just enjoy the activities and be 'one of the boys'."



One of the more important sides of NELL is its goal to contribute to the preservation of our lighthouses. Since the very first meeting in the spring of 1999, NELL has been donating to the preservation of the lighthouses we are able to see/climb and also have donated much to lighthouses who ask for funds for specific preservation projects. To this date NELL has donated a little over **\$189,000.00** to lighthouse preservation. A complete listing of all the donations made is included in the History Books along with photos of plaques and letters from recipients of donations, etc.

Another part of NELL has been the H.O.P.E. projects where members of NELL actually do hands on preservation work at a specific lighthouse for a period of days.

The complete history of NELL is kept up to date by Bob Taylor in what has frequently been mentioned above as the History Books. They contain documents of all kinds, photos of the trips, buttons, postcards, special events. All this information is kept organized in three large 3-ring binders. I encourage any member who attends the trips to find a little extra time to look through these books. They are regularly brought to the events and I'm sure could even be "borrowed" during the event.



Spring 1999, Groton, CT



Spring 2001, Cape Cod, MA



Fall 2001, Boston Harbor, MA



Winter 2002, Rhode Island



Spring 2002, Martha's Vineyard, MA



Fall 2002, New Bedford, MA



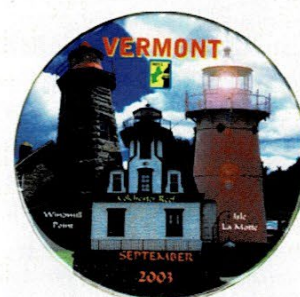
Winter 2003, Portland, ME



Spring 2003, Connecticut



Summer 2003, Block Island, RI



Fall 2003, Burlington, VT



Winter 2004, Eastern Connecticut



Spring 2004, St. Augustine, FL



Spring 2004, Cape Cod, MA



Summer 2004, Rockland, ME



Fall 2004, Newburyport, MA



Winter 2005, Cape Ann, MA



Spring 2005, Nantucket, MA



Fall 2005, Groton, CT



Winter 2006, Portland, ME



Summer 2006, Western Long Island Sound



Fall 2006, Project HOPE, Cape Cod, MA



Fall 2006, Groton, CT



Fall 2006, Avery Point Relighting, CT



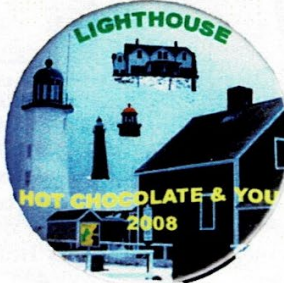
Winter 2007, Cape Cod, MA



Summer 2007, Rockland, ME



Fall 2007, Upper Hudson River, NY



Winter 2008, Scituate, MA



Spring 2008, Groton, CT



Fall 2008, New York Harbor, NY



Winter 2009, Newport, RI



Spring 2009, Project HOPE, Cape Cod, MA



Spring 2009, Project HOPE, Rockland, ME



Spring 2009, Newburyport, MA



Fall 2009, Long Island Sound, NY



Winter 2010, Morgan Point, CT



Spring 2010, St. Lawrence Seaway, NY



Fall 2010, Lake Champlain, VT



Winter 2011, Boston, MA



Spring 2011, Lake Ontario, ON

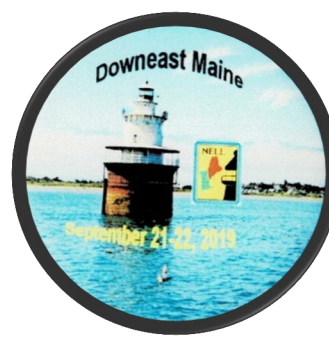


September 2011, Perkins Island, ME



2012, Portsmouth, NH





**SPRING 20-21**

**CANCELLED  
COVID-19**



## **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](mailto:SMills8839@aol.com) or Arlene at [wink8@mindspring.com](mailto:wink8@mindspring.com) so the rest of our members can be informed.

**Not many New England Lighthouse events this time of year, so none to report this NELL NEWS, however some of you may not know that there was a fire that took place up in Port Clyde, Maine at the Monhegan Boat Dock that burned several important structures by the water including the Monhegan Boat Line Building and some original art by the Wyeth's that are irreplaceable. Click on link to learn more.**

<https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/port-clyde-fire-st-george-maine/97-5de803e3-ce5e-4d8e-8dc4-a99a2a2dae46?fbclid=IwAR3MEdhgNjBQ3fwMC8vrQtpIXJCDCpwiJLkZgJb2s3gCOIVS4DI08gfSQOI>

**SEVERAL OF OUR NELL MEMBERS CONTINUED TO VISIT LIGHT HOUSES INTO THE FALL. BELOW ARE A FEW PHOTOS SENT BY MEMBERS.**



**Photo of Stony Point Light taken by Arlene Winkleman while doing the NELL fall trip on the Hudson River.**

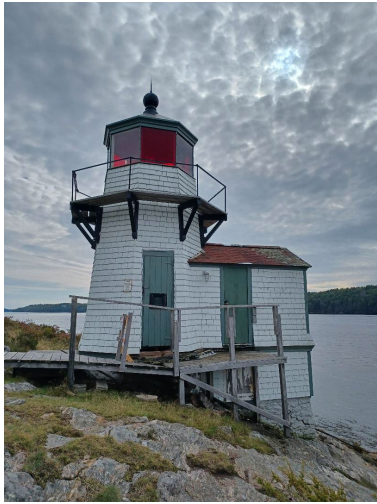
**Henry and Arlene Winkleman took a trip to the Virginia area where they took this photo of Old Point Comfort Light.**



**Below are a couple of photographs of Owl's Head Light in Maine that member Andrew Bourne took and sent for sharing in the NEWS.**



Below is a photo taken at Squirrel Point Light in Bath, Maine area along with a few from an old demolished range light in upper Kennebec river called Abagadasset in the same area taken in October by member Sherri Roberts when she visited with two other NELL friends Carol Blake & Cindy Kimball . Click link for more info: [Friends of Merrymeeting Bay: About the Bay](#)



**HAVE YOU RECENTLY OR IN THE PAST GONE ON A LIGHTHOUSE TOUR OR VISITED SEVERAL LIGHTHOUSES?**

**NELL WANTS TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO HAS MEMORABLE PHOTOS OF A TRIP THEY TOOK TO GATHER & PUT THE IMAGES ON A THUMB DRIVE AND SEND THEM TO ARLENE OR HENRY SO THEY CAN BE PRESENTED AT A ZOOM MEETING DURING THE WINTER MONTHS WHEN MOST OF THE MEMBERSHIP ARE NOT TRAVELING AND WE'RE NOT HOLDING IN-PERSON EVENTS.**

**HENRY/ARLENE WINKLEMAN, 99 MARION ST. #1, BROOKLINE, MA 02446**

# **NEW** **FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

**CALLING ALL NELL MEMBERS to help with this new, exciting fundraiser spearheaded by Ellen Granoth.**

There are 10 prizes to be awarded to the lucky ticket winners. The tickets are \$10.00 a piece and come in books of 10. If all tickets are sold – NELL will make a \$14,000+ profit for the Preservation Fund.

We are asking that members try to sell as many tickets as possible, and buy your own. It is only a \$10 investment for a great cause and could result in a great prize. Tickets would also make a nice holiday or birthday gift.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the NELL 2024 Spring meeting and any money collected along with filled out tickets and/or unsold tickets will need to be returned to Ellen Granoth by May 1.

Please contact Ellen at 203-437-1663 E-mail: [ellenlg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenlg@sbcglobal.net) or write to: 124 Scott Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 to request your tickets.

When a ticket/tickets are sold, the person's Name, address, and e-mail needs to be printed on front of the stub and their phone # on the back – then the stub/stubs along with the money collected for it/them needs to be returned to Ellen Granoth. Checks should be made out to NELL, but must be sent to Ellen.

Below are copies of the front and back of the ticket – the Back shows the listing of the 10 Prizes available. More info about each prize can be found on the Nell Website at: [NELL Fundraising Raffle -](#) All the links are posted there.

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|  |  |  | <p>1) Greens Ledge Lighthouse. Overnight stay. Norwalk, CT</p> <p>2) Big Bay Point Lighthouse. Night for 2. Powell Township, Michigan</p> <p>3) West Quoddy Station. Night for 2. Lubec, ME</p> <p>4) Little River Lighthouse. Night for 2. Cutler, ME</p> <p>5) Bar Harbor Motel. Night for 2. Bar Harbor, ME</p> <p>6) Cape May Whale Watcher. Family 4 pack. Cape May, NJ</p> <p>7) Bar Harbor Whale Watch. Family 4 pack. Bar Harbor, ME</p> <p>8) Plume House Bed and Breakfast. Overnight stay for 2. Thomaston, CT</p> <p>9) Gift Basket from Lighthouse Digest</p> <p>10) The Lighthouse Inn. Two night stay for 2. West Dennis, MA</p> |  |

**PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN HELPING NELL MAKE  
THIS A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER!!!!**

**A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO JOHN DONOVAN FOR  
POSTING ALL THE INFO NEEDED ON THE WEBSITE  
AND ALSO FOR CREATING/PRINTING THE  
TICKETS.**

**MEMBERS— IS YOUR PHONE # CORRECT IN OUR MEMBER  
LISTING? ELLEN HAS TRIED REACHING MANY OF YOU  
AND THE NUMBER DOESN'T EXIST OR HAS BEEN  
CHANGED. PLEASE CALL ELLEN IF YOU HAVE NOT  
RECEIVED A CALL FROM HER.**

Caroline Doughty 11/02  
 Larry Thompson 11/10  
 Kathy Santucci 11/13  
 Bob Mills 11/15  
 Gary Toth 11/19



Pamela DePasquale 11/07  
 Laurel Mills 11/13  
 Norm Bosse 11/15  
 Jim Streeter 11/15



Paul Leary 12/03  
 Linda Sherlock 12/03  
 Judy Newblom 12/26

Sandra Peterson 12/03  
 Cynthia Bosse 12/12  
 Hank Heacock 12/29



Frank & Pamela DePasquale 11/14



Gary & Kay Toth

12/05

Johnathan & Elinor DeWire

12/30

Paul & Patricia Leary

12/31



### HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

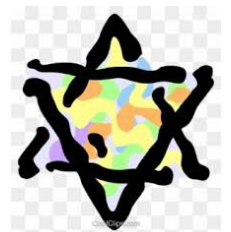
For any NELL members who are having continuing health issues, or a cold, flu, covid, etc. during the end of Fall and into the Winter, we hope you will feel better soon.



NELL MEMBERSHIP sends our thoughts & prayers with Sympathy to:  
 Family and friends of Cliff Olson, Long-time member of NELL who sadly died in 2022  
 also NELL member Don Groch and other family & friends of Barbara Myers,  
 NELL MEMBER who died in May of 2023

May the love of those  
 around you  
 help you  
 through the  
 days ahead.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with any NELL  
 MEMBERS who have family and/or friends in Israel or  
 the surrounding areas at this time of unrest and loss  
 of lives.



## Exciting New NELL Fundraiser

### Your own personalized NELL Tumbler

Through her efforts, Sandy Peterson, our co-fundraising chair, has found someone who can make personalized NELL Tumblers in 7 different colors. (See below). Each Tumbler will have the NELL logo on one side and a name of your choice on the opposite side. Whether you buy them for yourself or family and friends as a gift, Sandy says these Tumblers are great for keeping your beverages hot or cold for long time. Sandy loves hers and so will you. While NELL does not make much money on this venture, we wanted to offer a unique item of value to you, while still raising funds for Preservation.

These Tumblers are customized one at a time. As such it takes 30 days to cure the Tumbler's colors, logo and name. All this is being done by one person.

We will deliver the Tumblers free of charge to the Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You trip in January in Falmouth, Mass. The rest will be mailed to you through the USPS at an additional charge.

The Tumblers are \$32.00 each. If you decide to use PayPal on the website, the cost is \$33.50 each. If you choose to have the Tumbler mailed, the cost will be an additional \$9.00 per Tumbler. If the cost to mail more than one Tumbler is much less, we will refund you the difference.

At the bottom of the PayPal order on our webpage, there will be a choice of delivery or pickup. If pickup is selected, a code will be revealed that the user will type into the coupon code box and hit apply. That will delete the shipping charge regardless of how many Tumblers are ordered. Do not worry, if you do this incorrectly, we will refund any payments that were made by mistake. Just send me an email or call 781-820-9977.

Make your checks payable to New England Lighthouse Lovers, Inc. and mail them to

Henry Winkleman  
99 Marion St. Apt 1  
Brookline, MA. 02446

Please email your order to [wink8@mindspring.com](mailto:wink8@mindspring.com) if you are paying with a check.



HERE are your choices of colors. But first is Sandy's off white Tumbler

OTHER COLORS AVAILABLE

**Red**  
**Light Blue**  
**Dark Blue**  
**Black**  
**Gray**  
**Green**



## Merchandise



It's getting close to the holiday season and it's not too early to be thinking about NELL gifts.

<https://viewer.zoomcats.com/apparel-bags-and-caps>

I keep listing the link to the catalog since it's full of all sorts of items you can have the NELL logo on. I will guess that most of us are thinking of tees and sweatshirts and if that's all you want I can offer you a shortcut.

Simply email me

at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com) and tell me what you want. Include size and color. If you have a preference for all-cotton or a blend you can let me know. I will do the research for you (I love reading catalogs) and

tell you what is offered with your specifications. Not all tee shirt brands offer our NELL bright yellow, for example, so that would limit the options on them. Same goes for sweatshirts. I'll respond with as many options I can find that meet your specifications along with pricing which will include a \$5 surcharge for lighthouse preservation. Shipping and PayPal fees will be added if needed. Otherwise, you can pay by check. Order early to ensure holiday delivery.

## ~ Membership ~

It's November and that means autumn leaves, brisk chilly nights, and **NELL** renewal!

If you know of someone who is no longer a member this would be a good year to ask them to rejoin. Remind them of all the good things we do for lighthouse preservation plus all the good times we have when we get together three times a year. I'll be sending this newsletter to all the people I sold Raffle tickets to. If they are interested enough to purchase a chance for an overnight at a lighthouse I should be able to convince them to join us and help even more. Will you do the same?

# Time to Renew!

Renewals remain the same; same categories, same dues, same ways to pay. This might be a good year to consider upgrading your membership a category or two. Please consider it.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ MM/YY  
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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:** Again 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

