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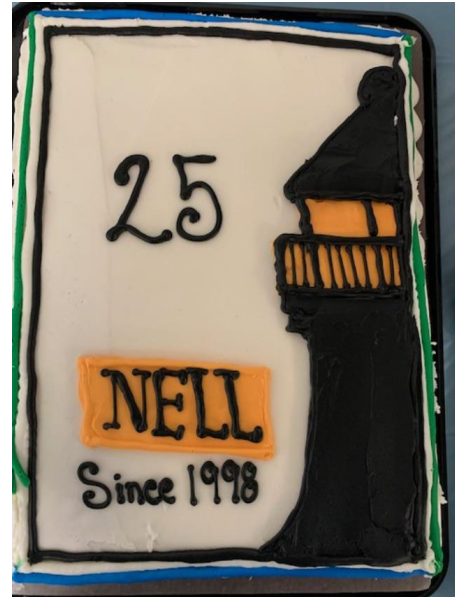
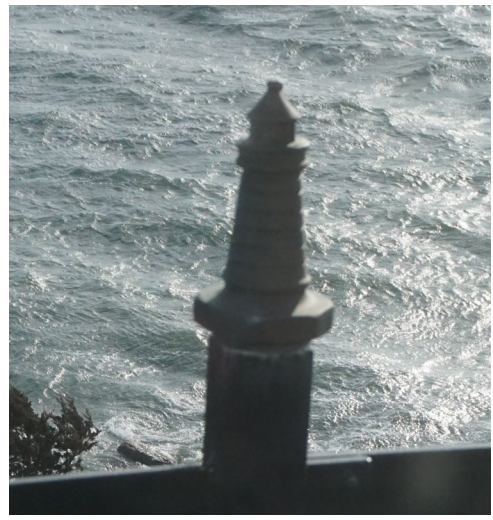
NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2024

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Photo's from NELL's LHHC&Y which took place at Nobska Lighthouse and
Masonic Lodge in Sandwich, MA on JANUARY 14, 2024







Left to right, previous photos #5, #10, #12, & #14 were taken by Henry Winckleman, #9 was taken by Sherri Roberts, #16 & #17 were taken by Linda Sherlock and #13 the group photo was taken by John Donovan. Thanks to all who provided photos of this Fun LHHC&Y Event.

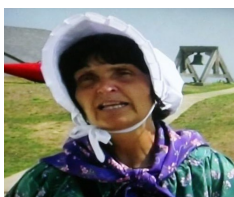
SAVE THE DATES

SPRING MEETING – MAY 17 - 19

Visit & climb of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse and visit to

Watch Hill Lighthouse - both in Rhode Island

**Speaker Sally Snowman –
More info about times,**



**Boston's Last Lighthouse Keeper
cost etc. will be sent soon**



FALL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28 & 29

Save the Bay Cruise, Rhode Island



Stephen Hassman is a lighthouse enthusiast who joined NELL in 2022. Another of his hobbies is running. He is incredibly excited to be running this year's Boston Marathon in April to help end homelessness. For his marathon training, he is running along the East Coast to several lighthouses. Stephen says "It is such a fun way to experience the coastline!"

In January, he traveled to Daufuskie Island, South Carolina for a race that ended at a lighthouse in the private community of Haig Point. He first started traveling to lighthouses around New England in 2021. His favorite lighthouse run was at Marshall Point Light in Maine where Forrest Gump was filmed running. A couple hundred lights later, he hasn't looked back.

If you want to learn more about Stephen's running story and homelessness cause, please contact him directly at: stephenhassman@gmail.com or 857-303-1496.





Stephen at Oak Island Lighthouse in North Carolina

OTHER 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 Arlene at wink8@mindspring.com so the rest of our members can be informed.

Many Maine Lighthouses were damaged in two January storms and their future is unknown. See a report and listen to the YouTube that Ford Reiche and Bob Trapani did.

[Battered by January's storms, many of Maine's lighthouses now face an uncertain future - YouTube](#)

[Acting in the Wake of Storm Damage to Maine Lighthouses – American Lighthouse Foundation](#)

One of the lighthouses that was seriously damaged is the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. It is still unclear what will be done as the scope and cost of repairs is still being assessed.



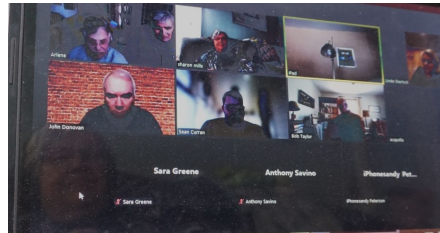


These photos showing some of the damage done in the storm of January 13 at the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse are used by permission from Jeremy D'Entremont. These photos and a few others can be found on the Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Website.

A NELL member was at Robert Moses State Park on Long Island at the end of the season last year. He discovered that there is a new service in which you can get a pedicab ride to and from the Fire Island lighthouse. As it happened, it was their last weekend for the season but will start up again around May 6, 2024. He has attached a card explaining how the pedicab operates. Last year, the cost was \$5.00 per ride. The person he spoke to thought that cost would remain the same. In addition, during the summer months, there are approximately 6 pedicabs. Below you will find a picture of the card regarding the service.



NELL BOARD MEETING



A NELL Board Meeting took place via ZOOM, Sunday, February 25. 12 Board Members participated.

A new Preservation Request was voted on that Members will receive news about soon. The fundraiser Drawing ticket sales are going well with 446 tickets returned and about 300 still out. Please keep doing what you can to support this fundraiser.

More Photos from our LHC&Y provided by Henry Winkleman – Mostly of Docents who gave the tour





ON



Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 PM

“At Sea in the City” Part 1

Through New York Harbor and the Hudson River

Jessica Shulman will be our guide on the boat as we explore the history and architecture of the lighthouses seen in NYC lower harbor and upper harbor, including Staten Island, Brooklyn and Manhattan with a bit of Queens and the Bronx thrown in.

AND

Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 PM

Lighthouse Adventures

Tom Pregman will stream 3 short movies of his lighthouse adventures of 2023 including (1) The Fire Island light and 1st order lens building, two days of the USLHS Long Island tour to the National Lighthouse Museum, NY harbor lightships, Long Island's East End Maritime Museum, and lighthouse cruise to Long Beach Bar and other Long Island Sound lights. (2) the NELL Spring tour with contrasting preservation styles of Greens Ledge and Sheffield Island Lights (3) NELL's Fall tour climbing the upper Hudson River lights. Finally, (4) the NELL 25th anniversary 2024 LHHC&Y weekend touring the Friends of Nobska Lighthouse completely updated light station, and a look back at the many faces of Nobska Light over the years.



BIG PRIZE DRAWING

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO YOUR PART IN HELPING NELL
MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL BIG FUNDRAISER**

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 **no later than May 1.**

New England Lighthouse Lovers Fundraising Raffle		
\$10 per ticket		
See back of ticket for raffle prizes For more information on the raffle prizes, please visit our website at newenglandlighthouselover.org/nell-fundraising-affle		
Name	Address	Email
SAMPLE		
1) Greens Ledge Lighthouse. Overnight stay. Norwalk, CT		
2) Big Bay Point Lighthouse. Night for 2. Powell Township, Michigan		
3) West Quoddy Station. Night for 2. Lubec, ME		
4) Little River Lighthouse. Night for 2. Cutler, ME		
5) Bar Harbor Motel. Night for 2. Bar Harbor, ME		
6) Cape May Whale Watcher. Family 4 pack. Cape May, NJ		
7) Bar Harbor Whale Watch. Family 4 pack. Bar Harbor, ME		
8) Plume House Bed and Breakfast. Overnight stay for 2. Thomaston, CT		
9) Gift Basket from Lighthouse Digest		
10) The Lighthouse Inn. Two night stay for 2. West Dennis, MA		

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



Your own personalized NELL Tumbler

If you still want a NELL Tumbler contact Sandi Peterson at 860-434-2323
or look for details on the NELL website:

NELL LABELED CLOTHING STILL AVAILABLE ALSO – CONTACT JEAN ZUNDA

AT nellmembership@mail.com



MaryAnn Scroope

3/9

Maria Alex

3/18

Arlene Winkleman

4/7

Jean Zunda

4/13

Linda Shay

4/14



Walt & Laurel Mills

4/11



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY



To NELL members **Rena & Butch** (mom & step-dad of Linda Sherlock) who have experienced health issues recently.

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



NELL extends our Condolences to Nell Vice President **Sherri Roberts** and her brother, **Larry Roberts**, also a Nell member and any other family members at the death on February 17 of Sherri's Mom, **Barbara Swaney**, (who was also a Nell member).



MESSAGE FROM OUR NELL PRESIDENT

Hope everyone is having a good winter – to date most of us have had little or no snow.
Hope everyone has been healthy!!

Unfortunately, the winter storms we did have may not have brought much snow but caused major damage to many Maine lighthouses including Pemaquid, Portland Head, Rockland Breakwater. There are many articles on the internet where you can find more comprehensive information on the many lighthouses and the damage they sustained.

We had another successful Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You (LHHC&Y) event on January 14th.

Thanks to our Vice President, Sherri Roberts, who made the arrangements with the Friends of Nobska Light. Several docents were in attendance and gave small groups an excellent tour of the light (which most climbed) and the keeper's house which is still under renovations to become a museum. Thanks also to the members of the Events Committee, Debby Lilly who wrote a short history of the Nobska Light that was put into the packets AND Sean Curran who found a great meeting space in the Masonic Lodge in Sandwich, MA. Thank you to Bob Taylor who once again created the NELL pin. This year, in honor of our anniversary Bob created a collage of images from the past 25 years. This was a labor of love!! Also, thanks to John Donovan who brought in the A-V equipment. Our guest speaker, Elinor DeWire, presented a program on lighthouses she has visited throughout the world. Elinor was a great sport – this was not her intended program, but it turned out there were technological problems reading her USB. Elinor certainly made lemonade out of lemons. Everyone enjoyed the special cake with our NELL logo – and we thank all those who brought the tasty treats.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST.

If you have not sent us your contact info – name, mailing address, phone and most important email address – please do so. This information can be sent to Jean Zunda, membership chair (nellmembership@gmail.com) and a copy to Henry (hwink29@gmail.com). Henry works very hard to keep the information up to date so he can send out NELL notices without mail being rejected.

RAFFLES – please continue to sell the raffle tickets. Money should be sent to Ellen and Bob Granoth, 124 Scott Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770. If you have any questions contact Ellen at 203-723-7604. Lighthouses need our help more than ever!!

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring – enjoy the weather and all the holidays and special days in March and April.

Arlene

MEMBERSHIP



Alex Dias - Riverside RI

Alex is on the board of Pomham Rocks which is where we will be going on our spring trip. Let's give him a big NELL welcome when we get there!

Those who have not yet 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 2024

Name(s): _____ Birthday M/D _____

Anniversary M/y _____

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

Make checks payable to NELL and send to:

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1 Princeton Ave

Riverside RI 02915-2632

You can also pay through our website newenglandlighthouseovers.com

A PayPal account is not required for payment

Our board is finally full and we have a New President, Arlene Winkleman. We are still 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 Arlene Winkleman (617) 731-5181 Home 781-820-9980. Arlene's cell (not a smart phone) 781-820-9977. Henry's iPhone - use this to send texts and messages 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: 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

