

NORTH LIGHT ON BLOCK ISLAND AWARDED NELL PRESERVATION GRANT

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The second of three NELL Preservation Fund Grants for 2002 was awarded to the North Light on Block Island, RI on Friday October 25th. Frank Carbone, NELL Preservation Committee Co-Chairman and Carolyn Carbone, NELL Secretary and a member of the Preservation Committee presented a check for \$1500 to North Light Association President Gilbert Plumb and Association Member Nancy Hutnak at the lighthouse. Originally scheduled for Saturday the 26th, the presentation was moved up a day to Friday with the prediction of high winds and rain for Saturday.



North Light, Block Island 10-25-02 -- NELL Grant Presentation of \$1500.00

L to R: Nancy Hutnak - No. Light Association Mb., Gilbert Plumb - No. Light Assoc. President,
Frank Carbone - NELL Preservation Comm. Co-Chair, Carolyn Carbone - NELL Secretary.

Following the presentation, Gilbert and Nancy gave us a complete tour of the lighthouse. This was a particular thrill to me, as in all my visits to the light I've never been above the first floor. We saw the new heating system, the solar electric system, the second and third floors and the lantern room.



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The North Light Association, organized in 2001, is working actively to replace deteriorating structural beams supporting the tower and to complete total renovations of the upper floors. NELL's \$1500 donation will be used to replace the stairway between the second and third floors. Gilbert and Nancy were quick to express their thanks and gratitude to NELL members, that included an invitation for our return next summer.



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