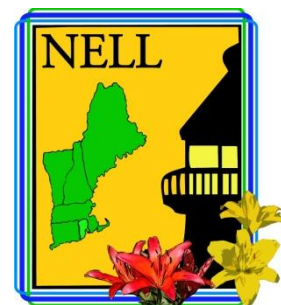
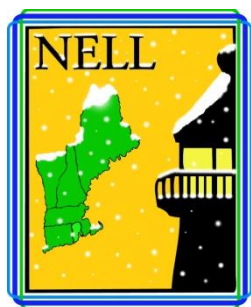


# CHAPTER CHATTER



**March/April**

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## Happy Pesach - Happy Easter

We have a NELL Facebook page again. <https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandLighthouseLovers>

NELL Spring meeting will be in Fairfield County, CT. 7-8 June 2014.



The goals: Great Captain Island Light, Sheffield Island Light, and a boat trip around the various offshore lights in the area. We're looking at hotels in Stamford, Norwalk, or Bridgeport (hopefully avoiding last time's issues!). It should be another weekend of fun opportunities!



For the Fall meeting, Long Island is the plan. The date to pencil in is 19-21 September. The way that the fall breaks this year, there's not much choice for dates, so that should stay fast. The BIG goal is to get out to Plum Island Light, on Department of Homeland Security property. Of course, we'd also visit Montauk, Fire Island, and Horton Point Lights.

As always, if you have ideas for trips, please drop me a line at [seagirtlight@gmail.com](mailto:seagirtlight@gmail.com).

## **Other Upcoming Events**

### **Sat. March 8th, 2014 - Hillsboro Lighthouse's 107th Anniversary**



On Saturday, March 8th Hillsboro Lighthouse will be celebrating its 107th Anniversary.

The boat to the Lighthouse will leave from Sands Pier beginning at 9am and every hour on the hour until 3pm. A current Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society membership or a \$25 per person transportation fee is required.

Complete details can be found at <http://www.hillsborolighthouse.org>

### **U.S. Lighthouse Society Trip to CHESAPEAKE LIGHT TOWER – AKA Texas Tower, May 4, 2014**



Did you miss the Chapter's trip to the remote Chesapeake Light (Texas tower) last year? Do you need this light or the Cape Charles Lighthouse to get closer or reach "40 +3"? Well, here's another opportunity to see this reclusive beacon. Our parent organization has arranged for a trip with Rudee Inlet Charters of Virginia Beach out to the Chesapeake Tower lighthouse for their Outer Banks Tour group. The charter will leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. It will pass the two Cape Henry Lights and Cape Charles on the way. The Society has room for 25 more people and would like to open it up to the folks from the Chesapeake Chapter and anyone else in the area that wants to go. Cost -\$70 without a lunch and \$82.50 with a lunch from Tad's Deli per person.

For more information and reservations, please contact Skip Sherwood at the USLHS-[skip@uslhs.org](mailto:skip@uslhs.org) or call (415) 362 – 7255. You can make phone reservations with a credit card or mail a check to the address provided.

The USLHS will handle making the lunch arrangements, issuing tickets and providing details about the cruise.

The passport stamps for the Cape Charles & the Chesapeake Light will be available on the trip.

Mailing address: Skip Sherwood, U.S.L.H.S., 9005 Point No Point Road, NE, Hansville, WA 98340.

### Boat tour to White Island on Friday, June 6, 2014



Have you even wanted to see the Isles of Shoals? Now's your chance. Lighthouse Kids is hosting a boat cruise around the islands to benefit our efforts to preserve the White Island Lighthouse Station. This is a fun family event that will include raffles, food, beautiful scenery and more. We will be taking the motor vessel Granite State - well-known for its whale watches - from Rye Harbor, departing at 6 p.m. The trip includes a 2-hour narrated tour about the marine life, legends, and history of the islands, with a special focus on White Island. Rain date is Thursday, June 12.

The cost is \$30 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar.

For reservations call Granite State Whale Watch at 603-964-5545 or go to [www.granitestatewhalewatch.com](http://www.granitestatewhalewatch.com)

### National Lighthouse Museum



ST. GEORGE — After many delays and almost succumbing to a \$25,000 budget shortfall, the National Lighthouse Museum has finally secured a building in Staten Island and plans to open its doors in August. Linda Dianto, executive director of the museum, confirmed the organization has raised enough cash to make the museum a reality. "It's all ready to go, it's just a matter of straightening out some of the administrative details," Dianto said. "It's time for celebrating." The museum has recently faced several stumbling blocks that could have killed a deal with the city's Economic Development Corporation to finalize the lease for 5 Bay St., known as "Building 11" in the former base of operations for the Coast Guard's lighthouse services.

In the last week of December, the museum still needed to raise \$30,000 to afford the \$350,000 lease.

After successfully raising the money, the city told museum chiefs it still fell short of \$25,000 which had been allocated to it by Assemblyman Matthew Titone, but had yet to reach its bank account, Dianto said. However, after another fundraising campaign in January, the museum was able to raise an extra \$50,000 and Dianto said she's finally in the planning stages for a soft-opening later this year. "We are now in the process of proceeding with the architects and have them start working," she said.

The museum plans to open the first part of the site on Aug. 7, 2014 to mark the 225th anniversary of the Lighthouse Act of 1789, which gave the federal government control of the country's lighthouses. It will have a timeline of lighthouses, a database of all lighthouses in the world and a place where people can research the history of keepers, Dianto said.

"It's just going to be amazing coming down the road," she said. "It's great that we're bringing the Staten Island community to the waterfront."

The borough was chosen to host the National Lighthouse Museum in 1997 after the city won a national contest, but the project was long delayed. It went through several directors and had trouble raising enough cash.

But after nearly 17 years, Dianto said she was excited to finally bring the history of lighthouses back to Staten Island.

"The history is important and Staten Island really is the heart of lighthouses," Dianto said. "I think we deserve it and it's worth fighting for. We have the history and it's worth preserving."

### 2014 Lighthouse Challenge and Festival Dates

7 - 8 June	3rd Annual Michigan's West Coast Lighthouse Festival	<a href="http://www.splka.org">www.splka.org</a>
13 - 15 June	Door County Lighthouse Festival	<a href="http://www.dcmml.org">www.dcmml.org</a>
22 - 23 June	Midcoast Maine Lighthouse Challenge	<a href="http://www.rocklandlighthouse.com">www.rocklandlighthouse.com</a>
3 - 20 September	19th Annual Apostle Island Lighthouse Celebration	<a href="http://www.lighthousecelebration.com">www.lighthousecelebration.com</a>
9 - 12 October	19th Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival	<a href="http://www.lighthousefestival.org">www.lighthousefestival.org</a>
18 - 19 October	Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey	<a href="http://www.lighthousechallengenj.org">www.lighthousechallengenj.org</a>

Not all the noted websites have been updated yet to reflect the 2014 information. They are provided so that you will have the event date and website location information together.

### Happy Birthday to:

Barbara Lunn	3/06	Wayne Grabner	3/06	Bonnie Benford	3/09
MaryAnn Scroope	3/10	Randall Ronne	3/18	Katie Moser	3/22
Lee Hall	3/22	Susan Mazza	3/26	Gladys Grabner	3/27
Anne Rhine	3/30	Sheila Hines	3/30		
Arlene Winkleman	4/07	Deborah Haney	4/07	Ann Taylor	4/09
David Idell	4/13	Daniel Drogowski	4/14	Linda Shay	4/14
Nancy Satkowski	4/19	Nina Wolfson	4/19	Edward Osso	4/22
Rosalie Sullivan	4/23				

### Anniversary Wishes to:

Jim & Irma Streeter	3/7
Walt & Laurel Mills	4/1

Just for fun....can you guess the light?



If you think you know you can e-mail me. (answer next Chapter Chatter)  
Last edition's answer: Horton Point, New York

## International Lighthouse News



### Japan

Conventional lighthouse lamps are being replaced with light-emitting diodes across Japan.

As LEDs consume less energy than conventional bulbs and last much longer, the changeover is expected to reduce maintenance costs.

According to the Japan Coast Guard, replacement work has been completed at 2,528 of the nation's 3,224 lighthouses. The nation's oldest brick lighthouse now uses LEDs and reflectors, instead of incandescent lamps and large lenses, which were replaced in September.

Located on a remote island off the coast of Toba, Mie Prefecture, the Sugashima lighthouse was designed and constructed by British engineer Richard Henry Brunton. It began operating in 1873. It has since been registered as a tangible cultural property and an industrial modernization heritage site in Japan. Built of domestically-produced white bricks, the Sugashima Lighthouse is styled in the manner of a European castle round tower, complete with crenellations. It replaced a more primitive light established by the Tokugawa shogunate on the island in 1673 in response to numerous shipwrecks in the area. The lighthouse was fully automated and has been unattended since July 1959. The 9.7 meter tall tower contains a fourth order Fresnel lens. The lighthouse uses 360 LEDs to cast a light for about 14 kilometers, just over half the 27 kilometers it reached before the changeover.

The 4th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters says there are no problems with the shorter distance, because lighthouses have become less important thanks to advances in global positioning systems.

Friday marked the 145th Lighthouse Day in Japan. Established in 1949 by the then Maritime Safety Agency, the Japan Coast Guard's predecessor, the day commemorates the start of construction on the Kannonzaki lighthouse, the first Western-style lighthouse, at the entrance of Tokyo Bay on Nov. 1, 1868.

Brunton constructed a total of 25 lighthouses in Japan from far northern Hokkaidō to southern Kyūshū during his career in Japan, each with a different design.

### Fiji

Lighthouse project Friday, November 15, 2013

A TEAM of officials from the Government Shipping Services will soon be deployed to construct navigational beacons in Natovi and Nabouwalu waters.

Works and Transport permanent secretary Commander Francis Kean said this project would continue in other parts of the country including Kadavu, Vanuabalavu, Koro, Ovalau and parts of the Western Division.

"This is a one-month deployment when officials will construct beacons in Natovi and Nabouwalu. We are also looking at other areas in the country and this will be an ongoing project next year," he said.

"This is something we are concentrating on for the purpose of providing safe navigation for ships. This is also a government-funded project aimed at improving our maritime zones."

Commander Kean said they were working closely with the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji for the construction of lighthouses and beacons around the country.

**Please Note:**

We are 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 Bill Kent: [\*\*bktwo@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:bktwo@comcast.net) or 1(978) 809-7133.

Don't forget to bring your **lighthouse related donations** to the spring and/or fall meetings for fund raising raffles and silent auctions. 2014 Donation Tax Forms can be obtained from Kathy Santucci, NELL Treasurer.

**The Lighthouse Digest** – For each subscription, please use the subscription envelope that you can get from NELL's 2nd VP Lynne Kerber, or 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 have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me: [\*\*chapterchatter@outlook.com\*\*](mailto:chapterchatter@outlook.com)  
All articles and information must be received by the 25th of the month prior to make the publication.

**The NELL Beacon** wants your stories too, send with pictures to Lynne Kerber: [\*\*lighthousecats@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:lighthousecats@comcast.net) for publication. The NELL Beacon is our official club newsletter and will be published three times a year in time for our events. Deadline for the LHC&Y issue will be mid December, for the Spring Event issue mid April and for the Fall Event issue mid August.

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\*\*](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860) 688-7347.

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.