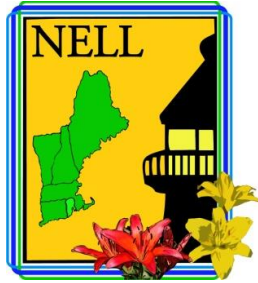


CHAPTER CHATTER



Happy Pesach

March/April

Happy Easter

In the following pages you will find information on both the NELL Spring and Fall weekends.

Please read both carefully as your response is needed to make each of these trips viable.

NELL Members If you have not yet paid your dues please read below...

2018 NELL Membership Dues are past due. Your membership dues payment must be received by March 31, 2018.

Send your check, \$20.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for a dual membership to:

NELL, c/o Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Road, Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

All unpaid members will be removed from the membership list at the end of March.

If you would like to pay your NELL dues by PayPal click on the link below and follow the instructions.

<http://www.newenglandlighthouse lovers.org/membership-form/>

Thank you, Walter Mills, Membership

Happy Birthday to:

Barbara Lunn	3/06	Bonnie Benford	3/09	MaryAnn Scroope	3/10
Lee Hall	3/22				
Arlene Winkleman	4/07	David Idell	4/13	Daniel Drogowski	4/14
Linda Shay	4/14	Nancy Satkowski	4/19		

Anniversary Wishes to:

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

NELL Spring Meeting 2018



The Spring meeting and lighthouse tour will be 1st – 3rd June 2018, in Maine

Saturday will be an all-day (8 hour) boat trip leaving at 8.30am from Port Clyde aboard the Monhegan Boat Line boat The Laura B. to visit the following lights:

Marshall Point Light, Franklin Island Light, Pemaquid Point Light, Ram Island Light, Burnt Island Light, Cuckolds Island Light, Pond Island Light, Seguin Island Light and Damariscove Island Lifesaving Station.

There are no refreshments on the boat so you need to bring lunch.

The cost for this trip is \$100.00 per person.

In order to make this trip feasible we need a minimum of 40 people.

The Trade Winds Hotel in Rockland, is holding a block of twenty rooms for our group, either two double beds or one king. The rate is \$112.00 per room, per night which includes Free Continental Breakfast: served from 6.30-10am.

Includes: pancakes, oatmeal, cereal, hard boiled eggs, muffins, bagels, yogurt, coffee and juice

Mention the group code NELL or New England Lighthouse Lovers when you call (207) 596-6661 to make your reservations. There are other hotels in the area that may offer a different rate.

We will be having a dinner meeting at The Trade Winds on Saturday evening. Time to be advised. Menu choice below. If you are planning to attend the dinner you must send me your meal choice, so that I can give the Trade Winds a count for each option.

On Sunday the Maine Lighthouse Museum will be open 10am–4pm and you can walk out to Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse.

The following lighthouses in the area will be open:

Owls Head: 10am – 4pm

Marshall Point: 1pm – 5pm

Pemaquid Point: Tower – 10am-5pm – Museum – 9am-5pm

Menu ~ \$30 per person

Cup of Clam Chowder

Entrée Choices:

A. Steamed Maine Lobster Drawn Butter, Coleslaw, and Rice

B. Sirloin Steak Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Choice Vegetable

C. Baked Stuffed Haddock: Haddock with Crab Stuffing, White Wine, Lemon, Butter Rice, Chef's Choice Vegetable

D. Chicken Marsala: Chicken served with a creamy marsala and mushroom sauce

E. Fettuccini Alfredo: Traditional

Chef's choice Dessert

To register for this trip please send payment

(\$100.00 per person for the boat trip and \$30.00 per person for your meal) to:

Kathy Santucci

38 Lime Kiln Road

Tuckahoe, NY 10707

If attending please be sure to respond with your choice of entrée for dinner.

NELL FALL LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

The Fall meeting and lighthouse tour will be Sept. 21 - 23, 2018 on Cape Cod.

NELL has been to the Cape often but never to the difficult to access lighthouses in this tour.

Foremost, we will be staying at a real lighthouse, the BASS RIVER LIGHT in West Dennis which is now the LIGHTHOUSE INN. Please visit their website www.lighthouseinn.com. It has a real "Old Cape Cod" feel and their accommodations for groups, reunions, weddings, business meetings etc. are suggested in their multi-room accommodations. All rooms have private baths with common living rooms where you can gather instead of crowding into someone's room. The lodge has 6 bedrooms, 2 with one queen, 3 with two queens, 1 with a queen and a twin. The gatehouse also has 6 bedrooms, 5 with one queen, and 1 with a queen and a double. There are 2 cottages with 3 bedrooms, one king, one queen, and two doubles, and 3 with 2 bedrooms, one king, and one queen and a double. That allows for sharing rooms or flying single. The rate is the same for all rooms at \$185 plus tax and include a normally \$16 breakfast buffet. These are their least costly rooms and could be a lot of fun for small groups of friends among us, or to make new ones. Can't wait to see what groups you all may try to put together, or not. I have a hold on all 24 of these rooms until March 5 by which time I must let them know a final count of the number of rooms to retain, so please call me ASAP, and you could simply call the inn at 508-398-2244 to register now. Be sure to say you are with the NELL group. Other rooms are also available in single cottages or in the inn proper and as always you may book your own rooms in the many hotels in the area and still participate in the rest of the tour.

The Inn dining area is dividable as needed for groups. We will have our own setup for breakfast on Sunday with follow-up meeting, speaker on the history of the lighthouse, tour of the tower etc. There is a full public menu including a \$46 lobster bake which we can choose as a group or individually. Evening meals are currently planned to be on your own here, inside or out, or elsewhere.

LIGHTS WE WILL VISIT SATURDAY INCLUDE:

The POINT GAMMON LIGHT in a private community requiring authorized access.

Cruise on the "Monomoy Island Ferry" out of Stage Harbor, Chatham. We will see the STAGE HARBOR LIGHT up close on the way to the MONOMOY LIGHTHOUSE on South Monomoy Island. If we need multiple trips with their 20 passenger boat, those awaiting their turn can visit the nearby CHATHAM LIGHT. The "Monomoy Island Ferry" drops passengers just off the beach in knee deep water and we will need to walk 1/2 mile to the Monomoy Lighthouse with a naturalist leading the way over dunes and wet areas. Watch out for ticks and poison ivy, and wildlife. We will be met at the light by someone from US Fish and Wildlife and will access the lighthouse and climb the tower. USF&W is waiving the normal 12 person limit on the island for our group, so the ferry can carry up to 20 for us, with a second load as needed. I have yet to finalize the details coordinating our charter and need to know a count of members to get a price. Normal flat rate charges are \$840 for 12 on that boat (\$70 each). Putting 20 on the same boat should hopefully reduce that charge.

For our less adventuresome you do not have to "deboat" but can go on seal watching. OR..there is another "Monomoy Island Excursion" company with a larger 35 passenger boat that is a longer ride from Harwich Port and DOES NOT land passengers on the island, but you can see the light. It is listed at half that \$70 cost per passenger. They do mix parties but have scheduled departures and need a minimum to sail. Haven't been able to connect with them yet. Numbers needed here too. We could individually, or in smaller groups, take either one, or both. Check their websites. Indicate your preference.

SUNDAY:

Following the breakfast meeting I'm still working on access to SANDY NECK LIGHT and if we can't get access to the light perhaps a short boat ride across the bay from Barnstable harbor for an up close look before we all go home. Stay tuned.

Take a few days, talk to other members, join the tour.

Tom Pregman
LightKeeperTom@gmail.com
203-287-8064

2018 Lighthouse Challenge and Festival Dates

20 – 22 May	International Lighthouse Conference	www.MichiganLighthouseAlliance.org
8 – 10 June	Door County 24 th Annual Lighthouse Festival	www.dcm.org
TBD	Mid-coast Maine Lighthouse Challenge	www.lighthousefoundation.org
7 - 8 July	15 th Annual Toledo Lighthouse Waterfront Festival	www.toledoharborlighthouse.org
3 - 5 August	Michigan Lighthouse Festival	www.michiganlighthousefestival.com
7 th August	National Lighthouse Day	
8 th Sept.	Maine open lighthouse day	www.lighthousefoundation.org
7 - 9 Sept.	Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival	www.mukilteolighthousefestival.com
28 Aug-15 Sept.	Annual Apostle Island Lighthouse Celebration	www.lighthousecelebration.com
TBD	Maryland Lighthouse Challenge	www.facebook.com/events
7 - 9 Sept.	52nd Annual Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival	www.mukilteolighthousefestival.com
TBD	New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge	www.wildwoodsnj.com/calendar

Not all the noted websites have been updated yet to reflect the 2018 information. They are provided so that you will have the event date and website location information together

Other Lighthouse News

Whitehead Light Station



We are proud to announce our 10th season offering classes and getaways at **Pine Island Camp's** stunningly beautiful saltwater outpost on Whitehead Island. These vacations are all-inclusive and include delicious meals, comfortable accommodations, and free time to enjoy the incomparable serenity and beauty of this very special place. Guests stay in the historic and elegant Light Keeper's House and are treated to delicious meals prepared with ingredients from Maine's mid-coast area.

There's a chair waiting for you. Register now. whiteheadlightstation.org

19-23 July - Knitters Retreat with Mim Bird

26-29 July - Poetry on a Maine Island with Linda Buckmaster

13-16 Sept. - Island Light Keepers Experience with Down East Magazine Adventures

20-23 Sept. - Blues Guitar Workshop with Scott Ainslie

All guests stay in the beautifully renovated Keeper's House, in their choice of a single or double room, and enjoy, among other things: Three delicious meals each day, prepared with local ingredients (including a lobster dinner) and served in our dining room or al fresco with an unparalleled view

- Beautiful bedrooms with private bathrooms
- Ample time to relax in the Keeper's House library, sitting room, porches and grounds
- A chance to explore an amazing part of Maine's maritime history first hand - climb the stairs and stand in the lantern room of the lighthouse that has been, and continues to be, a beacon to navigation for more than 200 years
- Full use of the 11.1 acre spruce woods and rocky shoreline, a unique and beautiful ecosystem
- A boat excursion to explore the local seascape of this special part of the Maine coast
- Unobstructed views of Penobscot Bay

[National Lighthouse Museum 2018 Lighthouse Boat Tours](#)

[Saturday, May 19, 2018 – Circumnavigation of the Isle of Staten.](#) Join us as we circumnavigate Staten Island. The New York and New Jersey shorelines along the Arthur Kill run the gamut from bird sanctuaries to ship graveyards! We will pass under four bridges, Bayonne, Goethals, Outerbridge and Verrazano. This is a trip that few of us have made by boat and we will do it in comfort and style. This tour leaves promptly at 1:00 pm from Pier 1 located adjacent to the National Lighthouse Museum.

[Midweek Wednesday, May 30, 2018 – Midweek NY Harbor and Raritan Bay Lighthouse Boat Tour.](#) Looking for midweek adventure? Why not join us for a boat tour of New York Harbor and Raritan Bay. We'll pass at least 10 lighthouses, most not visible from land. This tour leaves promptly at 11:00 am from Pier 1 located adjacent to the National Lighthouse Museum.

[Saturday, June 23, 2018 – Sunset Harbor and Bay Lighthouse Boat Tour.](#) Looking for a unique gift for someone special? Why not treat that special person to a evening lighthouse boat tour of New York Harbor and Raritan Bay. We'll enjoy the sunset and see lighthouses at work, lighting the way for ships. We'll pass at least 10 lighthouses, most not visible from land. This tour leaves promptly at 6:00 pm from Pier 1 located adjacent to the National Lighthouse Museum.

[Sunday, July 15, 2018 – Circumnavigation of the Isle of Staten.](#) Join us July 15th when we repeat this popular tour. The New York and New Jersey shorelines along the Arthur Kill run the gamut from bird sanctuaries to ship graveyards! We will pass under four bridges, Bayonne, Goethals, Outerbridge and Verrazano. This is a trip that few of us have made by boat and we will do it in comfort and style. This tour leaves promptly at 1:00 pm from Pier 1 located adjacent to the National Lighthouse Museum.

[Sunday, August 5, 2018 – Lighthouse Weekend Celebratory Lighthouse Boat Tour.](#) It's Lighthouse Weekend, we're celebrating! Lighthouse Weekend is an annual event commemorating the signing of the Lighthouse Act by George Washington, August 7, 1789. Join the party and cruise New York Harbor and Raritan Bay passing at least 10 lighthouses, most not visible from land. This tour leaves promptly at 11:00 am from the World Financial Center Pier located on the Hudson River at Vesey St. and North End Ave.

[Saturday, September 15, 2018 – East River Journey Through Hell's Gate to Long Island Sound.](#) Join NLM members and friends for a cruise up the East River and pass through Hell's Gate to Long Island Sound. We will cruise as far as Execution Rocks Lighthouse and learn of its gruesome history. This tour leaves promptly at 11:00 am from the World Financial Center Pier located on the Hudson River at Vesey St. and North End Ave.

[Saturday, October 20, 2018 – Hudson River Lighthouse Boat Tour.](#) Enjoy our awesome river, magnificent Palisades, several lighthouses and lightships and all the beautiful sites along the way north to Tarrytown. Leaves promptly at 11:00 am from the World Financial Center Pier located on the Hudson River at Vesey and North End Ave.

Just for fun....can you guess which lighthouse I am visiting?



If you think you know e-mail me
(Answer next Chapter Chatter)
January/February answer: Stonington, MA

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 Ron Foster (860) 303-2986 or via e-mail: ron@foster-photo.com

The Lighthouse Digest – For each subscription, please use the subscription envelope 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
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 John Donovan: jdo624@me.com no 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 LHH&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 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.