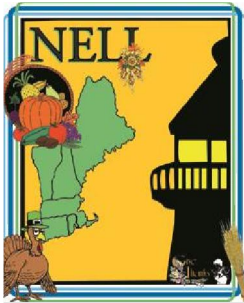


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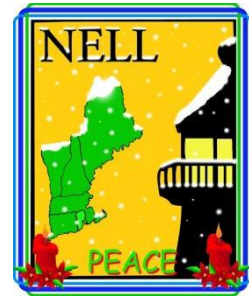
November/December



Happy Thanksgiving



Happy Hanukah



Merry Christmas

SAVE THE DATE

LHHC&YOU 2020 **JANUARY 11, 2020**

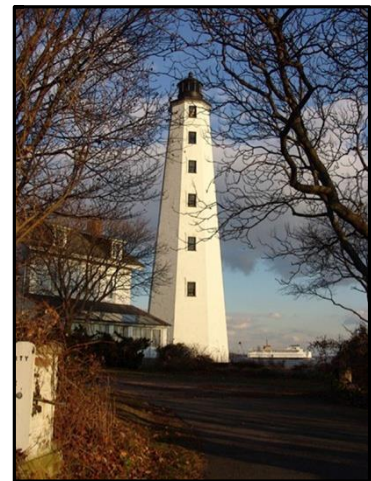


Custom House New London, CT

Climb New London Harbor
Lighthouse

ElinorDeWire American
Author and Educator presents
"Women Lightkeepers"

Hot Chocolate and NELL's
Annual Cookies Contest



DETAILS COMING SOON BUT DON'T MISS THIS

It is time to renew your NELL membership dues for 2020.

2019 is winding down and it's time to start thinking about plans for next year and NELL. Your membership is for a calendar year and it's time to think about your 2020 renewal. This might be a good time to consider upgrading your membership to the next level.

Annual dues are:

- **\$50 Business / Corporate / Organization**

Contributing Member[s]: Individual or Family

- **\$50 Assistant Keepers[s]**
- **\$100 Keeper[s]**
- **\$200 Inspector[s]**
- **Other – Commissioner[s]**

- **\$10 Junior – age 6 through 17**
- **\$20 one adult – age 18+**
- **\$30 two adults in same household (must be same household, no exceptions)**
- **\$40 Family – 1 or 2 adults & children under 18**

- **\$500 Life Member – Individual Lifetime – \$800 Two Adults in same household (must be same household, no exceptions)**

And remember - If you plan going to LHHC&Y (Lighthouse Hot Chocolate and You) in January, your dues **must** be paid by the end of the year - December 31, 2019.

Make out your check to "NELL" and send it to:

NELL

38 Lime Kiln Road

Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

Prefer paying by PayPal? Click on the link below and follow the instructions.

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

If any of your information has changed, just send a note to NELLMembership@mail.com so it can be updated.

NELL can always use additional volunteers, of course. And if you have an idea for a new fundraiser or an interesting meeting program, please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Jean Zunda, Membership

401-433-2506

NELLMembership@mail.com

October 2019

NELL Members and Guests:

Our Downeast Maine event in September 2019 was truly enjoyable! We had the benefit of exceptional weather for the entire weekend. Many people contributed in countless ways to make the weekend's events successful.

On Saturday, September 21st, Eastport Windjammers took us to view Lubec Channel Lighthouse, Mulholland Light, West Quoddy Head Light and Head Harbour Light Station, as well as some Canadian lights. We also saw the Old Sow and had sightings of seals and whales, which added to the enjoyment of the boat trip.

Next on the agenda was a brief but informative membership meeting at the Robbinston Historical Building. Ron Foster turned the meeting over to our incoming president, Henry Winkleman. Bill Kent presented the Mr. NELL painted buoy to Ron Foster. Carolyn Carbone presented the Ms. NELL painted lighthouse to Linda Sherlock. Tim Harrison, editor and publisher of Lighthouse Digest, gave a presentation during which he emphasized the need to preserve lighthouses and keep the memories of the keepers alive for future generations. Tim and his wife, Kathleen Finnegan, should be highly commended for their endeavors.

After the meeting we headed to Whitlock's Mill Lighthouse, which was a very short drive north. For many members, it was the first time they'd had the opportunity to climb the tower and walk the grounds. This is truly a beautiful setting for a lighthouse.

On Sunday, September 22nd, many of us made the trek over slippery seaweed, rocks and ladders to Head Harbour Light Station on Campobello Island. It was a strenuous walk, but well worth it. The lighthouse and grounds offer spectacular views. Friends of Head Harbour Light Station are to be applauded for their efforts in maintaining the lighthouse and buildings which are in magnificent condition.

Our last scheduled stop was West Quoddy Head Light, where we were greeted by Tim Harrison, Kathleen Finnegan and several volunteers. NELL presented WQHLKA with a check for \$4,100.00, per their grant applications, which were approved at our membership meeting. We all had the opportunity to climb the tower, take photos and say goodbye to our NELL friends until our next event.

Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You (LHHC&Y) will be held in New London, CT on January 11, 2020. Elinor DeWire will be our guest speaker. Save the date in your calendars, but more details will follow in the upcoming months.

A huge "Thank You" to all who contributed in any way with planning and executing the weekend's events! I appreciate all the guidance and input.

Linda Sherlock
Secretary

Meet the new Mr. & Mrs, NELL



Congratulations to the 2019 Mr. & Mrs. Nell.
Ron Foster & Linda Sherlock

These are the title holders from previous years

1999	-	Penny Patch
2000 - Ron Drummer	-	MJ Foster
2001 - Walt Mills	-	Shirin Pagels
2002 - Fred Thumm	-	Arlene Pregman
2003 - Henry Winkleman	-	Carolyn Carbone
2004 - Bob Taylor	-	Arlene Winkleman
2005 - Norm Bosse	-	Cyne Bosse
2006 - Anthony Savino	-	Pat Bandoek
2007- Lee Hall	-	Linda Graham
2008 - Tom Pregman	-	Kathy Santucci
2009 - Ron Foster	-	Nancy Satkowski
2010 - Frank Carbone, Jr	-	Ellen Scott
2011 - Tom Kenworthy	-	Lynne Kerber
2012 - Ron Bandoek	-	Lynne Kerber
2013- Ron Bandoek	-	Judy Hall
2014 - Doug Scott	-	Hilari Seery
2015 - John Donovan	-	Ellen Granoth
2016 - Bill Kent	-	Ellen Granoth
2017 – Greg fitzgerald	-	Sandi Peterson
2018 – Walt Mills	-	Carolyn Carbone

West Quoddy Head Light Keepers Association

We have been waiting with big news to share. But we wanted to wait for the official photo and share it with you all today.



(left to right) Ron Foster (Past President of NELL), Lee Hall (Vice President of NELL), Kimberly Ashby (Executive Director of West Quoddy Head Light Keepers Association-WQHLKA), and Timothy Harrison, (member of the Board of Trustees of WQHLKA and Editor of Lighthouse Digest).

On Sunday, Sept. 22, in the early afternoon, fifty-four of the NELL New England Lighthouse Lovers members visited West Quoddy Head Lighthouse and Visitor Center

The NELL group stayed at the lighthouse for around 3½ hours. They had a chance to climb the tower, take in the stunning ocean views of Quoddy Narrows and the Bay of Fundy.

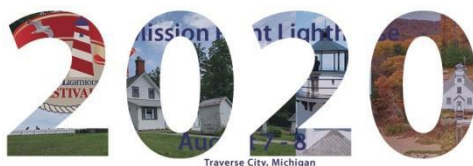
During this time Pat our Sunday volunteer did an amazing job with the NELL group and then not to mention all of the other visitors we had come visit the museum. It sure was a busy day selling t-shirts, artwork, and greeting visitors. NELL announced that they had approved two grant applications submitted by Tim Harrison on behalf of the WQHLKA; one for a \$3600 for a museum quality display case(s), and one for \$500 for a reproduction U.S. Lighthouse Service keeper's jacket and hat. NELL presented WQHLKA with a big check at the end of this wonderful visit.



(left to right) Linda Sherlock (NELL secretary) Kimberly Ashby (Executive Director of WQHLKA), and Timothy Harrison, (member of the Board of Trustees of WQHLKA and Editor of Lighthouse Digest).

At the end of the day the NELL group then presented us with a check for an additional \$500 donation for our hospitality. Wow! Now that is Big News. Thank you so much NELL!

Lighthouses in the News



Michigan Lighthouse Festival's mission is to advocate, honor, inspire, and promote all the lighthouses in the State of Michigan. Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state (129), and the Michigan Lighthouse Festival travels the great State of Michigan each year to celebrate and focus its beam on a new lighthouse!

**The 2020 Michigan Lighthouse Festival begins August 7, 2020 in Traverse City!
Full details regarding the schedule will be revealed in January, 2020.**

Happy Birthday to:

Kim Ely	11/04	Laurel Mills	11/13	Kathy Santucci	11/13
Norm Bosse	11/15	Bob Mills	11/15	Jim Streeter	11/15
Gary Toth	11/19				

Linda Sherlock	12/03	Carol Drogowski	12/12	Cynthia Bosse	12/12
Jim Seery	12/14	Madelene Taylor	12/22	Judy Newbloom	12/26
Cliff Olson	12/28	Hank Heacock	12/29		

Anniversary Wishes to:

Frank& Pamela DePasquale 11/14

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 that you can get from 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.