

# NELL/NEWS MARCH/APRIL



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The [Lake Sunapee, NH event](#) that was originally planned for May 2020, then tentatively rescheduled for May 2021, is now being planned for September 2021. If everything goes smoothly and there are no other glitches, this event will take place the weekend of [September 17-19, 2021](#). Fall is a wonderful time to travel to New England!

The Board is grateful to all of the members who responded to the survey regarding this trip. After discussions, we feel that it is reasonable to expect it will be safe to travel in the fall. By then everyone who wants the vaccine for COVID-19 will have had it. Interstate travel and other restrictions should be more relaxed by then as well.

The cruise to view the three (3) lighthouses on Lake Sunapee will take place on Saturday, September 18, 2021, with lunch included. Other details are in the works, including accommodations, a membership meeting, speaker, cost per person, etc. You will be notified as soon as these details are firm.

[Please mark your calendars...September 17-19, 2021.](#) Many of us have been looking forward to this event and seeing our lighthouse friends again!

Linda Sherlock  
Secretary



MaryAnn Schroop 3/10  
Arlene Winkleman 4/07



Lee Hall 3/22  
Linda Shay 4/14

Jim & Irma Streeter 3/7



Walt & Laurel Mills 4/1



Get well wishes to Arlene Winkleman who recently had a short stay in the hospital. Hoping for a quick & complete recovery.

We also send healing wishes to Ron Foster who is having a lot of back pain.



We want to continue to Thank those members who present Zoom programs of past trips they have taken – the latest was in February when Graham Meddings showed photos taken on trips to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Rhode Island and New Bedford, Mass. Bob Taylor presented a January program of a trip to Croatia & Northern Italy. Zoom trips have been presented since June of last year and can be found at [www.newenglandlighthouseovers.org](http://www.newenglandlighthouseovers.org) and go to archives. We thank John Donovan for putting them on the website. You will notice he is our featured board member later in this issue of NELL NEWS.

## OTHER LIGHTHOUSE NEWS FROM NEW ENGLAND



The good news for people who live in Maine, is that there is hope the long-awaited Maine specialty lighthouse license plate will finally be voted on in the Legislature. It was reintroduced and has been referred to the Joint Committee on Transportation which was scheduled to have a hearing on February 16. It is hoped it will progress smoothly and finally become a reality. Two thousand residents had to pre-register and pay to have the plate even introduced to the legislature. It was held up when the Legislature adjourned last year due to Covid-19.

Recently there was a podcast on USLHS about Neds Point Lighthouse in Massachusetts. They are doing some restoration work. I understand there is also a new USLHS passport stamp created for this lighthouse for all of you that collect the passport stamps. Below is a link to the podcast. Also included are photos of Neds Point that were taken a few years ago. It is located in a very pretty spot by the water.



[Light Hearted ep 88 – Sal Giglia and Bill Cody, Neds Point Lighthouse, MA; firefighters become lighthouse keepers in Graham, WA –S. Lighthouse Society New U](#)

The Stonington Lighthouse/Museum in Connecticut is also being restored. NELL has visited this site a couple of times in the past few years. A photo from one of the NELL visits has been added and attached is a recent podcast link about this restoration.



[Light Hearted episode 90 – Aimee Newell, Stonington Lighthouse Museum, CT – U.S. Lighthouse Society News](#)

Another lighthouse some members in NELL have visited is Pomham Rocks in Rhode Island. They are celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday and have a photo contest starting etc. Another link about this celebration and photos taken quite a few years ago when visiting have been included.



[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse Celebrates 150th Jubilee on the Rocks... - East Providence, RI Patch](#)

## Membership News

Renewals - There are several members who have not yet renewed. If one of them is You, please send it in before April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that the membership roll will be updated and your name will be removed. We certainly don't want that to happen!

Payments can be made through the website – a PayPal account is not necessary to use the link.

Check payments can be sent to:

NELL  
1 Princeton Ave.  
Riverside, RI 02915-2632

If you're not sure of your 2021 status, you can email me at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com) for confirmation.

After a year of being on hold, I'm sure all of us are more than ready to get out there and see some lighthouses, and each other as well. Please don't miss out – Renew now!

**New Members** – A big Welcome to [Phil & Mary Borowski](#), our newest members. They hail from Ann Arbor, MI – Go Blue!

And Linda (Graham) Whidden has returned after an absence of a few years. During that interval, she moved from CT to SC. Welcome Back, Linda!

We will be enjoying trips to lighthouses again as soon as it is safe for everyone to travel and lighthouses are again open to the public. The following photos are a reminder of one of the special places NELL was able to visit and climb towers that are generally not open to the public.



Bluff Point-Valcour Island, NY



Isle la Motte, Vermont



Windmill Point, Vermont

## **DON'T FORGET TO HELP NELL FUNDRAISE WHILE SHOPPING**

Keep supporting the fundraising efforts of New England Lighthouse Lovers while shopping on Amazon. It's easy!

1. Sign into your Amazon account using the website: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Select New England Lighthouse Lovers as your charitable organization
3. Shop as you usually do!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization you chose.

Smile.Amazon.com is the same as Amazon.com – Same products, same prices, same service. But to generate donations you must shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Spread the word to your family and friends to help support NELL. Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) whenever you shop online. Thank you for your support!



## **CHAIN-SAW LIGHTHOUSE CARVING IN YARD**

One of Sharon & Bob Mills friends is a professional chain saw carver and created this for them using a log placed on a large tree stump on the corner of their front yard. The lantern room is 14 feet off the street level. Thought it might be of interest to members. If any other members have decorative lighthouses in your yard or in your house that you'd like to share, please e-mail photo to [Smills8839@aol.com](mailto:Smills8839@aol.com) and they'll be put in the next NELL NEWS.



My name is John Donovan. I live in Weymouth, MA. I work as a printer and in digital prepress at Braintree Printing in Braintree, MA. We are a commercial printer serving all of New England, New York, New Jersey and sometimes beyond.

I became interested in lighthouses at an early age. My mother's family was from Scituate, MA and we made many trips there to see my grandfather. While in Scituate, we'd go to Scituate Light. My mom once lived in a house across the harbor from Scituate Light and woke up one morning to see the run aground Etrusco from her



kitchen window. She would tell me all about how much of a tourist attraction that was. Scituate Light became my favorite lighthouse. We also went to Nantasket Beach and Paragon Park in Hull, MA a lot. From that beach you can see Minot Light, Boston Light and Graves Light.

Fast forward many years and I decided to step up my interest in photography around 2006. Since I enjoyed the ocean and lighthouses, that seemed to be a natural thing to be my main subjects. On Facebook I came across Jeremy D'Entremont's lighthouse page. It was there in January 2014 that a NELL member put a shout out to anyone wanting to join the group at a meeting that included a tour of Eastern Point Light in Gloucester, MA. I went and joined the group in the parking lot.



Later that year I became the website keeper. I have enjoyed all the great people I've met and the places I been; places I never would have seen on my own.



**Please Note:**

The position of Vice President is currently open. This BOD position also oversees NELL trips. Please consider stepping up to help. We are also 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 Henry Winkleman (617) 731-5181 or via e-mail: [wink8@mindspring.com](mailto: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](mailto:bossnjc@comcast.net) or call 1(860)688-7347.

If you have any knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share, please sent it to [smills8839@aol.com](mailto:smills8839@aol.com). All articles and information must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month to make the publication. Also 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 Best Wishes section.

Final words from your Editor:

As mentioned before, I am technically challenged and learning as I go. I have switched the program I am creating the NEWS in and think I can now send it via PDF file which I think will be better for more members. Please remember that your ideas and suggestions are welcome as well as articles you'd like to see included in the NEWS. The NELL NEWS is your (the members) newsletter and my position is just as Editor. Sincerely, Sharon Mills

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