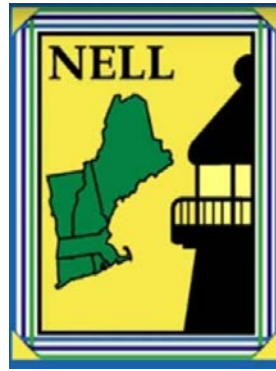


# NELL NEWS



## 2021

Some NELL members have been out visiting lighthouses as things open up. Here is one story of a trip taken by several NELL members written by Sherri Roberts of Plymouth, Massachusetts:

A few of us, Jim Malone, John Hopp and I, went on a cruise recently to view and photograph some lower Chesapeake Bay lighthouses. We took a charter out of Gooatee Marina in Church Creek, Maryland. Phil Gooatee was our Captain. It was a raw, windy Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. We didn't encounter much rain, but it was windy. We left just before 9am and headed to (1)Hooper Strait modern light, then onto (2) Shark Fin Shoals modern light, (3)Solomon's Lump and (4)Holland Island Bar modern light. (Capt Phil reversed the order he would normally run this trip to keep us out of the winds, hoping they would come around by the time we hit our southern most point).



Then across the Bay and into (5)Virginia waters to see Smith Point Lighthouse. It was relatively calm up to this point, using the land to protect us from the winds. The wind came around some, but not as much as Capt Phil was hoping for. As we were crossing the mouth of the Potomac River we encountered a flood tide. The flood tide in combination with a perpendicular wind direction made an interesting crossing. We took some decent size waves and everyone ended up in the cabin to stay dry. Every once in a while Capt Phil yelled "Rogue Wave- hang on" as he cut our forward momentum so the boat slid up and over the big wave that was coming from the side.



Once we crossed the Potomac River we were at (6)Point Lookout Lighthouse, this was the only light we weren't able to get very close to because of the waves, wind and tide. Just a bit further we got great shots of (7)Point No Point Lighthouse.



Then back across the Chesapeake Lighthouse and a quick run to the marina. The marina has been in the Gootee family for three generations, his grandfather dug the original marina in 1956 and continues to be in his family. We met Phil's father when we returned. It is a very nice and friendly family-run business. The marina is in a very scenic and historic area with the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument nearby.

Bay to (8) Hoopers Island



We chose to forgo lunch on an island to have more time on the water photographing lighthouses. After all that is why we drove to Maryland in the first place. The really great thing about this day was we didn't have to contend with fishing charters and sailboats out on the bay or around the lights we were photographing. The waters were fairly calm around each light. Capt Phil kept us circling the lights and putting us in position to get the exact shot we were wanting.

I think most would have cancelled our trip. We pretty much had the whole of Chesapeake Bay to ourselves. I would highly recommend Capt Phil. In addition to his knowledge of the waters, he has a wealth of historical knowledge of the area and interesting anecdotes about the Chesapeake and the Bay lights.

Capt Philip Gootee II, cell 443-521-0817, 1439 Hoopers Island Rd. Church Creek, Maryland, 21622. Call him, he doesn't have a website set up



These same NELL members (Sherri, John, and Jim) joined Sharon & Bob Mills and Bob Lilly on a cruise out of Bath, Maine this past Saturday (June 26) that passed 10 lighthouses: Doubling Point, Doubling Point Range, Squirrel Point, Perkins Island, Pond Island, Sequin Island, The Cuckolds, Ram Island, Burnt Island and lastly Hendricks Head Light. The day had been forecast to be cloudy, but as often happens in Maine it changed and we had a lot of sunshine and then toward the end were in thick fog for a while. Even though the waves were a bit high out in the ocean, we were able to see Sequin as close as possible. The highlight of the day was landing at Burnt Island, having lunch there, and getting the opportunity to climb the tower at a time when it isn't generally open to the public. We went on the cruise with Captain Gary of River Run Tours. His website is: [Maine Custom Boat Tours with River Run Tours | Cruises & More](#) He also has 10 USLHS passport stamps for the lights we saw. Below are a few of the photos from the cruise – those with NELL members taken by Captain Gary.

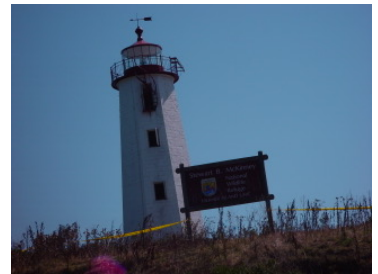
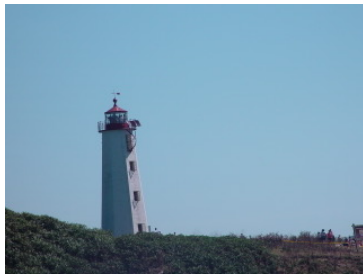






For several months there has been a special feature in NELL NEWS that highlights the life of one of our Board of Director members. This month that board member is our Preservation Co-Chair and past Membership Chair, Walter Mills. In his own words, Walt shares what he has done in his life and some of his lighthouse/NELL history:

As a child I visited the shoreline in Guilford, CT and saw Faulkner's Island Lighthouse from a distance. I was fascinated and hoped to visit it someday. Eventually the love of the ocean drew me back to Guilford where I built a home in 1978. I joined Faulkner's Lighthouse Board of Directors for 3 years (2000-2003) and assisted with annual open house events & transportation to the island. During that time Faulkner's Lighthouse celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2002.



As a co-owner of the Lynwood Inn in York Beach, Maine (since 1987- present), a half mile from Cape Neddick Light (Nubble Lighthouse), I visited the lighthouse in every season. There I made my first phone call to my future wife, Laurel.



Walt at Nubble



Nubble in Spring



Nubble in Summer



## Nubble in Winter

Laurel and I worked as colleagues on projects for ACES (Area Cooperative Educational Services) in Hamden, CT where I taught Technology Education, Woodworking, Electricity, and Drafting at Hamden High School. I taught in that district for 32 years in both the high school and middle school. Laurel knew of my interest and love of lighthouses throughout the years.

I met Barbara Hupp (who is now deceased) in October of 1998 at a Harbor Lighthouse event featuring Bill Younger, the Harbor Lighthouse artist & founder. Barbara talked about forming a New England lighthouse group and sought interest. A passionate group of us including Barbara, who became the first president of NELL and remained until 2002, met and the first meeting of NELL took place at Avery Point in November 1998. I have been a member of NELL since its inception. I attended meetings for several years and was nominated to be Membership Chair in 2007. I served in this position from 2007 until the summer of 2018. Presenting Membership reports was always a fun challenge due to overly zealous "incorrect" comments from my dear friend Frank Carbone.

Over the years I collected over 300 lighthouses and went to many lighthouse events but my eyesight was diminishing due to Macular Degeneration. Winters were dangerous for me because we didn't have sidewalks which made it very difficult for me to walk safely where we resided in Bloomfield, CT. So we decided to move to Colorado where winters were more appealing, weather was milder and sidewalks were wider. When we were getting ready to move to Colorado near Laurel's son, I had to make the sad decision to downsize my lighthouse collection to 40 favorite pieces. At that point we both had retired from education. We have been in Denver for the past 6 years and now are grandparents to a little girl, Cora, who lives nearby. We do miss the ocean and visiting lighthouses, and socializing with NELL members, but have enjoyed hearing familiar voices on ZOOM presentations. I now have to depend on Laurel's descriptions and my fond memories of lighthouses and lightships seen in the past. Hopefully I can attend other NELL trips in the future.

Below is a photo taken of tower of the Sandy Neck visited by NELL in the Fall standing by a faux somewhere in the West



Laurel and me in the Lighthouse that was of 2018. Next I am lighthouse located Dennis area.



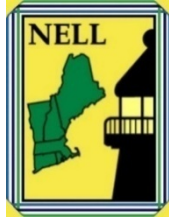


Does anyone in NELL recognize this little faux lighthouse that Walt is standing by? It is located in West Dennis. If someone can let me (Sharon Mills) know where it is, I'd appreciate it.

The photos next to the LH are of The Lynwood Inn as it looks now. I (Sharon) was in York Beach and took photos of it just a couple of days ago. To get more info about the Lynwood Inn that Walt is part owner of, go to: [About the Lynwood – The Lynwood Inn](#) The photo below was taken on June 24, Walt's Birthday, with his new Grateful Dead lighthouse T-shirt.



# LAKE SUNAPEE - SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2021



NELL Members:

If you still want to attend the fall trip (September 17-19, 2021) to Lake Sunapee, NH there is room left. We had a terrific response for this event when it was scheduled for May 2020 and was postponed because of COVID-19, much to the disappointment of many. There have been reports that accommodations in the area are being booked quickly because lots of events and vacations that were previously cancelled or delayed are now going forward, so you'll want to find a room soon if you plan to attend.

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> - MEMBERSHIP MEETING and CHARTERED BOAT CRUISE**

Breakfast is on your own. A free hot continental breakfast is included for those staying at the Sunapee Lake Lodge.

### **9:30 AM - Sunapee Lake Lodge, 1403 Route 103, Newbury, NH**

Membership meeting, including elections and presentation of 2021 Mr. and Ms. NELL

### **12:30 PM - Town Dock in Sunapee Harbor, 1 Lake Avenue, Sunapee, NH**

Board the M/V KEARSARGE for a two-hour (1PM-3PM) cruise to view Burkehaven, Loon Island and Herrick Cove Lighthouses. A member of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) will be on board to narrate. Buffet lunch is included. The boat entrance and the on-board restroom are wheelchair accessible. U. S. Lighthouse Society Passport Stamps will be available on the boat.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> - BUFFET BREAKFAST and GUEST SPEAKER**

### **8:30 AM - Sunapee Lake Lodge, 1403 Route 103, Newbury, NH**

Full buffet breakfast is included in the cost of the weekend's events.

### **10:00 AM - Guest Speaker, Author Eric Jay Dolin (See following page for more information.)**

Of course, you may stay wherever you wish. However, the Mountain Edge Resort & Spa is again offering a discount of 15% to our members. To receive the discount, use the code "**nell21**" (lower case) when booking online or by phone. A 2-night minimum stay is required on weekends. For those who want to extend their stay, the discount code is valid from September 15<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The rooms are suites that can accommodate six (6) people so you could round up five lighthouse friends or family and split the cost. **Mountain Edge Resort & Spa** is located at 1380 Route 103, Newbury, NH. The phone numbers are (603-763-4600 or (877)468-3343.

The following places may still have availability. All are a very short drive to the lake and the Sunapee Lake Lodge where the membership meeting on Saturday, and breakfast with Eric Jay Dolin on Sunday are being held.

**Edgewood Inn, New London, NH (approx. 4 miles to the lake)**

<https://edgewoodnh.com/>

**(603) 526-2964**

Follansbee Inn, Sutton, NH (approx. 5.7 miles to the lake)

<https://follansbeeinn.com/>

(603) 927-4221

King Hill Inn, New London, NH (approx. 5.5 miles to the lake)

<https://kinghillinn.com/>

(603) 877-0063

Rosewood Country Inn, Bradford, NH (approx. 8.4 miles to the lake)

<https://rosewoodcountryinn.com/>

1-800-938-5273

The Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce may have other suggestions as well.

(603) 526-6575

The cost of the weekend's events will remain at **\$90.00** per person.

Please make your checks payable to NELL and mail to:

**Kathy Santuci, 38 Lime Kiln Road, Tuckahoe NY 10707**

**Please inform me of your plans to attend so I can add your name(s) to the roster.**

All attendees will be required to abide by all state and local restrictions and protocols, if any, regarding COVID-19, as well as protocols issued by Sunapee Cruises.

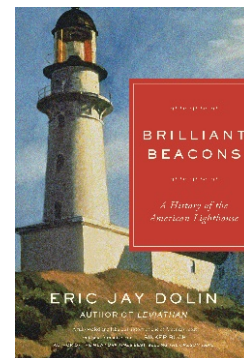
Linda Sherlock

(617) 697-3325

[lms12356@gmail.com](mailto:lms12356@gmail.com)

We are excited and honored to have **Eric Jay Dolin** as our guest speaker on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Dolin will give a slide show presentation and talk about his publication, ***Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouses***. He will have some of his publications available for purchase.



**Lighting the Way: How Lighthouses Illuminate American History:** In a slide-illustrated talk rich in maritime lore and brimming with original historical detail, Eric Jay Dolin tells the story of America through the prism of its beloved coastal sentinels. Set against the backdrop of an expanding nation, *Brilliant Beacons: A History of the American Lighthouse* traces the evolution of America's lighthouse system, highlighting the political, military, and technological battles fought to illuminate the nation's hardscrabble coastlines. Dolin covers a memorable cast of characters including scientists, soldiers, and government officials, but most importantly the male and female keepers who kept America's lighthouses burning. *Brilliant Beacons* is the most original history of American lighthouses in many decades. Check out Jay's website at: <https://www.ericjaydolin.com/>





to: Linda Whidden 6/27



Eric Sharp	7/ 01	David Schulman	7/05	Lee Olson	7/12
Tracie Carpenter	7/15	James Cope	7/17	Odette Kent	7/24
Elinor DeWire	8/03	Bill Newblom	8/04	Marilyn Zimman	8/06
Nancy Younger	8/09	Marguerite MacDonald	8/11	Harry Hine	8/13
Bill Younger	8/18			Ron Bandock	8/30



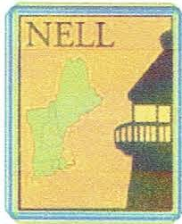
Bill & Judy Newblom	7/09	Robert & Marilyn Zimman	7/15	Norm & Cynthia Bosse	7/23
Bob & Ellen Granoth	8/10	David & Jessica Schulman	8/20	Frank & Carolyn Carbone	8/24



We wish Ron Foster healing thoughts as he continues recovery at home from his back surgery.

**LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR NELL PENS.** If you wanted to get a pen or two and haven't yet there are still a few left. Order some before it is too late!!!! Call Ron for colors available and number of pens left.

## NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS **FUNDRAISER**



For a \$10 donation you will receive **one** pen  
 For a \$15 donation you will receive **two** pens  
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These Bright Soft Touch Splendor Stylus Pens come in Five Different Colors (seen above)

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NOTE: We have about 45 of each color pen so don't wait too long before donating.  
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## HELP NELL FUNDRAISE WHILE SHOPPING

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

1. Sign into your Amazon account using the website: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
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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!

### OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST



**to all members who have done and continue to do ZOOM presentations.**

Check out the latest Zoom trips on the <http://www.newenglandlighthouse lovers.org> website – since the last NELL NEWS there was a presentation in May by Tom Pregman about the lighthouses of Maine. Several photos of NELL members were shown. The latest Zoom program was presented on June 22 by Bob Taylor. His theme was NELL's contributions to Connecticut Lighthouses. This presentation showed all the lighthouses in Connecticut. In JULY there will be another Zoom presentation by Graham Meddings featuring the Thousand Island Area of New York

Check this out if you might want to travel to Door County in Michigan and attend the Fall Festival as tickets are on sale now.

<https://shar.es/aoUYES>

Portsmouth Harbor Light celebrates 250<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary

[\(20+\) Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses | Facebook](#)



Annual National Lighthouse Day coming up on August 7

[NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY - August 7, 2021 | National Today](#)

As NELL members, if you do anything interesting this year on National Lighthouse Day, please send a short paragraph and/or photo to be put in September NELL NEWS.

Maine Open Lighthouse Day Expected to be held this year

[Maine Open Lighthouse Day 2021 – American Lighthouse Foundation](#)



Burnt Island Lighthouse, Maine celebrates it's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary after being restored. Doesn't it look wonderful?

[Keepers of Burnt Island Light - 200 Year Anniversary](#)



The New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge expected to take place on October 16 & 17 this year

[Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey](#)

Check out Pomham Rocks as they celebrate their 150 year Anniversary

[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse"150 Years of Guiding the Way Along the Bay"](#)

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NELL welcomes its newest members:



Yvette Dills – Lincolnton NC

Sarah MacHugh, Quincy, MA

Yvette & Sarah joined us through the link on our website. Perhaps they will be able to join us in NH so we can give them a personal welcome and get to know them. Looking forward to meeting you, Yvette & Sarah!

Betsi Knapp – Dunedin FL

Betsi first joined us in 2012. After taking a couple years off she has rejoined us in 2021. Welcome back Betsi! I hope you are rejoining to enjoy all the many benefits of membership and not because your sister (that's me!) nagged you into it. 🙄 🎵 ...

If any of you can think of a relative or friend to nag (oops – I mean invite) to join the NELL ranks, by all means do so. Tell them dues are extremely minimal. Let them know about our trips, all the friendships we have made, and how much good they will be doing for lighthouse preservation all while having a good time.

Renew today, either through the website – <http://www.newenglandlighthouse lovers.org> – or by sending your payment to:

NELL Membership  
1 Princeton Ave  
Riverside, RI 02915-2632

Not sure if you renewed already? Ask at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com)

### General Membership

\$ 20	Individual
\$ 30	Dual – Two adults in same household
\$ 40	Family – Two adults and children under 18
\$ 10	Junior – age 6 through 17
\$500	Lifetime Individual
\$800	Dual Lifetime – Two adults in same household

### Contributing Membership

\$ 50	Assistant Keeper(s)
\$100	Keeper(s)
\$200	Inspector(s)
\$other	Commissioner of Lighthouses

**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 send 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 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

