

Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You  
Nantucket Lightship/LV-112  
January 12, 2019

Lighthouses, Hot chocolate and You was a most successful event. We decided to make the program a one-day event – similar to what was done originally when Ron Foster began this program.

In the morning nineteen members visited the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 which is docked in East Boston, MA. This designated National Historic Landmark is now the United States Lightship Museum. Bob Mannino and 5 volunteers from the United States Lightship Museum shared with us their love and passion for this historic ship. While we sipped coffee and snacked in the galley, Bob and the others spoke about the historic background of the ship and the restoration process. NELL has given two gifts to the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 – one to help restore the radio and one to help restore the beacon. We then separated into 2 groups for a more in-depth tour. We were fortunate that the sun was shining (unlike our visit in 2011 when there were several inches of snow on the deck). However, the freezing temperatures meant that we were on the deck only for our group photo. We also made a short video that Linda Sherlock sent to the Morning Eye Opener on Channel 5, WCVB Boston . This was to air on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

In the afternoon we all meet at the Brookline Senior Center – with about 50 people from the community. The Senior Center publicized the event. There was also publicity with flyers in the Brookline Libraries and in the local weekly newspaper. Everyone present enjoyed the presentation by Bob Mannino:

“History of the Lightship Service, 1820 – 1985”

Several members baked for the cookie challenge – and the goodies were enjoyed by all. Ron Foster provided prizes for the cookie winners

Ellen and Bob Granoth sold NELL merchandise to several guests at the program.

Linda Sherlock brought some lighthouse related items which we gave away as door prizes.

Bob Mannino was a great help with the planning and all that he did the day of the event.

Julie, the program director at The Brookline Senior Center was terrific. She could not do enough for us. The Senior Center provided the paper goods, tea and sugar. The Center provided all the audio-visual equipment.

Since this program was a one-day event, the very reasonable cost was \$15.00 per person. We gave the Brookline Senior Center a small donation – and the majority of the money was given as a donation to the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112.

PLUS – this event fulfilled two of stated missions of NELL: Preservation and Education. We were able to donate most of the money to the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112. Plus, by hosting a program that was open to the public we were furthering our mission of Lighthouse education.

As chair of the event I have made the suggestion that the Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate and You program in January 2020 follow a similar pattern. Perhaps one of our Connecticut members could find a lighthouse to visit in the morning – and find a speaker for a community program in the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted

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PS For more information about the ship visit their website:  
[nantucketlightshiplv-112.org](http://nantucketlightshiplv-112.org)