



# NELL NEWS

## MARCH/APRIL 2022



### Another Successful LHC&Y event



On February 20<sup>th</sup> 27 members attended NELL's 2022 Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You (LHC&Y) event. The speakers and individuals associated with each location were most helpful in making this event very successful (including being willing to accommodate our need to change the date due to Covid).

It was a bright, sunny, but cold day. This was a very full day – as we made our way to 4 different locations:

**Cohasset Maritime Museum** where we viewed many artifacts from the Minots Ledge Lighthouse. Robert Jackman, a Cohasset resident who since 2003 has been teaching local history classes, gave a talk on the lighthouse including some little-known facts found in original documentation. Also



Jackie Dormitzer, chair of the Cohasset Historical Society, provided information about Government Island before we drove there to view and photograph the site.





**Government Island** was for many years the land station associated with Minots Ledge Light. Due to the difficulties associated with the construction of the light, its tower was actually assembled first on this site. The foundation area (construction rings) used for this purpose is marked in the small park. Also found on Government Island is a monument dedicated in 2000, honoring the two assistant keepers who perished in the original Minots Ledge Lighthouse in



1851. We also viewed a replica of the lantern room sitting on top of some of the granite blocks removed from the lighthouse during the renovations that were finished in 1989. Inside this lantern room is a third-order Fresnel lens once used in the lighthouse. Also displayed here is a fog bell and the oil house.



**Scituate Lighthouse** where lighthouse keeper, Bob Gallagher and president of the Scituate Historical Society and new NELL member, Bob Chessia told us many stories about this beautiful light. We were invited into the keeper's cottage where Bob Gallagher told countless stories about the light, the various shipwrecks that occurred over the years and the people involved with the light, especially Rebecca and Abigail Bates, daughters of the lighthouse keeper (also known as the American Army of Two) who frightened off the British from attacking Scituate in 1814. Bob Gallagher also has a blog page that might be of interest to you. Click here to see it: [www.scituate-light.com](http://www.scituate-light.com).



**Hull Lifesaving Station Museum** where we were given a tour of the Museum by Mike McGurl the executive director and docent DJ Simon. We learned about the history of the Lifesaving Station and were able to view some of the equipment used in the rescues.



Mike, who among other marine-based activities, operated a passenger vessel business in Boston Harbor, spoke to us about the importance of Boston Harbor light from the perspective of a captain operating vessels that needed to enter Boston Harbor.

At the end of the day we all enjoyed our refreshments – including the cookies provided by Courtney Bitto, Ellen Granoth, Colette Long, Sharon Mills, Sandy Peterson, Linda Sherlock and Arlene Winkleman. And the winners of the Cookie Contest (all tied for first place) were: ( listed from left to right in photo taken by John Donovan) Colette Long who baked brownies, Arlene Winkleman who baked Chocolate Peanut Butter Krispie Balls, and Courtney Bitto who baked Lemon Pudding cookies.



Each member who participated received a pin and a postcard created by Bob Taylor for this event as well as a ceramic mug with the NELL logo (see photo at top of 1st page).



Also – each member was given a membership flyer/application – to give to potential members to help NELL grow and remain strong.

NELL made donations to: Cohasset Historical Society (owners of the Maritime Museum), Hull Lifesaving Museum and the Scituate Historical Society (owners of the Scituate Lighthouse).

We hope you can join us next year for LHC&Y in 2023.

AND don't forget: come to Cape May in May and come to Maine at the end of August.

Arlene Winkleman

Chair, LHC&Y 2022



Members outside at Scituate light taken by Henry Winkleman



Henry in Scituate Keepers house taken by Colette Long



Nell Members inside Scituate keepers house taken by Colette Long



Inside Scituate Keepers House taken by Henry Winkleman



Nell members inside Hull Life Saving Station Museum taken by Henry Winkleman

Photo below NELL members inside Hull Lifesaving Station Museum  
Photo on right Elinor DeWire at Hull LSS addressing NELL members  
Both photos taken by Henry Winkleman



Photo of Boston Light and Graves Light by Editor  
Taken on hill overlooking Hull harbor,



Looking up into top of Scituate lighthouse tower by Editor



Group photo in front of Hull Life Saving Museum provided by John Donovan





**Ladies Delight LH**



**Baker Island LH**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**August 26-28, 2022**

**Bar Harbor and Winthrop, Maine**

Preliminary plans are in the works for our Fall event which will be held during the last weekend in August 2022 (August 26-28). If everything comes together, we will be taking a boat cruise from Bar Harbor, Maine, to view a number of lighthouses. We will spend part of one day on Baker Island with a Park Ranger to see the lighthouse. At this time, I am not sure about climbing the light tower, but I'm not giving up yet.

We'll also be going to Cobscook Bay to see Ladies Delight Lighthouse (Maine's only freshwater, landlocked lighthouse) in Winthrop, Maine. Members of the local yacht club, who maintain the lighthouse, have graciously volunteered to take us via pontoon boats to see the light and climb the tower.

Logistics, costs, location of the membership meeting, accommodations, etc., still need to be worked out. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for August 26-28, 2022. This should be an exciting weekend. Please plan to join us!

Linda Sherlock

Secretary

The featured Board Members this month are Norman & Cynthia Bosse. He is a Director-at-Large and Cyne is the correspondent.. In the 1940's Hampshire as a child and Cape Neddick, Maine. Norm & Cyne met and became sweethearts in 1951. Norm school. He spent some time in lighthouse there. He was also Brownsville around 1953 and passing the Port Isabel island was all sand & beach.



began their married life and moved to Laconia, New Hampshire. Norm got a job with the Lockheed Company doing maintenance on aircraft. While employed with them they moved to Georgia where Norm eventually got a job with Delta Airlines. He worked in Philadelphia, PA, Bangor, Maine and finally Windsor, Connecticut. After working for many years in maintenance at Delta he retired in 1993 and then started doing small jobs in the town of Windsor, Cyne was a driver for the Transportation department of Windsor, and also Caring Connections Day Care. For many years she took care of her home and family. Although they would see lighthouses occasionally, they didn't really start visiting them purposely until after retirement around the year 2000. Norm & Cyne were involved with the Harbour Lights collection group and attended a Baltimore Reunion in 2001 where they signed up to become NELL members. They have taken many trips to visit lighthouses through the years and have seen over 400 lighthouses. They have visited Michigan, the Outer Banks of North Carolina, the West Coast, Texas and as far away as Canada, Wales and Isle of Man in the U.K.

Some of their more memorable trips were:

a personal trip to Sankaty lighthouse, on Nantucket Island in 1999

A trip with the Harbour Lights group in 2005 to Mackinaw Island, Michigan.

They joined a trip in 2008 with the USLHS to Wales and Isle of Man. One of the things they remember from this trip is that the Queen only came over to Isle of Man once a year for one day from 8am to 4pm. Any laws that needed to be instituted had to be done during that time frame.



Another memorable trip was taken in September of 2009 to Nova Scotia and PEI in Canada where they saw Peggy's Cove light among many others. This was a trip planned by a retired Coast Guardsman, Dave Hannum, and was also attended by other NELL members. They remember starting this trip out of Portland, Maine.

In 2011 Norm & Cyne went on another USLHS trip out to California. This trip was also attended by other NELL members.



Another personal trip out to Nantucket Island in Cape Cod, Massachusetts was taken in 2012 where Norm & Cyne were able to go out to Great Point lighthouse.

That same year they went on another USLHS trip down to Texas. Besides seeing all the lights there, they remember having a lunch at the King Ranch in Kingsville. To find out more about this famous ranch click on this link: [The King Ranch Legacy - King Ranch](#)



On one of their many trips they went out to Minnesota and visited the Split Rock Lighthouse area. Cyne and her cousin who was with them walked down the stairs/pathway to the waterfront where the Iron Ore Boats used to dock. She bonded with Lake Superior as she put her arm up to her elbow into the water. Split Rock is Cyne's favorite lighthouse



In the year 2014 Norm & Cyne took a USLHS trip down to the Outer Bank area in North Carolina, where they also saw the "Old Baldy" lighthouse.



In the year 2015 or 16 they traveled to the "Nubble" Lighthouse in Maine the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day in order to see the annual Christmas lighting of the tower and keeper's house. They were also witnesses to a tradition of scuba divers who place a Christmas tree on the bottom of the ocean that is brought up during the celebration lit with Christmas lights by This year one of the divers was a friend of Norm & Cyne's son. The "Nubble" Light is Norm's favorite lighthouse.







The last 4 photos (Split Rock, Nubble light and the Dive sign & tree) were taken by the editor. All the other photos throughout the article were provided by Norm Bosse.



In addition to their lighthouse trips both Norm & Cyne volunteered at Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse open houses and other events and have been on the board of NELL for several years. Although they are not doing much traveling these days, they continue to support lighthouses by their positions with NELL.



A special thank-you to TOM PREGMAN for his Zoom presentation on February 10 of trips to the lighthouses, lightships etc. of New York, New Jersey and as far south as Virginia. If you were unable to attend you can still watch it on our website.

We thank ARLENE and HENRY WINKLEMAN for all the planning and hours spent to put together such a full and enjoyable LHHC&Y trip. The addition of a cup with the NELL logo was also a special touch.

We thank BOB TAYLOR for the trip pins and postcards he creates that give us photographic souvenirs of the events.

We also thank ELLEN & BOB GRANOTH for the time they are spending to work out the details of our upcoming May trip to New Jersey, and we thank LINDA SHERLOCK for her continued planning to make a trip to Maine at the end of August a success.

Finally we thank the members of the Board who continue to work behind the scenes to make NELL a success.

Rab Sherman 3/09



MaryAnn Schroop 3/10

Arlene Winkleman 4/07

Linda Shay 4/14

Jim & Irma Streeter 3/07



Walt & Laurel Mills 4/11



For any of you that have flu, covid, recovery from form of sickness, the NELL membership wishes you good health and a speedy recovery. We



had or will have colds, operations or any other especially send well wishes to member Graham Meddings who was recently briefly in the hospital.

Membership of NELL send our condolences to member Marcia DeClerk on the recent death of her husband Louis. WITH SINCERE

*Sympathy*



may your memories exceed your sorrow

## REMEMBER IN THE NEW YEAR TO 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!

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### Membership News

NELL welcomes our new members:

Robert 'Rab' Sherman	Dorchester MA
Craig Lemley	New York NY
Andrew Bourne Family	Somerville MA
Robert Chessia	Scituate MA (Scituate Historical Society)
Fran Goldberg	Sharon MA
Barbara Swaney	Sandwich MA
Jeffrey Rasey	Branford CT



Seven new memberships! This may be the most since I've been doing this job. I'm sure many joined because of something **YOU** said. A big Thank You to members who did so and – Please! – keep up the good work!

Everyone at LHHC&Y received a membership form – please try to get it into the hands of someone who would enjoy NELL and what it does. For everyone else, there is an application in every issue of the NELL News.

Let's see if we can break this record of seven next time –



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Membership Type **check one**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Junior Members** (ages 6 through 17)..... **\$10.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Individual** (one adult age 18+)..... **\$20.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Dual** (2 adults living in same household, age 18+)..... **\$30.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Family** (1 or 2 adults age 18+ and children through age 17)..... **\$40.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Life Individual** (one adult age 18+)..... **\$500.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Life Dual** (2 adults living in same household, age 18+)..... **\$800.00**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Business, Corporation, Organization Membership Dues**..... **\$50.00**

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Payment made also be made through PayPal at [newenglandlighthouseovers.org](http://newenglandlighthouseovers.org)

PayPal account not necessary to complete the transaction.

## OTHER LIGHTHOUSE ITEMS OF INTEREST IN NEW ENGLAND & BEYOND

In mid January – the 17<sup>th</sup> to be exact – a storm with high waves did some damage to the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse site. Fortunately the lighthouse tower itself was not damaged, but a few other things were flooded, broken etc. The Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses storage shed on the premises was flooded and a couple of boxes of brochures and about 72 copies of the book “Friendly Edifices” were lost. Most of the merchandise had been moved to a different storage unit in Portsmouth for the winter.

A hinge on the oil house door was broken, a step on the stairs that go to the oil house was swept away and a slat on the walkway was broken. The basement of the keeper’s house was also flooded and the Coast guard lost equipment that was stored there. I thank Jeremy D’Entremont for the details of the damage and for providing a few photos. The first three photos were taken by LCDR David Bourbeau, U.S. Coast Guard. The photo showing the books was taken by Jeremy. The 1<sup>st</sup> photo was taken during the storm, the 2<sup>nd</sup> shows flooding around the keepers house and the 3<sup>rd</sup> shows the Friends storage shed and a smaller shed that was floating around while the grounds were flooded.



How cool would it be to be accidentally locked in a lighthouse and had the place to yourself? Well, this couple was not too pleased with the situation. For the story click on link below.

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/couple-trapped-inside-lighthouse-6-26220334>

The ALF yearly GALA will finally take place on May 1. For information go to:  
[2022 Annual Lighthouse Gala – American Lighthouse Foundation](#)

Other ALF news:

<https://lighthousefoundation.org/what-we-do/programs/lighthouse-tours/>

Pomham Rocks hopes to have tours of the restored lighthouse with the Fresnel Lens on display this summer: In the meantime there is a race to support the lighthouse. Keep up to date by going to:  
[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse"Guiding the Way Along the Bay"](#)

<https://www.pomhamrockslighthouse.org>

If you'd like to see a lot of lighthouses in the New York area check out the cruises sponsored by the National Lighthouse Museum in Staten Island – check them out here:

[BOAT TOURS - National Lighthouse Museum](#)

Green Ledge Lighthouse expects to have tours this summer. We were recently invited to visit on a NELL Zoom trip meeting. Check it out here: [Greens Ledge | Connecticut | Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society](#)

Enjoy Video Events taped and available on USLHS Website which include

The Annual Flying Santa Gala Event

Pomham Rocks lighthouse in Rhode Island 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

A tour of Point Arena Lighthouse in California

The unveiling of Mid-Atlantic Stamp Series at Thomas Point Shoal area, Maryland

[USLHS Special Events | US Lighthouse Society](#)

**Please Note:**

The position of Vice President is currently still 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: I am becoming less technically challenged and learning as I go. I have not heard of any problems downloading the NEWS since creating it in a PDF file. 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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