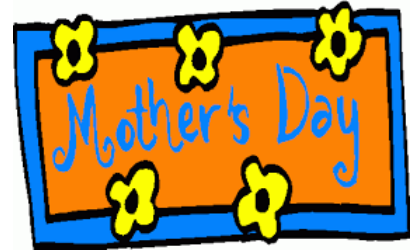


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WE HOPE **YOU** WERE AMONG THE 48 WHO WITHIN THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNED UP FOR THE LIMITED SEATS ON THE CRUISE FOR THE UPCOMING NELL SPRING TRIP TO NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

If you still want to go, but did not sign up in time, there is a waitlist, but you need to e-mail or call the Winklemans ASAP to be put on the waitlist

Two members already canceled and their spots were filled from the waitlist.

MEMBERS ARE STILL WELCOME TO SIGN UP FOR THE MEETING AND VISIT TO THE NORWALK ACQUARIUM UNTIL MAY 10, 2023

E-mail: hwink29@gmail.com or wink8@mindspring.com

Call: 617-731-5181, or 781-820-9977,

THE DATES....May 27-28, 2023!

Saturday, May 27th, we will be taking a cruise to see and climb

Greens Ledge and **Sheffield Island Lighthouses**
in **Norwalk, Connecticut**



Boat leaves Seaport dock at 9:00 am
Tour of Green's Ledge 10 AM – 12 Noon
Tour Sheffield Island Light 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Arrive Back at Seaport Dock 3:15 pm
Included will be a box lunch and a soft drink

Sunday morning, May 28th

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Norwalk at 789 Connecticut Avenue

A delicious breakfast buffet (which will include OJ, Croissants, Muffins, Bagels, Yogurts, Scrambled Eggs, Crispy Bacon, Home Fired Potatoes, Coffee & Teas) will be followed by



The membership meeting
THEN

A group visit to the **Norwalk Aquarium at 1:00 PM after the meeting**

EXPECT ANOTHER GREAT NELL WEEKEND FOR SURE



SAVE THE DATES!

September 8-10, 2023

Our Fall event will take place on the Hudson River in New York during the weekend of September 8-10, 2023. We are in the process of organizing this exciting trip, which will include boat rides on "Solaris", the only solar-powered boat in operation on the Hudson River. I have been working with the Hudson River Maritime Museum to put this event together.

We will be viewing and climbing Rondout Lighthouse, Kingston, NY, including the observation deck.



Also included on the agenda is a trip to Esopus Meadows Lighthouse. The caretaker announced that they are having issues with the dock, but we are hoping that it will be repaired in time to allow us to disembark and climb.



Stay tuned for further information, including accommodations and costs.



The Board Members that will be featured in this issue of NELL NEWS are **Frank and Carolyn Carbone**. Although no longer active - they were board members for many years. I want to thank their daughter, Kristin, for her help in providing some background information about her parents and sending a few photos.

Carolyn was voted in as Secretary of NELL at the first meeting and stayed in that position until 2017. This photo was taken at the Fall 2015 meeting. She also was on the fundraising committee.

Frank was on the beginning and New auctioneer when there were items to be sold for the highest bidder at NELL



preservation committee from the Ventures and also acted as an

Carolyn was born on January 13, 1937 & brought up in upstate New York in the town of Pearl River. Her father had a boat which he was on regularly and had an affinity for.

Frank was born on October 30, 1938 and brought up in Beverly, Mass. His father loved boats and all things nautical. Both of their fathers belonged to a boating group called Power Squadron.

Carolyn trained to become a Nurse and was the Head Nurse at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Burlington, Vermont, when Frank, who was training to become a doctor, showed up on her floor to do his Internship. I am told when the group of interns showed up, that Carolyn warned the other nurses to stay away from Frank because he was "hers". They started seeing each other and ended up getting married on August 24 of 1968. Interestingly - when their respective parents met, they already knew each other because of their association with the Power Squadron boating group from years earlier. After his internship, Frank & Carolyn moved to Beverly, Massachusetts where Frank opened his own practice as an Internist with another Dr. He was a physician for 45 years.

When Carolyn's parents retired they bought a piece of property on Block Island and a favorite family event was to ride around the island and see the lighthouses. Frank and family spent their summers on Block Island with Carolyn's family. This is a photo of Carolyn with her granddaughter Lilyanna by the SE Block Island Light.



When Frank & Carolyn's daughter Kristin was in college, she went to visit Mackinac Island the summer of 1994. While there she saw a Harbour Lights replica of Old Mackinaw Point light in a gift shop that she bought for her parents 26th Anniversary gift. That started the beginning of an extensive collection of Harbour Lights that Frank and Carolyn acquired through the years. They were able to collect most of the Harbour Lights made and bought duplicates of many of them with the plan to sell them later. There were still many replicas left when Frank & Carolyn moved to Florida and they have since been donated to the respective lighthouses to be sold so that the proceeds will help with restoration and upkeep. However, both Frank & Carolyn and their daughter each still have a curio cabinet full of favorite Harbour Light replicas.

Since Frank and Carolyn were collectors of Harbour Lights, they became members of NELL from its inception in 1998. They have always enjoyed attending all of the trips and meetings and especially loved spending time with other members. They both also served on the board and have done a lot for lighthouse restoration which was their passion.

This is a photo taken at the Fall 2018 NELL meeting down in Massachusetts at the West Dennis Lighthouse Inn where all the Charter Members of NELL who were in attendance were called to gather for a group photo.



In 2010 Frank was selected to be Mr. Nell (photo below) and in both 2003 and 2018 Carolyn was honored as Ms. NELL. Carolyn also won second place in the cookie contest in its 2nd year of 2015. (photo of Carolyn as Ms. NELL in 2018 & with certificate from cookie contest win in 2015) Members were invited to provide cookies at the January, Lighthouse Hot Chocolate & You event that would be judged by the members The NELL group has always meant a lot to both of them and they consider some of the members as their closest friends.



Back when the SE Block Island Lighthouse was having erosion problems on the hill it was located on, Carolyn helped organize a fundraiser that many other NELL members participated in and several hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised toward moving the lighthouse away from the cliff that was quickly eroding.

Through the years Frank and Carolyn visited many of the lighthouses throughout the United States, and saw some in Mexico, Puerto Rico, St. Martins and Jamaica when visiting with their daughter & her husband. Below is a photo of Carolyn & Frank in front of the Negril Light in Jamaica and another with their grandchildren Lilyanna and Jamison. Both photos provided by their daughter Kristin.



When Covid hit, Frank & Carolyn were in Florida and couldn't return home for a while. They ended up moving there and are now in a nice house with a few other older people and live very close to their daughter, Kristin. When they were still getting out more, one of the last lighthouses they went to see was the St. Augustine Lighthouse in Florida with Kristen. They still enjoy hearing about the NELL trips and receive the NELL NEWS, but miss being able to attend events and miss their friends. Those of us that know them miss them also and wish them the best in this chapter of their lives.



LHHC&Y meeting in January 2015



Getting off NELL Boat Trip June 2016



Boat trip out to Sandy Neck Lighthouse in September 2018



On porch at Sandy Neck 2018 & Group photo





Boat trip out of Chatham, Mass – Nell 2018 Fall Trip – Bill Kent & Frank



NELL trip group photo in May 2019 at Crown Point, NY



Sept 21, 2019 - Carolyn presenting Linda Ms. Nell Plaque



**NELL group photo at West Quoddy Head on Sept. 22, 2019
Last time Carbones able to attend NELL event.**



Frank w/curio cabinet taken by daughter

Thank you to Arlene Winkleman for writing the following article and providing a few photos.

In February Henry and I went to Israel. We have visited Israel many times - Arlene 16 and Henry 13. On one trip, several years ago we made an effort to visit some of Israel's lighthouses - in Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Akko.

None of Israel's lighthouses are open for visiting - and for most the grounds are not open. On this trip, we only saw the lighthouses in the port of Jaffa.

We saw the lighthouse at the end the breakwater. The Yafo (Jaffa) Breakwater is a round concrete or fiberglass tower with green and white horizontal bands. The site is open but the tower is closed and is only accessible by boat.



The Jaffa Lighthouse sits on a hill overlooking the old port of Jaffa. Fishing boats and some tourist boats still use this harbor. Jaffa Light was built by French engineers in 1865. It was constructed as part of operations carried out by the Ottoman authorities to improve the port facilities, mainly due to the increase in export of citrus fruit, and especially oranges, the well-known "Jaffa oranges".

The lighthouse keeper from 1875 was an Armenian who came from Jerusalem. He was trained by the same French company who built the lighthouse. In 1936 the British expanded the port and rebuilt the lighthouse. The light source used in this lighthouse was a Carbide lamp.

Around 1938 the keeper's son was trained by the same French company and replaced him, probably as result of the lighthouse being rebuilt. His grandson, Abu George, was the "technician", responsible for keeping the lamp lit. The son was the official keeper until the lighthouse was shut down.

In 1965 the Port of Ashdod was built south of Jerusalem, replacing Jaffa Port. In 1966 the glass optic was taken to be used in the Ashdod Light, and the lighthouse was deactivated. Jaffa Port became a small craft port.

Although deactivated the lighthouse still serves as a daylight aid to navigation with its red and white stripes and 'ribs'.

Unfortunately for us, on this visit we found the lighthouse to be encased with scaffolding as it is undergoing repairs.

The lighthouse appeared on a stamp issued in November 2009 in Israel.



Other NELL Members have also been visiting lighthouses.

Thanks to Sherri Roberts for sending the following photos of trips she recently took.

Below are photos taken when she went to Long Island in early February with Jim Malone. Jim took these photos of Cold Spring Harbor Light, Stratford Shoals, and Eaton's Neck.



Below are photos of lights on Staten Island taken in early March when Sherri went there with NELL members John Hopp and Jim Malone. In order of photos are: Princess Bay front range, 2 views of Princess Bay rear range, New Dorp Light, Swash Channel front Range, Staten Island Rear Range, and Fort Wadsworth Light.



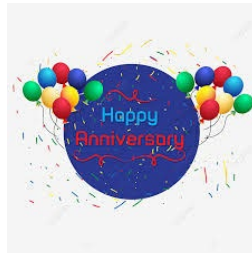


Below are also photos Sherri took in her recent travels - First is of Nobska light in Massachusetts at night when it was lit. Next are a three photos taken of old Life Saving Station buildings that are now incorporated into private homes in Scituate, Manomet & Plymouth, Massachusetts.





Harry Wass	5/07	Adam Winkleman	5/26	MaryAnn Clark	5/27
Amy Winner	6/06	Larry Rhine	6/09	Frank DePasquale	6/10
Terry Barnhart	6/12	Walt Mills	6/24	Ellen Granoth	6/28



Bill & Odette Kent	5/01	Tony & Linda Allen	5/06	Bob & Sharon Mills	5/09
Terry & Melody Barnhart	5/19			Bob & MaryAnn Scroope	5/28
Cliff & Lee Olson	6/05			Tom & Arlene Pregman	6/21
		Henry & Arlene Winkleman	6/29		



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

For any NELL members who are having continuing health issues, or a cold, flu, covid, etc. especially during spring season we hope you will feel better soon.

With Deepest Sympathy



From NELL members to Jim & any extended family of **Irma Streeter** who died suddenly on March 11.

Jim & Irma have been long time members of Nell.





No new members to report this month. Let's cheer up Charlie Brown by having some for the July newsletter!

If you haven't renewed for 2023, stop whatever it is you are doing *right-this-minute* and take care of this right away! Don't let yourself forget again. We want you with us!

Questions? Email nellmembership@mail.com and get them answered

NELL Membership Application & Renewal Form 2023

Name(s): _____ Birthday M/D _____
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- _____ **Business, Corporation, Organization Membership Dues**..... **\$50.00**

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VARIOUS LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

As editor I try to keep up to date on TOURS and OPEN LIGHTHOUSES ETC., BUT I CAN USE **YOUR HELP**. If you know of an upcoming event or OPEN LIGHTHOUSE, please e-mail me at SMills8839@aol.com or Henry at Hwink29@gmail.com so the rest of our members can be informed.

The lighthouse up in Cape Neddick, Maine is lit up Blue to draw attention to Autism for the month of April. Click below to see an article about it. I took a photo in the fog, but the color is beautiful in person.

[Nubble Lighthouse in York, Maine, Is Lit Up Blue, and Here's Why](#)



There will be two Sunset cruises (June 16 and June 23) leaving from Rye, NH that will pass Portsmouth Harbor Light, Whaleback Light and White Island (Isles of Shoals) Light. You can find out more by clicking on the link here: [2023 Sunset Lighthouse Cruises – June 16 and 23](#)

There is a Connecticut River Lighthouse Cruise that is scheduled for June 3. This cruise passes Lynde Point and Saybrook Breakwater lighthouses very close. Several NELL members have taken the cruise in the past. The USLHS passport stamps for Lynde Point and Saybrook Breakwater are also available on the trip. To make a reservation click on link below:

<https://ctriverquest.com/portfolio/8lighthouse/>

A reminder to those who may not have planned summer schedules yet, there will be trips out to Baker Island from Bar Harbor this summer. Trips take place every week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8 am through 1 pm from June 27 thru September 7. Reservations can be made on line at:

<https://www.barharborwhales.com/ranger-cruises/baker-island-tour/>

There is an article in The Boston Globe about the **Scituate lighthouse** keepers and the renovation of the tower. Many NELL members visited last February for the Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You NELL event before the lantern room was removed. This photo was taken by Sherri Roberts when she & Jim Malone walked out to see the lighthouse with it's lantern room taken off.

[Scituate lighthouse gets a million-dollar face-lift - The Boston Globe](#)



The Cape Cod National Seashore Facebook has posted the schedule for the **Highland Lighthouse** opening on May 5 - click the link below to learn more:

[\(20+\) Cape Cod National Seashore | Facebook](#)

The **National Lighthouse Museum** in Staten Island, New York has announced this season's schedule for their annual Lighthouse Boat Tours around New York waters. These cruises are very well attended so if interested reserve your space NOW.

[BOAT TOURS - National Lighthouse Museum](#)

A **life saving station special presentation** is planned at the Amagansett Lifesaving Station on Long Island in New York on **Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 PM**. Click on link below for more information

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1415023999259927/permalink/1415024009259926/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=DcJ9fc>

The **Montauk Lighthouse** in Long Island, New York has posted it's open hours for the season. Click link below to learn more:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064688256615/posts/pfbid0z9SAqDdVCijGTrEXrPM1sfHBM1bYzkvFnUsaom5VBLt4sSYX3vegJ5RDeWy4uCG6l/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=DcJ9fc>

There is a **Michigan Lighthouse Festival** planned this summer from **August 4-6** in the Presque Isle Lighthouse area. Click either of the two links below to see what events are available and make your plans to attend.

[Michigan Lighthouse Festival](#)

[\(20+\) Michigan Lighthouse Festival | Facebook](#)

A NELL member sent this post about the sale of a specially made pepper mill that looks like the Fire Island Lighthouse on Long Island, New York by one of their members.

<https://www.facebook.com/100064668340323/posts/pfbid0WoNgcw4B8nfvWomYrwdG7Zw4yPE7nRfdK6Z8Um6Dgr3B39UA9u7ZJq8K13ewAirxl/?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=DcJ9fc>

If you want to see some hard to see or get to lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay, there will be a couple of cruises going out this summer to visit some of them. Capt. Phil Gootee II plans to do a lighthouse cruise past 8 of the Lower Chesapeake Bay lights on Sunday, June 25. There is a charge of \$100 pp and he requires a certain number of participants before he will do the trip. The second lighthouse trip is scheduled for Sunday, July 16 and will pass 6 of the upper Chesapeake Bay lights. You can reach Capt. Phil by calling 443-521-0817. Below is a You Tube link to some of his videos.

[Capt Phil Chesapeake - YouTube](#)

The position of Vice President is 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

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 or call 1(860) 688-7347.

If you have any **knowledge of an upcoming event or news to share**, please send it to me at smills8839@aol.com. All articles and information must be received by the 20th of the prior month to make the publication.

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 monthly Best Wishes section.

Final words from your Editor: I wish to thank anyone who has given me permission to use photos they took, members who have sent articles and information about lighthouse events, and others who have helped make this YOUR Newsletter. Articles and suggestions are always welcome. Sharon Mills



CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

