



NELL NEWS 2023



NELL 2023 Spring Event Norwalk, Connecticut



Our trip to Norwalk Connecticut to visit **Greens Ledge Light** and **Sheffield Island Lighthouse** was a picture-perfect day. We could not have asked for better weather!



Photo from Christine Cardaci

Forty-seven members eagerly took the boat trip to visit the 2 lights.



Photos on boat from John Donovan.

It was a privilege and an honor to be one of the first groups to be invited to see the remarkable preservation of the Greens Ledge Light. We were warmly met by the Pettee family who gave us a detailed tour of the lighthouse and a history of all the amazing work that they have done to restore this historic aid to navigation. We also had the opportunity to climb to the lantern room.



We then took the short boat ride to Sheffield Island where we all enjoyed a delicious boxed lunch provided by Ripka's Catering. Then we toured the lighthouse – and several members of the group climbed to the lantern room



In appreciation of hosting us for this special visit our group made donations to the Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society and to the Norfolk Seaport Association which are the nonprofit organizations that are the keepers of Sheffield Island Lighthouse and Greens Ledge Light. Before the event began, Henry presented a NELL donation to Jerry Toni, Business Manager of the Norwalk Seaport Association, to support the Sheffield Island Lighthouse. Henry is presenting a check

to Tim Petee of Greens Ledge Light at the lighthouse in this photo taken by Arlene Winkleman.



We also had wonderful people guiding our way – Captain Al, First Mate Ava and Steve, the manager of Sheffield Island. All were knowledgeable and a delight to know.



On Sunday morning 42 of our members enjoyed an excellent full breakfast at the Double Tree hotel – which was followed by our NELL meeting. One major piece of business was a vote to donate \$3,300 to the Lake Cobboseecontee Lake Association which maintains the Ladies Delight Lighthouse in Maine. (visited by NELL in August, 2022)

Our fundraising efforts for Preservation also were successful.

Graham Meddings was the winner of our 50/50 raffle.
Ellen Granoth ran a successful sale of NELL merchandise
Many members contributed items to the Silent Auction.
Thanks to John Donovan for most photos below.



Special thanks to Tim Pettee who acquired the lot of 30 miniature lighthouses that were given to NELL by Bette Heaphy. Tim's donation will go into the NELL Preservation Fund. The lighthouses will go on display in the Greens Ledge Light with an acknowledgement to both Bette and NELL.

Special thanks to our member, Jessica Schulman, who donated to the auction one of her magnificent photos of Greens Ledge Light. Tim also acquired this print and it too will be on display in the lighthouse.

Tim made an exciting announcement – to help NELL in our efforts to increase our Preservation Fund, Tim offered a night's stay in the Greens Ledge Light. Watch for further details as to how you can help NELL raise funds – and possibly win an unforgettable experience!



On Sunday afternoon, 31 members visited the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium. Two top photos from Arlene Winkleman.



Group photo from John Donovan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – AND SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 8 – 10 Linda Sherlock is working on the details for the NELL Fall Trip when we will be visiting some of the lighthouses on the Hudson River. Watch for further details.

Arlene Winkleman



NELL group waiting for boat to lighthouses



Group at Greens Ledge Light



4 photos of rooms in Greens Ledge Light



1st row of photos – kitchen in Greens Ledge Light and Lens in lantern room of Greens Ledge
Next 2 rows – rooms in Sheffield Island Lighthouse and sign about NELL renovation funds given
3rd row – Osprey w/ nest on dock to Sheffield, Pecks Ledge Light in distance from boat



Arlene mentioned a lot of miniature lighthouses that were given to NELL in her letter about the NELL Spring Event. Here is the background story and a photo of the collection by Tom Pregman.



The mostly Danbury Mint lighthouse collection of approximately 30 pieces was donated to Tom Pregman before the NELL Spring trip by Bette Heaphy who is 93 years of age and moved from her former house in New Milford, Connecticut to a nursing home facility in Shelton, Connecticut.

Bette treasured her lighthouse collection and kept it with her for many years on display. After she sold her home and moved to assisted living it was packed up and stored at her niece Gail's house. When Gail asked Tom if he wanted the lighthouses or knew of someone who would want and appreciate them, because they had meant so much to her aunt, Tom thought of mentioning it to NELL as a fundraiser for Preservation. A notification was sent to those who were attending the Spring Trip and the entire collection was purchased by Tim Pettee of Greens Ledge Light. Her family is thrilled with the idea that Greens Ledge Light has offered to purchase the collection to display in their lighthouse.

As stated earlier – the funds from the sale will go into NELL's preservation fund. A listing of the lighthouses and a couple other photos are below.

We thank Bette, Gail and Tom for their part in this gift and it finding a new home at Greens Ledge.

Northeast : (Harbour Light) Cape Neddick - Cape Elizabeth ME - Block Island Southeast RI - Boston MA - Fire Island NY - Montauk Point, NY - Sandy Hook NJ – Large Portland Head Lighthouse - ME

Southeast Coast : Barnegat NJ - Assateague VA - Cape Hatteras NC - (Harbour Light) Sea Pines / Hilton Head SC - Hooper Strait MD - Ponce De Leon Inlet FL - St. Augustine FL

Great Lakes : (right to left) Grosse Point Lake Michigan IL - Passage Island Lake Superior MI - Fort Gratiot Lake Huron MI - Buffalo Main Light Lake Erie NY - Split Rock Lake Superior MN - INTERNATIONAL Start Point Light Dartmouth England - St. George Reef CA (altered free piece with the collection) (pictured below)

West Coast and beyond : (right to left) - Point Vicente CA - Old Point Loma CA - Pigeon Point CA - Los Angeles Harbor CA - East Brother CA - Diamond Head HI - Admiralty Head WA (pictured below)



OBSERVATIONS AND POINTS OF INFORMATION

I HAVE LEARNED AT NELL EVENTS

By: Linda Sherlock

- Attempting to assemble members for a group photo is like trying to corral a litter of kittens. It's a difficult endeavor.
- When the breakfast buffet is supposed to include bacon but has sausage instead, that is perfectly OK with me.
- I have taken many boat trips to see lighthouses in all kinds of weather, but I am especially thankful when the weather is a perfect "10", as it was for the spring 2023 event in Norwalk, CT.
- The best laid plans...hahaha. Always expect something to go awry.
- Remember to take an extra sweatshirt or sweater on boat trips, even if you don't think you'll need it.
- You can make everyone happy some of the time.
You can make some people happy most of the time.

Some people are just happy, no matter what happens!
- If someone calls you a "PIP", they are not being insulting or derogatory. It actually means "an excellent or very attractive person or thing". Who knew?
- Security latches on hotel room doors can mysteriously flip across the door while you're out. When you return, you're alarmed to discover that you're locked out.
- Expect to encounter extra traffic during long weekends. If that doesn't happen, you're already grateful for a fabulous weekend!
- Picnic lunches taste better under a pavilion with a lighthouse nearby, especially knowing that you'll soon be climbing that lighthouse.
- One can never have too many lighthouse photos, attire, or other merchandise.
- It's wonderful to meet new people who also have an interest in lighthouses. It's even more wonderful when they join NELL!
- The time at NELL events always seems to pass by too quickly.
- I'd really like to see my NELL friends more than two or three times a year.

Do you have anything to add to this list? Please let me know!



NELL FALL EVENT – SEPTEMBER 8-10 HUDSON RIVER, NY



NELL Members:

Plans are well underway for our exciting fall event. We will be viewing and climbing lighthouses on the Hudson River in Kingston and Hudson, NY. The cost of the weekend's events has not yet been set as some details still need to be confirmed. I'll send out another notice when the cost is determined.

We will take *Solaris*, Hudson River Maritime Museum's 100% solar-powered boat, to view and climb **RONDOUT LIGHTHOUSE**. The boat holds a limited number of people, so the visits will be done in three (3) trips. While some members are at Rondout Lighthouse, others will have free access to explore the **HUDSON RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM**.

We will also take the Hudson River Ferry to view and climb **HUDSON-ATHENS LIGHTHOUSE**. These trips will be taken in two (2) shifts. NELL member and Historian Bob Taylor volunteers at this lighthouse and has a wealth of information he can share.

The weekend will also include a membership meeting (location to be determined) and possibly visits to other lighthouses in the area. More information will be announced when available.

Rooms have been blocked at SureStay Plus by Best Western in Highland, NY for two (2) nights, September 8th and September 9th. The discounted total cost for the two nights, including taxes, is \$275.00 for either a standard room with a king bed or a standard room with two queen beds. Refrigerator and coffee maker are provided in each room. Complimentary breakfast is included. Accessible rooms are available. Book reservations by using the link below or by calling 845-834-2584. Be sure to mention New England Lighthouse Lovers to receive the discount.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.33190.html?groupId=1T0JT8S9

SureStay Plus Hotel By Best Western
3423 Route 9W
Highland, NY 12528
(845) 834-2584

When checking in, you will be charged a \$100.00 incidental hold, which is a pending authorization, not an actual charge. It is to cover damages and room charges separate from room and tax, etc. Upon check out, if there are no incidental charges, the pending hold will be released.

VERY IMPORTANT! Election of officers will take place at the membership meeting. Volunteers are urgently needed to fill vacancies on the Board and committees. Please support NELL by stepping up to volunteer. NELL needs your time and talents to remain a sustainable organization. If you have any questions about open positions, please contact Henry Winkleman at (781) 820-9977 or wink8@mindspring.com.

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Other NELL Members have also been visiting other lighthouses.

Andrew Bourne sent these photos of his visit to Nauset Beach Lighthouse.



Several other members of NELL joined a USLHS Trip to Long Island led by Jeremy D'Entremont on one day of their tour to visit Old Field Point Light and Eaton's Neck Light which is on a Coast Guard Base and not accessible to the public. We were allowed to climb the tower at the Eaton's Neck Lighthouse. Below are photos of the Old Field Point Light and the old keeper's house and oil house.





Photos L from R in order: Old Field Point Lantern room, stairs to 2nd floor in Old Field Point, Old Field Point Lantern through window in old keepers house (taken by Sherri Roberts).

Eaton's Neck Lighthouse, lens, USLHS tour group getting info about light from Coast Guard Auxiliary, stairs in lighthouse

Inside lighthouse lens, Eaton's Neck lantern room, Eaton's Neck Light from another side, USLHS tour bus w/ Eaton's Neck LH behind





Eric Sharp	7/01	Linda Allen	7/04	David Schulman	7/07
Sara Greene	7/07	Lee Olson	7/12	Tracie Carpenter	7/15
		Odette Kent	7/24		
Elinor DeWire	8/03	Bill Newblom	8/04	Marilyn Zimmon	8/06
Nancy Younger	8/09	Geraldine Powell	8/12	Bill Younger	8/18
		Ron Bandock	8/30		



Bob & Judy Newblom	7/09	Chris & Marie Alex	7/11
Robert & Marilyn Zimman	7/15	Norm & Cynthia Bosse	7/23
Bob & Ellen Granoth	8/10	David & Jessica Shulman	8/20
	Frank & Carolyn Carbone	8/24	



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

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



From NELL members to the family of founding member and former board member **LEON HALL** who died on April 29th.

NELL Labeled Merchandise



Since NELL incorporated a few years ago our logo changed a bit and I think it's time for us to start to transfer over to it by offering a new selection of items embroidered with this new logo. Many of us have been wearing the same things for several years and they are probably starting to show their age.



We'll be doing things a bit differently this time around. Instead of ordering a selection of products and sizes for Ellen to schlep around each time we meet each item will now be special ordered. Generally, it takes approx two weeks to process an order. They can be delivered at the next NELL gathering – Hudson river area New York – or shipped directly to you by me. I will have to charge for that because, well because. You know.



I don't know how Covid affected the company's ability to get the products delivered to them although it seems by now things should be getting back to whatever we call normal these days.

There is an online catalog – it can also be downloaded - so you can see what's available. Pricing is a bit up in the air since, like all good wholesalers, prices are not listed in the catalog. Plus NELL needs to tack on a premium since we are using this as a way to raise funds for preservation.



So check it out. The earlier I can get something ordered it will be far more likely that I can have them for you for New York.

Any questions – email Jean Zunda at nellmembership@mail.com or you can call my home at 401 433-2506.

Be sure to leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

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

If you haven't renewed for 2023, why not take care of this right away! Don't let yourself forget again. We want you with us at the Fall Trip!

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

NELL Membership Application & Renewal Form 2023

Name(s): _____ Birthday M/D _____
_____ Birthday M/D _____
_____ Birthday M/D _____ Anniversary M/Y _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell phone(S): _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Membership Type
Please check off the type of Membership:

- _____ **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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You can also pay through our website newenglandlighthouse lovers.com
A PayPal account is not required for payment

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.

Besides being able to see **Portland Head Light** and the two other lights in the area on land, there is a 60 minutes cruise out of Portland, Maine that passes all three lights in the area. Click to find out more:

[Portland, ME: 60 Minute Lighthouse Cruise to Head Light | GetYourGuide](#)

Ned's Point Lighthouse in Massachusetts is now open and visitors are allowed to climb to the top.

[Friends Of Ned's Point Lighthouse – Help Us Restore This Landmark](#)



Below is the open lighthouse schedule for several Cape Cod lights:

Three sisters - Mondays 11-12

Nauset -Sunday and Wed 4:30-7:30

Chatham - Wed 1-3

Highland - daily 9 -5

Race - no public opening 2023.

Check this out if you want to get to Monomoy Lighthouse on the Cape this summer:

<https://www.facebook.com/100064751223801/posts/pfbid02qjrSebogZBBDZdqtmwYacKgirkJtWBnSkYxxd9btkmLE9prVcwynhVfa2FhN3N9I/?mibextid=Dcj9fc>

Fathers on the Go: Cape Poge Discovery Tour - The Trustees of Reservations

<https://live-trustees.pantheonsite.io/event/87117/>

Check this link out if you're interested in taking a Sunset Cruise out of New Bedford, Mass. that passes three of the area lighthouses along with many other historical sites.

https://seastreak.com/tour-and-event-cruises/new-bedford-sunset-cruise/?fbclid=IwAR3H2dX1O6L_Oged1rKBvvQVt7buFzatF76ESoyecpEhyAe_164Xh3hj7-Y_aem_th_ASFeCYz3IRUccxGj6m8EWggYrLoasADclpnOtO-0hU7kOrkg3tbYuLYdfNRYEXjf1tP4S0WxY3NA15VcNBy2y5U7

There are several lighthouse cruises available from Cross Sound Ferry out of New London, Connecticut and a new one from Orient Point, Connecticut. Check them out by using the link:

<https://www.longislandferry.com/Common/Help.aspx?page=lighthousecruise>

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](#)

If you want to see some hard to see or get to lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay, there will be one more cruise going out this summer to visit some of them. Capt. Phil Gootee II plans to do a lighthouse cruise past some upper Bay lights. There is a charge of \$100 pp and he requires a certain number of participants before he will do the trip. The 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](#)

There is a Special Event in the planning for **National Lighthouse Day** that members from all over the US can take part in. Click on link below to read all about it:

[National Lighthouse Day Dance Contest – U.S. Lighthouse Society News](#)

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: Again 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

AUGUST 7TH

