

NELL NEWS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

It is hard to believe that 2024 is HERE! Where did 2023 go?

We are looking forward to LHHC&Y on January 14th. I thank Sherri Roberts and Sean Curran who have been working on the details of the trip.

Sherri is already working on plans for our 2024 Spring and Fall events – watch for further details.

I also hope to have NELL host ZOOM meetings again. If you have a program you would like to share – please contact me.

Don't forget to send Ellen Granoth the ticket stubs and money from the raffle tickets that you sold/bought.

Wishing everyone a HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2024.

Arlene

617-731-5181 home

781-820-9980 cell (not a smart phone)

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LAST CHANCE TO JOIN US
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
Cut Off date to Register is JANUARY 7, 2024
NELL'S ANNUAL LHHC&Y will take place at



Woods Hole / Falmouth, MA
Meet at **Nobska Lighthouse**
233 Nobska Road
at **10am**



Total per person \$39 by check or \$40.50 by Paypal

Mail Check to:

Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Road, Tuckahoe, NY 10707

or

Arlene Winkleman, 99 Marion Street #1 Brookline, MA 02446

We will be viewing and climbing the Nobska Lighthouse tower. There have been some exciting renovations accomplished over the last five years. The tower was completely renovated and the 4th Order Fresnel lens is still in the tower. The new landscaping of the grounds is spectacular. The keeper's house was renovated and is now a museum and gift shop. The Friends of Nobska Lighthouse have done a stellar job!



There is parking in the usual spot close to the road - double parking is fine as long as you know who you are parking behind. There is also handicap parking up by the keeper's house with a few other spots also available. Overflow parking is on the grass after you pull into the drive on the right. Carpooling is encouraged.

Lunch is on your own. We will reconvene for a speaker and refreshments at

Dewitt Clinton Lodge
175 Main St., Sandwich, MA 02563

Our guest **Elinor Dewire** will speak about
Lighthouses Across America

Elinor Dewire was our speaker at the first ever NELL Spring meeting 25 years ago. The Lodge will be open at 1pm, and the talk will start at 2pm.



We will be having a celebratory 25th Anniversary cake, so instead of a cookie contest (It will resume next year) we will only have any members who want to bring snacks (appetizers, small cookies etc.) do that instead, so don't fill up on lunch. Plan on 20+ people if you are going to bring something and let Sherri Roberts know.

Also email Sherri at SRCRAN9@gmail.com if you are coming.

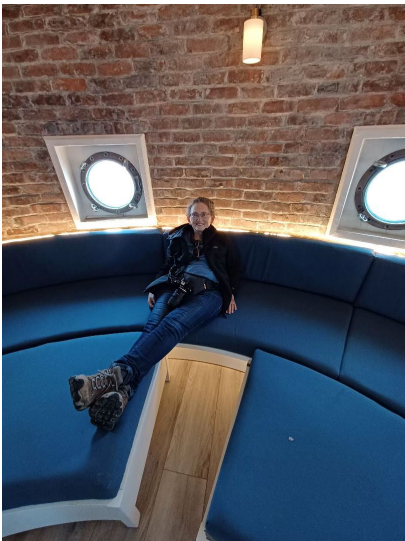
Remember NELL Membership needs to be renewed by the end of December to attend this event.

Since we have elected a new Vice-President, I thought it would be fitting that she, Sherri Roberts, be the featured NELL member and board member this issue. Here is her story in her own words:

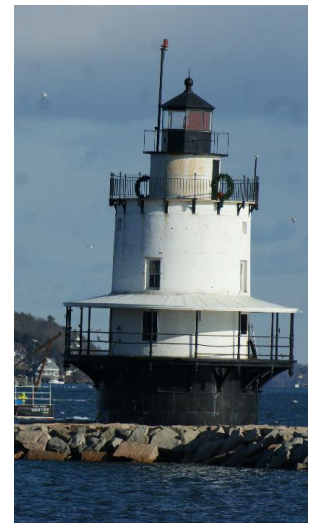
I grew up with my Dad in the Air Force, so we moved quite a bit. Texas, Mississippi, Michigan, Puerto Rico, Tennessee are some of the places I called home. I graduated high school in 1975 and graduated from College of Idaho in 1979. I really loved living in Idaho, but gradually made my way east. Wisconsin was my home while I worked on my master's degree. I am an entomologist, (study of Insects) and was introduced to the cranberry industry while working on my Masters. In 1982, I moved to Massachusetts to introduce a Pest Management program to the cranberry farmers of southeastern Mass. I was able to reduce the amount of pesticides the growers used by 50%, by sampling their bogs and making recommendations of which insects, diseases and weeds that were present, instead of blanket applications every week or so. I eventually went into business for myself. Things were going really well until the bottom fell out of the market for cranberries. Instead of growers making \$100 plus a barrel they made \$8. So tough times were ahead.

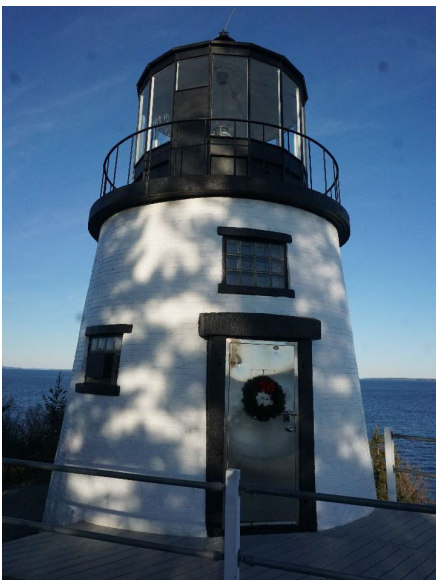
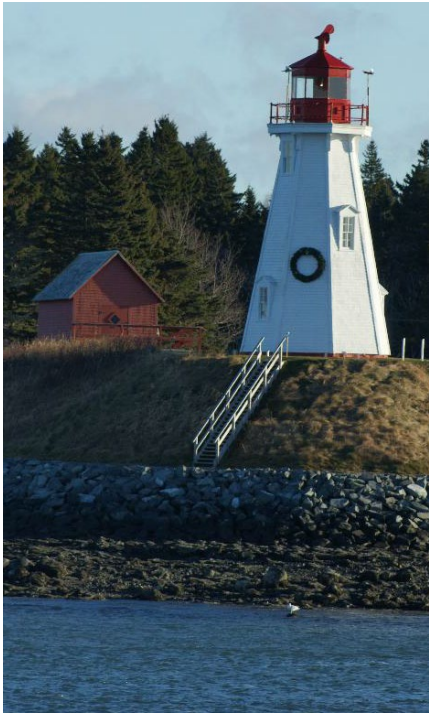
I adopted my daughter in 1995, the best decision I ever made. After she graduated High School and went off to college is when I became interested in Lighthouses. My mom and I started traveling around to discover lighthouses in 2012, so I'm fairly new at this- just 10 years.

My first NELL trip was to Lake Champlain in Spring of 2019. I had a blast. To date I have seen over 600 lighthouses. Fortunately my brother also likes to travel and visit lighthouses and National Parks. We are planning a trip to the Grand Canyon in late Winter. Of course we'll go by way of some lighthouses in Mississippi and Alabama. Photos are of me in Green's Ledge Light, climbing into lantern room of Grand Traverse light in Michigan, at a waterfall in New Hampshire, and at the Arctic Circle.



Sherri and I (Sharon Mills) went on a trip to Maine recently to see Lighthouses that had either wreaths or lights on them. We also saw a few Lobster Pot and or Buoy trees. Below are some of the photographs taken:







Photos taken above in order: * by name indicates taken by Sherri Roberts

Page 1 Buoy Tree, Wells, ME – Faux Light, Marginal Way, Ogunquit, ME – Nubble Lighthouse, Cape Neddick, ME – Lobster Trap/Buoy Tree by Nubble – Buoy tree in Kittery, ME – * Portland Head Light w/o expected wreath – Spring Point Ledge, So. Portland, ME – “Bug” Light, So. Portland, ME – Lobster Pot tree & Buoy tree in Boothbay Harbor, ME

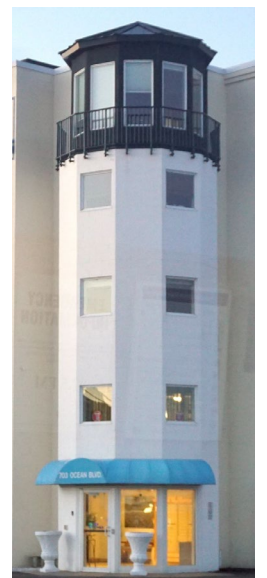
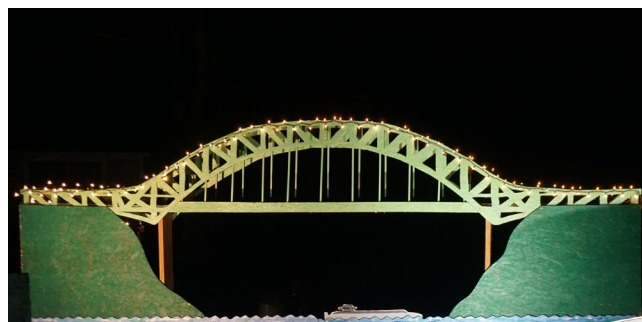
Page 2 Lobster Pot/Buoy tree in Rockland, ME – Lobster Pot/Buoy tree between Rockland & W. Quoddy – Lit tree in window of W. Quoddy Keeper’s House, ME – Mulholland Point Light, NB, Canada - * W. Quoddy Head Light, Lubec, ME (Didn’t have big wreath up yet) – Owl’s Head Light, ME – Marshall Point Light, Port Clyde, ME – Pg 3 Hendrick’s Head Light near Boothbay Harbor (no decoration) – Buoy Structure, ?? – * Pemaquid Point Light, Damariscotta, ME.



Pomham Rocks Light, Rhode Island(Sherri Roberts)

Lobster Pot Tree, Seabrook, NH – Lobster Pot Tree, Badger’s Island Kittery, ME

Below are a couple photos from a Winter display including a Lighthouse in Eliot, ME and at the side a lighthouse shaped business building in Hampton Beach, N



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 Arlene at wink8@mindspring.com so the rest of our members can be informed.

Although not listed as usual because she was not a NELL MEMBER, another well-known figure in the Lighthouse community recently died suddenly on December 13. Many of you may know her from the story about a little girl who had a doll delivered to her by Flying Santa after one was dropped from the plane & broke on a rock. She also wrote a book called "Everyday Heroes: The True Story of a Lighthouse Family". This special lady who many of you may know is **SEAMOND PONSART ROBERTS**. She & I had become pen pals after I wrote to her after reading her book. I know other members may have been friends on Facebook. She will be missed by many and made an impact in her world. To read her Obituary click on link below. There is another link that will bring you to a Facebook page where you can see a photo history of her life.

[Seamond Roberts Obituary - Rush Funeral Home - Pineville - 2023](#)

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*****Pomham Rocks announced a new LH License plate available. Click link to read about it:**

[Pomham Rocks Lighthouse announces charity license plate | Entertainment | valleybreeze.com](#)

*****Sally Snowman – last lightkeeper at Boston Harbor Lighthouse ends her time there. Read about it:**

[Boston Light's Sally Snowman Ending Historic Run As Last Coast Guard Lighthouse Keeper In US | Boston, MA Patch](#)

*****Sankaty Head Lighthouse on Nantucket gets new light. Click links to read about it:**

[Nantucket Current | Coast Guard Installs New Light In Sankaty Head...](#)

[Shining Bright: New light at Sankaty | Inquirer and Mirror](#)

*****Would YOU like to be a lighthouse keeper for a week. Find out how by clicking link below:**

[Spend A Week As A Lighthouse Keeper - Door County Pulse](#)



BIG PRIZE RAFFLE

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO YOUR PART IN HELPING NELL
MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL BIG FUNDRAISER**

The winning tickets will be drawn at the NELL 2024 Spring meeting and any money collected along with filled out tickets and/or unsold tickets will need to be returned to Ellen Granoth by May 1. If you have already sold some, please bring the completed tickets and money to Ellen at the LHHC&Y.

<p>New England Lighthouse Lovers Fundraising Raffle</p> <p>\$10 per ticket</p> <p>See back of ticket for raffle prizes For more information on the raffle prizes, please visit our website at newenglandlighthouselover.org/nell-fundraising-affle</p>		
Name	Address	Email
SAMPLE		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Greens Ledge Lighthouse. Overnight stay. Norwalk, CT 2) Big Bay Point Lighthouse. Night for 2. Powell Township, Michigan 3) West Quoddy Station. Night for 2. Lubec, ME 4) Little River Lighthouse. Night for 2. Cutler, ME 5) Bar Harbor Motel. Night for 2. Bar Harbor, ME 6) Cape May Whale Watcher. Family 4 pack. Cape May, NJ 7) Bar Harbor Whale Watch. Family 4 pack. Bar Harbor, ME 8) Plume House Bed and Breakfast. Overnight stay for 2. Thomaston, CT 9) Gift Basket from Lighthouse Digest 10) The Lighthouse Inn. Two night stay for 2. West Dennis, MA 		

Please contact Ellen at 203-437-1663 E-mail: ellenlg@sbcglobal.net or write to: 124 Scott Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 to request more tickets.

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Your own personalized NELL Tumbler
If you still want a NELL Tumbler contact Sandi Peterson at 860-434-2323 or look for details on the NELL website:

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NELL LABELED CLOTHING STILL AVAILABLE ALSO – CONTACT JEAN ZUNDA
AT nellmembership@mail.com

Ron Foster 1/08
 John Donovan 1/14
 Patrick Clark 1/18
 Chris Heacock 1/26
 Henry Winkleman 1/29



Carolyn Carbone 1/13
 Sharon Mills 1/17
 Herb Carpenter 1/24
 Melody Barnhart 1/27
 Mary Jane Foster 1/29



Denise Seifel 2/02
 Patricia Leary 2/10
 Linda Speece 2/23
 Bob Taylor 2/25

Debbie Brew 2/06
 Bob Seifel 2/23
 Bill Kent 2/24



Ron & Mary Jane Foster 1/14

Hank & Chris Heacock 1/30



HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

To NELL member Colette Long, who broke her leg in November. She will be unable to join us at the LHC&Y this month. We hope you are doing well and able to join us by the Spring trip.

Also to NELL member Mary Jane Foster who broke bones in her wrist recently. We hope you will heal quickly.

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

May the love of those
 around you
 help you
 through the
 days ahead.

Thoughts and prayers continue for any NELL MEMBERS who have family and/or friends in Israel or the surrounding areas at this time of unrest and loss of lives.

M E M B E R S H I P

NELL welcomes its newest members

Donna Sullivan
Stephen Hespeler

Groton CT
Groton CT

And two returns –

Virginia Souza
Darlene Chisholm

S. Thomaston, ME
Albion, MI

Returning **Charter** Member
Returning Member



If you haven't renewed, do it Right Now! You won't want to miss our 25th Anniversary celebration!

And if you want NELL labeled clothing, contact me at nellmembership@mail.com
It might not be too late to get it before Hot Chocolate.

Name(s): _____ Birthday _____ Anniversary _____ MM/DD

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Address: _____

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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

Make checks payable to NELL and send to:

NELL
1 Princeton Ave
Riverside RI 02915-2632

Payment made also be made through PayPal at newenglandlighthouseovers.org
Paypal account not necessary to complete the transaction.

Our board is finally full and we have a New President, Arlene Winkleman. We are still 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 Arlene Winkleman (617) 731-5181 Home 781-820-9980. Arlene's cell (not a smart phone) 781-820-9977. Henry's iPhone - use this to send texts and messages 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

