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# NELL NEWS MAY/JUNE 2024



**If you still want to attend –sign up now!**



**SPRING MEETING – MAY 17 - 19**

**Saturday morning, May 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be visiting Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. There will be 3 boat trips out to the light – leaving from the Rhode Island Yacht Club, 1 Ocean Avenue, Cranston, RI.

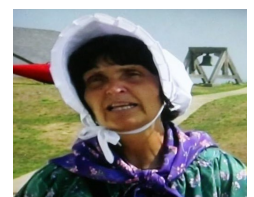
The boats can take a maximum of 15 passengers. The 11:00 AM boat is full. [Departure times:](#)

9:00 AM            9:45 AM            11:00 AM

Each group will spend 1 hour on the island with docents.

**Saturday afternoon**, we will meet from 1:30 – 4:30 at the James T. Giles Community Room in the Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosset Road, Cranston (about 5 miles from the Yacht Club).

Our guest speaker is Sally Snowman, the last lightkeeper of the Boston Light.



**Sunday morning**, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11:30 AM we will hold our Meeting at the Elks Lodge, 42 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. The Elks lodge is about ¼ mile from the hotels or ½ mile from Exit 18 on Route 95.

**Sunday afternoon** – Starting at 1:00 pm - visit to the Watch Hill Lighthouse, 14 Lighthouse Road, Westerly, RI. We will be able to climb the lighthouse 3 at a time.



**Cost:** \$65.00 with a check. \$68.00 with PayPal  
Mail: Kathy Santucci, 38 Lime Kiln Rd, Tuckahoe, NY 10707  
OR Linda Sherlock, 20 Groveland Commons Way, Groveland, MA 01834

**HOTELS:** Rooms have been blocked for NELL

Super 8 Hotel, 101 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich.  
5 rooms available ( 3 with double beds/2 king beds).  
Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax and a \$50. deposit must be given at check-in – to be refunded at check out. Free parking and limited breakfast available. Telephone: 401-397-3381

Best Western Hotel, 99 Nooseneck Hill Road West Greenwich.  
10 rooms are available. Free Parking and free breakfast.  
Rooms are \$225. plus tax. Telephone: 401-397-5494 Reservation link:  
[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.40003.html?groupId=G39GY3M1](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.40003.html?groupId=G39GY3M1)

Rooms are being held until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **SAVE THE DATES – SEPTEMBER 27-29**

Our FALL MEETING will take place in Rhode Island as we take a “SAVE THE BAY” cruise past many (18+) lighthouses and

stop to have lunch on Rose Island by the lighthouse.

More details to come soon.

Click on link below to see more info from the Save the Bay website.

[Lighthouse Tours - Save The Bay](#)



## OTHER VARIOUS LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

\*\*Read the article by using link below about Little River Lighthouse being one of the most unusual places to stay. If you haven't had the chance to get to Little River even for a day trip, I highly recommend it as a beautiful island lighthouse.

[Maine Lighthouse Named Among &#x201c;Most Unusual&#x201c; Places to Stay in US](#)

\*\*Pemaquid Point, one of the most visited lighthouse sites in Maine that was damaged in the January storms, is being repaired. Click link below to read more about it:

[Repairs underway at Maine lighthouse damaged in winter storm](#)

\*\*There is going to be a Ribbon Cutting and Rededication celebration at the Cape Cod Highland Lighthouse on Friday, May 3 starting at 10 AM. Attendees will be allowed to view the museum and extensively repaired lighthouse.

[\(14\) Highland Lighthouse | Facebook](#)

<https://www.nps.gov/caco/learn/news/national-park-service-to-host-a-highland-light-rededication-ceremony-on-may-3.htm>

\*\*To see some great photos of the Coast Guard bringing a giant Daffodil Wreath to the Brant Point Lighthouse in Nantucket and hanging it on the lighthouse, click the link below:

[Nantucket Current | Photo Gallery: Coast Guard Hangs Daffodil Wreath](#)

\*\*If you are unable to attend the NELL Spring Trip but want to visit the Pomham Rocks Lighthouse, tours will be given this summer. Click on link below for more info:

[Aug 2 | Lighthouse Tours of Pomham Rocks | East Providence, RI Patch](#)

\*\*A NELL member was at Robert Moses State Park on Long Island at the end of the season last year. He discovered that there is a new service in which you can get a pedicab ride to and from the Fire Island lighthouse. As it happened, it was their last weekend for the season but will start up again around May 6, 2024. He has attached a card explaining how the pedicab operates. Last year, the cost was \$5.00 per ride. The person he spoke to thought that cost would remain the same. In addition, during the summer months, there are approximately 6 pedicabs. Below you will find a picture of the card regarding the service.

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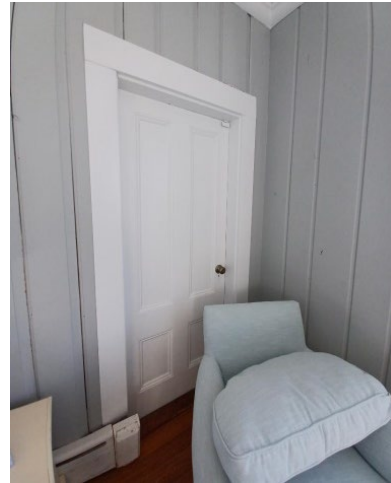
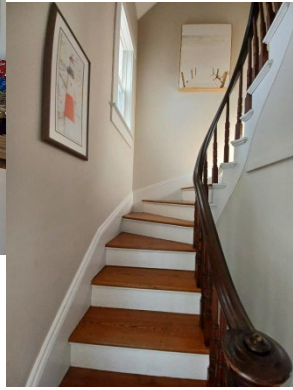
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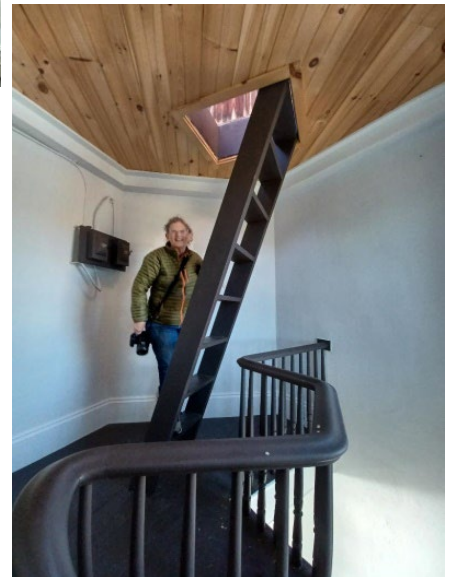
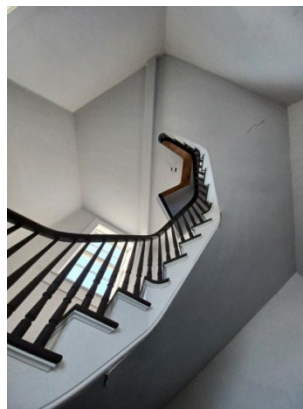




# Sherri Roberts' recent unexpected visit to Wings Neck Lighthouse, Massachusetts



hall & stairs to tower







View from the Lantern Room



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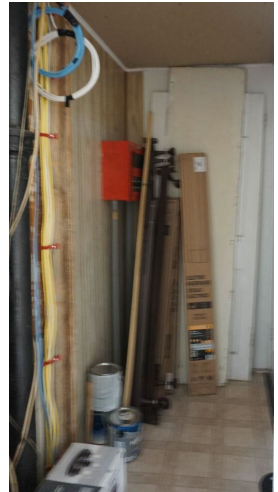
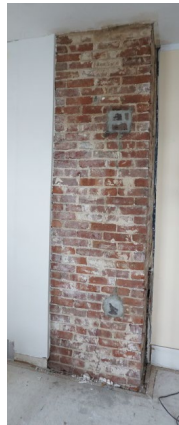
Recently I had the opportunity to talk with lighthouse owner, preservationist, and President of American Lighthouse Foundation Nick Korstad. Below is a brief overview of some of his history in the lighthouse world.

Nick Korstad is the current owner of Big Bay Lighthouse, which is also a B&B in the remote western upper peninsula of Michigan. He began his quest as a lighthouse owner in 2005 when he expected to restore the Wolf Trap lighthouse, located in Virginia, but due to many complications that light was sold to a new owner. He bid and won the Borden Flats lighthouse in 2010 which he restored and turned into a bed & breakfast. As such, many people, including my husband Bob & I, enjoyed staying in the spark-plug type caisson lighthouse out in the middle of the water by the town of Fall River, Mass. A few years ago, Nick sold Borden Flats and became the owner of Big Bay Point lighthouse in 2018 where he has been the welcoming keeper to many visitors. He is soon going to be selling Big Bay Light and in the meantime has recently become the owner of Brown's Head Lighthouse on the island of Vinalhaven in Maine, a few miles off the coast of Rockland. He is now in the restoration process which, because of its remote location and other previously unknown structural issues, is going to take longer than hoped. When the restoration is complete, Nick plans to offer part of the house as a rental similar to a B&B, and will live in the rest of the house. It is a beautiful spot, off the beaten path and a perfect place to relax in the beauty of nature. In the meantime, in Nick's spare time, he is also the recently elected President of the American Lighthouse Foundation which was founded years ago by recently deceased Tim Harrison. Below I have included a link for the Big Bay Lighthouse and recent photos of the current condition and work being done at Brown's Head Lighthouse. We wish Nick all the best as he works toward restoring this iconic Lighthouse in our New England State of Maine. If you want to learn more about Big Bay Lighthouse and its accommodations click the link: [Big Bay Point Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast - Big Bay, MI](#)

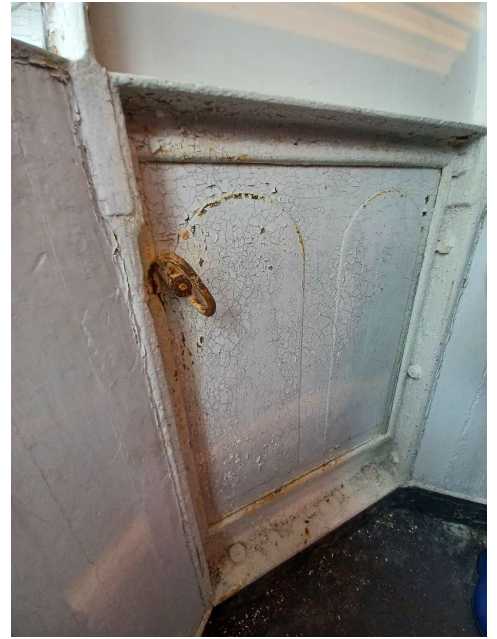
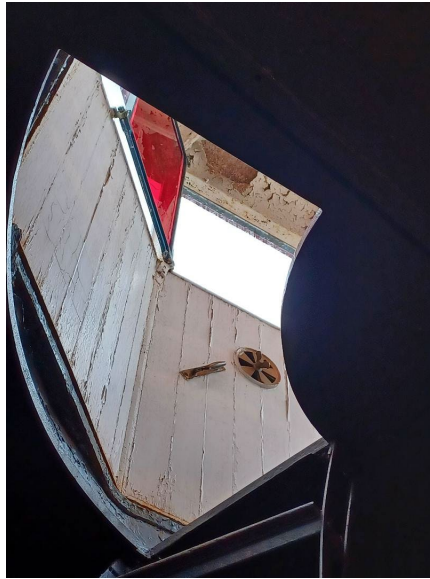




LIGHT STATION  
BROWN'S HEAD →







## HE DID IT!

Stephen Hassman finished the Boston Marathon! His training runs to the lighthouses down south prepared him for some hot weather on race day. Thanks to much support which ends in a couple of weeks, Stephen has raised over \$10,000 to help end homelessness. To learn more about Stephen's race and homelessness cause, please contact him directly at [stephenhassman@gmail.com](mailto:stephenhassman@gmail.com) or call him at 857-303-1496.



**TO:**

**Jessica Shulman** who was our guide via Zoom on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, on the boat as we explored the history and architecture of lighthouses in NYC lower harbor and upper harbor, including Staten Island, Brooklyn and Manhattan with a bit of Queens and the Bronx thrown in.

**AND**

**Tom Pregman** who streamed 3 short movies of his lighthouse adventures of 2023 including (1) The Fire Island light a 1<sup>st</sup> order lens building, two days of the USLHS Long Island tour to the National Lighthouse Museum, NY harbor lightships, Long Island's East End Maritime Museum, and lighthouse cruise to Long Beach Bar and other Long Island Sound lights. (2) the NELL Spring tour with contrasting preservation styles of Greens Ledge and Sheffield Island Lights (3) NELL's Fall tour climbing the upper Hudson River lights. Finally, (4) the NELL 25th anniversary 2024 LHHC&Y weekend touring the Friends of Nobska Lighthouse completely updated light station, and a look back at the many faces of Nobska Light over the years.



**More Zoom lighthouse tours will be coming in the future. If you have photos of a trip you took and are willing to share them with NELL members, please contact Arlene to make arrangements for them to be shared on a ZOOM program.**





# BIG PRIZE DRAWING

By now all unsold tickets, stubs from sold tickets and a check for sold tickets for this drawing should have been sent to Ellen Granoth. If you still have some in your possession, please contact Ellen **IMMEDIATELY!**

The winning tickets will be drawn at the upcoming NELL 2024 Spring meeting.

Please contact Ellen at 203-437-1663 E-mail: [ellenlg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenlg@sbcglobal.net) or write to: 124 Scott Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 if you have any questions.

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

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## NELL labeled merchandise

If you're looking for a new NELL shirt, sweatshirt, or whatever, contact Jean at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com) and she will try to get it to you in time for the spring trip. Remember, price is Cost plus \$5 for Preservation





Harry Wass	5/7	Adam Winkleman	5/26	MaryAnn Clark	5/27
Amy Winger	6/6	Larry Rhine	6/9	Frank DePasquale	6/10
Terry Barnhart	6/12	Walt Mills	6/24	Ellen Granoth	6/28



Bill & Odette Kent	5/1	Tony & Linda Allen	5/6	Bob & Sharon Mills	5/9
Terry & Melody Barnhart	5/19			Bob & MaryAnn Scroope	5/28
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. as we head into Summer, we hope you will feel better soon.



With Deepest Sympathy



Nell sends prayers & condolences to family & friends of **LONG TIME NELL MEMBER, GRAHAM MEDDINGS,** who died on April 9 after a brave battle w/ cancer (to view Obituary go to the NELL website.)





# MEMBERSHIP

No new members this month. If asking your friends isn't getting you anywhere, try asking your enemies! Who knows? Your enemy might just become your friend

Those who have not net renewed: The roster is being updated this month and we'd hate for your name not to be on it. Please renew or email [NELLMembership@mail.com](mailto:NELLMembership@mail.com) and let me know you won't be. If there is a reason you want to share about why you are not renewing, please include it in your email. Maybe it's something you don't like that we can fix.



## NELL Membership Application & Renewal Form 2024

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday M/D \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Membership Type Please check off the type of Membership:

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| _____ 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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Riverside RI 02915-2632

You can also pay through our website [newenglandlighthouseovers.com](http://newenglandlighthouseovers.com)  
A PayPal account is not required for payment

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](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 me at [smills8839@aol.com](mailto: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



**CELEBRATING 25  
YEARS!!!!**





