

# November **DECEMBER** NELL NEWS 2024

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## NELL Fall Meeting PHOTOS, September 27-29, 2024







Photos in order from left to right: Trip post card and pin, Nell members on boat to Prudence Island, Sherri Roberts w/member of Prudence Conservancy, and Arlene Winkleman w/ member from Prudence Island Historical & Preservation Society. (Both groups were given checks), Nell members in area where refreshments were provided by Prudence Island Historical Society, Linda S. & Sharon M. on gallery of Prudence Island Light (also known as Sandy Point Light), Raymond Jenness, Chairman of Prudence Conservancy in Lantern room of Lighthouse, Nell members at dock on Prudence Island waiting for boat, Boat arriving at Prudence Island for trip back to Bristol, RI. Save the Bay Boat with one group of Nell Members, Second Save the Bay boat with other group of Nell Members. Lens at Rose Island Lighthouse, Nell Members having picnic lunch at Rose Island, group photo on beach with Rose Island Light in the background.

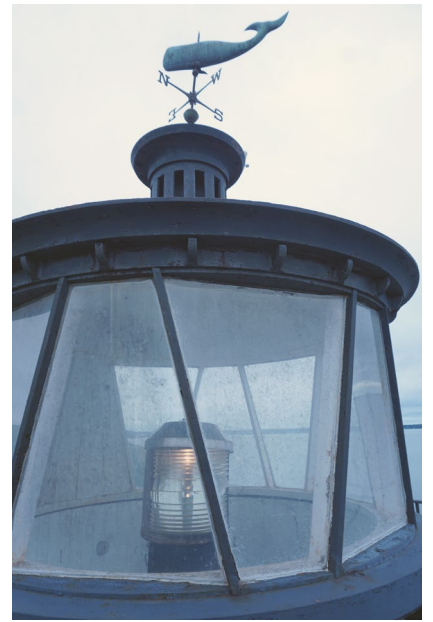


**NEW 2025 Mr. & Ms. NELL**

**Debbie Brew chose Sherri Roberts as the new Ms. NELL**

**Henry Winkleman chose Bob Granoth as the new Mr. NELL**





All photos above at Nayatt Point Lighthouse. Back of house from driveway, National Register of historic place sign, Lantern Room with lens on, Nell members inside living room area, Tower from porch area, Tower from side of house, Presentation to owners, Jocelyn & Randy Kaplan by Nell President Arlene Winkleman, and Nell Vice President Sherri Roberts.

## LETTER FROM NELL'S PRESIDENT

We are nearing the end of 2024. It has been a good year for NELL – we have a number of new members – several who have attended our events; with the efforts of Ellen, Bob and Anthony we have raised a significant amount of money for our Preservation Fund; we funded a grant for the Eagle Island Light in Maine; Sherri planned 3 events all of which were a success and appreciated by those who attended.

For the Fall Event that included a visit to Prudence Island, a Save the Bay lighthouse cruise (including a picnic lunch on Rose Island) and a private visit to the Nayatt Point lighthouse – our thanks go to:

Sherri Roberts - for coordinating the event and managing the details  
The people at Prudence Island who were so happy to host us – and provided a delicious spread of goodies  
Jocelyn and Randy Kaplan, owners of Nayatt Point for opening their home to NELL Lighthouse  
Bob Taylor –for producing the pins and postcards  
Debby Lilly – for doing the historical research to include in the packets  
Debbie Brew and Sandy Peterson – for coordinating the silent auction  
Everyone who helped set up and clean up for our dinner meeting

At the business meeting

Sean Curran was elected as a Director-At-Large  
We thank Jim Malone for his 2 years of service as he retires from this position  
We thanked Sharon Mills who is retiring as editor of NELL News and welcomed Elaine Watson who will be the new editor.  
Elaine's email is: [ewatson820@gmail.com](mailto:ewatson820@gmail.com) - so please send her your lighthouse news  
We thanked Bob Taylor who is retiring as Historian  
Sharon Mills will assume the Historian task of keeping our scrapbook  
Sean Curran will keep the excel spreadsheets with NELL data current  
??? Pins and Postcards – still looking for a volunteer(s) for these tasks

We hope everyone stays safe and well – and able to enjoy the November and December holidays.

I would like to have a ZOOM meeting in January – do you have a slide show of your lighthouseAdventures that you would like to share? A 30 – 45 minute program is perfect!

We look forward to seeing you at our 2025 Lighthouse, Hot Chocolate & You event in FEBRUARY.

REMEMBER: Your dues must be current in order to participate in our events.

Arlene

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**UPDATE TO NELL WINTER LIGHTHOUSES, HOT CHOCOLATE & YOU INFO  
COST FOR EVENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED**

**MEMBER: \$40.00 PAYPAL: \$41.49  
NON MEMBERS: \$60.00 PAYPAL: \$62.04**

# NELL WINTER MEETING

Sunday,  
February 16  
@ 8:30AM



NEW ENGLAND  
LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS, Inc.

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

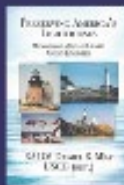
8:30AM - 9:30AM Highland Lighthouse

10:00AM - 12:00PM Nauset and Three Sisters Lighthouses

1:30PM Presentation by Rear Admiral Dan May at the Coast Guard Heritage Museum

## WELCOME REAR ADMIRAL

Daniel R. May



At 1:30PM join us for a presentation by Rear Admiral Dan May, USCG Retired.

His book will be for sale:  
*Preserving America's Lighthouses*



Coast Guard Heritage Museum,  
3353 Main Street, Barnstable, MA



Short meeting afterwards with cookie contest.  
Hot chocolate and coffee will be available.



**QUESTIONS? EMAIL**  
SRCRAN9@GMAIL.COM



## OTHER LIGHTHOUSE NEWS

On, Saturday, September 14, Maine Open Lighthouse Day, there was a ribbon cutting at Pemaquid Point Lighthouse to celebrate the restoration of the fog signal building that had been severely damaged in a January storm. Below are three photos taken by Sharon Mills that day and a link to the Facebook page where you can watch a video of the wave that caused the damage, the rebuilding process, and the ribbon cutting. [\(20+\) Facebook](#)



On Monday, October 21, NELL members Sherri Roberts, Elaine Watson, and Gary & Jean Zunda met with the USLHS (United State Lighthouse Society) President, Henry Gonzalez for Lunch in Plymouth, Mass. to discuss how the USLHS might be of help to NELL going forward in our quests to preserve lighthouses and bring education to especially the younger generation. Also on Wednesday, October 23, NELL member Sharon Mills met with Henry and Jeremy D'Entremont in Portsmouth, NH for discussion about the same subject.



Stratford lighthouse in Connecticut has made plans for people to be able to visit and tour the lighthouse there. Elaine Watson learned that all spots have already been reserved and she was put on a waiting list, but the info is on the link below:

[https://www.stratfordct.gov/o/stratford/page/slptours?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2oRC6F9Biv34pthVG1ZZzdJD1OYh5tbrEYSr2PstdebqIERWKQTPQqoMQ\\_aem\\_bMkLLEqIf8y0qv6h1bFyWg](https://www.stratfordct.gov/o/stratford/page/slptours?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2oRC6F9Biv34pthVG1ZZzdJD1OYh5tbrEYSr2PstdebqIERWKQTPQqoMQ_aem_bMkLLEqIf8y0qv6h1bFyWg)

NELL NEWS GETS A NEW EDITOR!

First I would like to thank Sharon Mills for her tireless dedication to publishing a great newsletter over the past years.

I have been a NELL member since 2023 and have been enjoying the lighthouse trips as well as learning new history about each one that we have visited. Looking forward to the upcoming trips for 2025.

As we move forward here is a publication schedule for 2025 and a deadline for submissions:

**Publication Date: Submission deadline:**

**March 15th March 1st**

**June 15th June 1st**

**September 15th September 1st**

**December 15th December 1st**

Please share your stories, trips, and any lighthouse activity that may be happening in New England or that you have participated in. As always, our trips will be the highlight of NELL News! The newsletter will be published (at the moment) through Google Docs and shared via email. I hope to add a shared photo file for anyone interested in sharing their photos. Working on that at the moment. Looking forward to your input.

Elaine Watson

Send your submissions to: [ewatson820@gmail.com](mailto:ewatson820@gmail.com)

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# HELP WANTED

We are in need of a member who could make the postcards and pins that are given to participants who attend our NELL events.

Bob Taylor is “retiring” from this ‘job’. He is happy to be a mentor. We have the machine and supplies to make the button.

Can you help??? Contact Arlene 617-731-5181 (Home) or [wink8@mindspring.com](mailto:wink8@mindspring.com)



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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 Merchandise



The holidays are coming. It's a good time to be thinking of adding some NELL merchandise to your gift lists. There are several options available – style, weight, LS, SS, color – and if you're interested, please contact me at [nellmembership@mail.com](mailto:nellmembership@mail.com) or call 401 433-2506 and leave a message. Pricing will be cost plus \$5 for preservation; delivery negotiable.

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Ellen and Bob Granoth and Anthony Savino designed a coin commemorating NELL's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which they had produced and sold at the Spring Trip . You can also purchase these coins at future events or from Ellen Granoth, who can be contacted at [ellenlg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ellenlg@sbcglobal.net) or (203) 437-1663, but remember only a limited number were produced. They are \$20 each in person.



front view



back view

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Pamela DePasquale	11/07	Larry Thompson	11/10
Norm Bosse	11/15	Bob Mills	11/15
Jim Streeter	11/15	Gary Toth	11/19



Linda Sherlock	12/03	Cynthia Bosse	12/12
Judy Newblom	12/26	Hank Heacock	12/29



## MEMBER ANNIVERSARYS



Frank & Pamela DePasquale	11/14
Gary & Kay Toth	12/15
Johnathan & Elinor DeWire	12/30
Paul & Patricia Leary	12/31



## HEALING AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

For any NELL members who are having continuing health issues, or a cold, flu, covid, etc. as we head into WINTER, we hope you will feel better soon.



## NEW ARRIVAL

I am excited to announce the arrival on Monday, Oct. 14, of a great-granddaughter. She is the daughter of our (Sharon & Bob Mills) granddaughter who recently lost her two brothers one year apart – so it's an especially joyful occasion. Her name is Delilah Grace Pauline Sykes. Due to being a few weeks early, she weighed 5 lbs 5 ¾ oz. She is healthy & doing well.



# NELL Membership News

~ Welcome to our Newest Members ~

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## *A Sweet Farewell*

We received a resignation letter from one of our Lifetime members who told me she is blind and is no longer able to attend any of our events. She did NOT tell me she was 98 however. God Bless Her!!

Dear Arlene,

Thank you for sending all of the wonderful NELL emails. I am no longer able to travel. Please remove me from your mailing list, and life membership lists. Thank you for all the wonderful times. At 98, I recall them all.

As ever, Margery Zurko

*I Still Dance in the Rain.*

Margery B. Zurko



Margery was indeed a "fun" NELL Member. These photos were taken of her on a couple of Nell trips by Sharon Mills.

It's November and that means autumn leaves, brisk chilly nights, and - oh, yeah - NELL renewal! Renewals remain the same; same categories, same dues, same ways to pay.



This is a good time to think about upgrading your membership a category or two. We have plenty of Individuals and Dual memberships – 80 out of 99 – but we could use more Assistant Keepers, Keepers, or Family and, especially, **Juniors**.

Five members died in 2024 and we are experiencing the same 'aging out' problem as are many other organizations. Grandchildren are a potential source of new members and NELL trips are an excellent way to spend time with them. Get creative and help us increase our membership!



## Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary MM/YY \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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 can also be made through PayPal at [newenglandlighthouse lovers.com](http://newenglandlighthouse lovers.com)  
 A PayPal account is not required for payment

Our board is NEARLY full and our President is Arlene Winkleman. We are always 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 our new NELL NEWS editor at [ewatson820@gmail.com](mailto:ewatson820@gmail.com)

Please let Editor know your **birthday** (month & day only) and **anniversary** so she 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. I will miss doing the NEWS, but hope you will welcome Elaine and send her information you think she can use in the NEWS. Thank you for your help over the past 4 years. Sharon Mills



**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!!!!**

