



JULY - SEPTEMBER

2025

we're so glad you're here!

Light News with NELL

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

THE NELL FALL TRIP ENCOUNTERED A FEW GLITCHES WHEN THE ASTRONOMICAL TIDES WOULD NOT ALLOW THE BOAT TO DOCK AT EAGLE ISLAND.

NEVERTHELESS, MEMBERS ENJOYED THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING MAINE OPEN LIGHTHOUSE DAY. THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING WAS HELD IN STONINGTON, MAINE WHERE MEMBERS ENJOYED BREAKFAST. ELECTIONS WERE HELD, GRANTS WERE APPROVED, AND WE HAVE A NEW MR AND MS NELL FOR 2025-2026: SEAN CURRAN AND CAROL BLAKE - BOTH WELL DESERVED HONORS!!

SPECIAL THANKS TO SHERRI ROBERTS WHO PLANNED THE EVENT, CAROL BLAKE WHO MADE THE BUTTONS AND POSTCARDS AND DEBBY LILLY WHO WROTE THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT EAGLE ISLAND.

OUR PRESERVATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

NELL RECEIVED 5 REQUESTS FOR GRANTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2025.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - WALT MILLS, BOB MILLS, LARRY OLASKY AND GARY ZUNDA - REVIEWED THE GRANT REQUESTS AND MADE FOLLOW-UP INQUIRIES OF ALL THE PEOPLE SUBMITTING REQUESTS. THE COMMITTEE BROUGHT THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD THAT NELL FUND THE PROPOSALS. AFTER THE BOARD

APPROVES THE GRANTS THE REQUESTS ARE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. AT A ZOOM MEETING IN JUNE AND THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MAINE AT THE FALL TRIP, THE MEMBERS VOTED TO APPROVE THE GRANTS. GRANTS WERE GIVEN TO:

PEMAQUID POINT
BAKERS ISLAND
PORTLAND BREAKWATER
DUBLING POINT

LAST WEEK A GRANT REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FROM THACHER AND STRAITSMOUTH ISLANDS ASSOCIATION - WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW AND THEN BRING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT NELL HAD THE MONEY TO FUND THESE GRANTS. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT OUR PRESERVATION FUND IS NOW VERY LOW - AND NELL CANNOT ACCEPT ANY MORE GRANTS AT THIS TIME. HAVE A FUND RAISING IDEA? PLEASE SHARE!! KNOW PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HELP SAVE LIGHTHOUSES? ASK THEM TO MAKE A DONATION TO NELL - AND WE WILL USE THE FUNDS TO HELP IN THE RESTORATION OF VARIOUS NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSES.

CAN YOU HELP NELL? WE ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

EVENTS COMMITTEE - HELP IN THE PLANNING OF NELL TRIPS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE - HAVE AN IDEA FOR A TRIP, A ZOOM PROGRAM, OTHER

LOOKING FOR AN OCTOBER LIGHTHOUSE ADVENTURE. PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 NEW JERSEY LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE - OCTOBER 18TH AND 19TH. HENRY & I DID THIS CHALLENGE TWICE - SAW NEW PARTS OF

NEW JERSEY, MET NICE PEOPLE AND HAD FUN. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

WWW.LIGHTHOUSECHALLENGENJ.COM

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED:

RENA GARRIOTT - MOTHER OF LINDA SHERLOCK
RON BANDOCK

WE WISH A COMPLETE RECOVERY TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM MEDICAL ISSUES IN RECENT MONTHS.

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? PLEASE CONTACT ME

ARLENE WINKLEMAN, PRESIDENT
617-731-5181 HOME





BAKER'S ISLAND

ON JULY 23RD SEVERAL NELL MEMBERS GOT TO VISIT BAKER'S ISLAND LIGHT STATION SO WE COULD SEE HOW OUR PRESERVATION GRANT WAS BEING USED. IT WAS A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL ON A BEAUTIFUL SUMMER DAY!



**SCITUATE LIGHTHOUSE AFTER THE
RENOVATION. ANYONE WHO
BOUGHT RAFFLE TICKETS, GOES TO
NELL EVENTS AND IS A MEMBER,
THANK YOU THIS IS WHAT NELL
DOES , HELPS WITH
PRESERVATION. THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS NELL.**



**SHERRI ROBERTS AND ELAINE
WATSON TOOK A RIDE TO
SCITUATE LIGHT TO CHECK OUT
THE RENOVATIONS.**

WHAT DID YOU DO ON NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY?

**MANY OF OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATED THIS DAY WITH A
LIGHTHOUSE TRIP!**

WOULD YOU BELIEVE - A LIGHTHOUSE IN OKLAHOMA CITY

IN AUGUST ON THE WINKLEMANS TRAVELED TO TEXAS AND STOPPED IN OKLAHOMA CITY. THEY WERE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THERE WAS A LIGHTHOUSE IN THE CITY ON MAN-MADE LAKE HEFNER. OFFICIALLY THE NAME OF THE LIGHTHOUSE IS THE LIGHTHOUSE AT EAST WHARF AND IT WAS BUILT IN 1999 AS A COPY OF THE BRANT POINT LIGHTHOUSE IN NANTUCKET. (GOTTA LOVE NEW ENGLAND!) IT IS OFFICIALLY A LIGHTHOUSE AND HAS BEEN REGISTERED AS A PRIVATE AID TO NAVIGATION WITH THE US COAST GUARD - AND IT IS A MEMBER OF THE US LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY. SINCE IT IS SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE TO TORNADO ALLEY IT IS BUILT OF STURDY CONCRETE TO KEEP IT STANDING FIRMLY ON THE WATER'S EDGE EVEN IN THE HARSHTEST OF WINDS.



MEMBERS SHERRI ROBERTS AND PAT JOHNSTON WENT ON A CAPE TRIP FOR NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY.

**RACE POINT LIGHTHOUSE, FIRST BUILT IN 1816, CAPE CODS 3RD LIGHT TO BE
BUILT. HIGHLAND LIGHT WAS BUILT 1ST, THEN CHATHAM LIGHT.**

**SHERRI'S FIRST LIGHTHOUSE ADVENTURE STARTED AT THIS LIGHT IN 2013.
STARTED WITH A 2 MILE WALK IN SOFT SAND. WE CLIMBED THE TOWER, HAD
GREAT VIEWS FROM UP TOP. WALKED THE BEACH ON THE WAY BACK AND HAD
A REALLY NICE COOL OCEAN BREEZE THE WHOLE WAY BACK.**



AND MEMBER CAROL BLAKE VISITED GRINDLE POINT LIGHT IN MAINE



MANY MEMBERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MAINE OPEN LIGHTHOUSE DAY!

HENRY AND ARLENE VISITED LITTLE RIVER LIGHT, THE WATSONS TOOK A CRUISE WITH ISLE AU HAUTE BOAT SERVICES, AND A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WENT ON THE GRAND SLAM WITH BAR HARBOR WHALE WATCH INCLUDING CAROL, SHERRI, PAT, SEAN AND OTHERS. TAKE A LOOK AT THEIR ADVENTURES!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MR. AND MRS. NELL! SEAN CURRAN AND CAROL BLAKE!



LIGHT NEWS AROUND NEW ENGLAND AND BEYOND, FALL 2025

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE OF NEW JERSEY (OCTOBER 18-19, 2025)

**WHAT IT IS: A TWO-DAY EVENT THAT INVITES PARTICIPANTS TO VISIT A VARIETY
OF LIGHTHOUSES, LIFESAVING STATIONS, AND MUSEUMS ALONG NEW JERSEY'S
COAST.**

**WHAT TO EXPECT: PARTICIPANTS CAN COLLECT MEMENTOS BY VISITING THE
DESIGNATED SITES.**

**HOW TO FIND MORE DETAILS: CHECK THE VISIT NJ.ORG WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

**FALL LIGHTHOUSE OPEN DAY - SANKATY HEAD LIGHT
OCTOBER 11 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
CLIMB TO THE TOP!**

**[HTTPS://SCONSETTRUST.ORG/EVENT/FALL-LIGHTHOUSE-
OPEN-DAY-2025/](https://sconsettrust.org/event/fall-lighthouse-open-day-2025/)**

**SIGN UP WILL BE AVAILABLE OCTOBER 6.
THIS IS A LIMITED-CAPACITY EVENT!**



NELL MEMBERSHIP NEWS
~ WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ~



NELL
MERCHANDISE



**THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE – STYLE, WEIGHT, LS, SS,
COLOR – AND IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT
NELLMEMBERSHIP@MAIL.COM
OR CALL**

401-433-2506

**AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. PRICING WILL BE COST PLUS \$5 FOR
PRESERVATION; DELIVERY NEGOTIABLE.**



NELL SHOUTOUTS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL THOSE WHO CELEBRATED ANOTHER YEAR AROUND
THE SUN DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER!**

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SICK THIS SUMMER!
OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS AND TO MEMBERS
WHO HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.**

**DID YOU CELEBRATE A SPECIAL DAY OR ANNIVERSARY? CONGRATULATIONS
FROM ALL OF US AT NELL!**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER
(DECEMBER, 2025) PLEASE DROP ME AN EMAIL AT EWATSON820@GMAIL.COM**

DON'T FORGET - GET OUTSIDE AND TAKE A LIGHTHOUSE TRIP!