



OCTOBER - DECEMBER
2025

we're so glad you're here!

Light News with NELL

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WHERE DID 2025 GO? I HOPE MANY OF YOU WERE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE SOME LIGHTHOUSE ADVENTURES. PLEASE SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES WITH OTHER NELL MEMBERS BY SENDING ELAINE WATSON A SHORT ARTICLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NELL NEWSLETTER.

I HAVE RECEIVED LOVELY THANK YOU NOTES FROM SOME OF THE LIGHTHOUSES NELL WAS ABLE TO HELP WITH THEIR LIGHTHOUSE RENOVATIONS BY GIVING THEM GRANT MONEY.

NELL DONATED ALMOST \$25,000.00 DURING 2025. THAT IS THE WONDERFUL NEWS. BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE, OUR PRESERVATION FUND IS NOW QUITE LOW. THE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING ON ONE MORE SMALL REQUEST THAT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD IN JANUARY FOR THEIR APPROVAL AND THEN THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE. UNTIL THE PRESERVATION FUND HAS MOVE MONEY, OUR WEBMASTER, JOHN DONAVAN, HAS REMOVED THE GRANT APPLICATION FORM FROM THE WEBSITE. DO YOU WANT TO HELP? IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PRESERVATION FUND. DONATIONS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE WEBSITE – OR BY SENDING A CHECK TO OUR TREASURER, KATHY SANTUCCI, 38 LIME KILN ROAD, TUCKAHOE, NY 10707.

WE WILL HAVE OUR 2026 LIGHTHOUSES, HOT CHOCOLATE & YOU (LHHC&Y) EVENT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH. WE ARE HOPING THAT MOTHER NATURE WILL BE KINDER TO US – KEEPING THE SNOW AND FRIGID WEATHER AWAY. THE COOKIE CHALLENGE WILL BE BACK – SO IF YOU MADE SOME FABULOUS COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS, PLEASE MAKE ANOTHER BATCH FOR NELL (AND BRING THE RECIPE).

IT IS TIME TO WISH ALL OUR NELL MEMBERS A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

AND ESPECIALLY WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2026.

ARLENE

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**NELL 2026 LHHC&Y
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
CAPE COD**

**WE WILL VISIT
HIGHLAND, NAUSET AND THREE SISTERS**

**COOKIE CHALLENGE IS BACK!!!
WE HOPE THIS YEAR MOTHER NATURE WILL COOPERATE
DETAILS TO FOLLOW THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY**





NOT NEW ENGLAND , BUT....

IN OCTOBER, THE WATSONS WERE OUT IN CALIFORNIA AND STOPPED BY TWO LIGHTHOUSES: ANACAPA ISLAND WHICH IS 12 MILES OFFSHORE FROM SANTA BARBARA AND POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE IN PACIFIC GROVE, WHICH IS THEB OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING LIGHTHOUSEB ON THE WEST COAST, ESTABLISHED IN 1855.



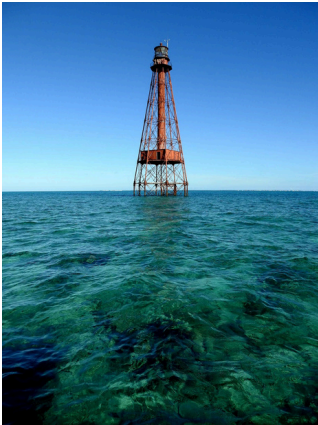
FUN TRIP SOUTH TO ESCAPE NEW ENGLAND. WENT TO THE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION MEETING AND GOT TO CLIMB CAPE FLORIDA. THE NEW WINDOWS IN THE LANTERN ROOM ARE AMAZING. NO MORE PITTED, YELLOWED PLEXIGLASS. ALSO STOPPED IN AT THE HISTORY MUSEUM OF MIAMI TO SEE THE CARYSFORT FIRST ORDER FRESNEL LENS.

NEXT UP WAS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MAYPORT LIGHTS. THEY WANT TO MOVE ONE OF THE LIGHTS WHICH IS LOCATED ON A NAVY BASE. ONLY THING IS WHEN THEY BUILT THE RUNWAY, THEY LEVELED THE SAND DUNES AND BURIED ABOUT 10 FEET OF THE LIGHTHOUSE. WE TOOK A CRUISE ON SATURDAY TO SEE SOMBRERO KEY LIGHTHOUSE AND EAST WASHERWOMAN SHOAL LIGHT. THEN ANOTHER CRUISE ON SUNDAY TO SEE AMERICAN SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE. THERE WAS TIME TO VISIT ALL MY COUSINS IN MIAMI AND ON THE WAY BACK TO MY BROTHER'S WE MADE A QUICK STOP AT HILLSBORO INLET LIGHT.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. MERRY CHRISTMAS! SHERRI AND LARRY ROBERTS



HILLSBORO INLET
LIGHTHOUSE
FLORIDA
THE 2ND ORDER
FRESNEL IS A BIVALVE
LENS AND IS NINE FEET
ACROSS.



SOMBRERO KEY LIGHTHOUSE
FLORIDA KEYS
THE KEEPERS DWELLING WAS BUILT 40 FEET ABOVE THE WATER. IT WAS 30 FOOT
SQUARE, THE ORIGINAL TINY HOUSE. BUILT OF 1/4 " BOILER IRON, IT HAD 4
ROOMS. SOMBRERO KEY WAS THE TALLEST OF ALL THE KEY LI



AMERICAN SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE
FLORIDA KEYS
THIS LIGHTHOUSE WAS BUILT WITH THE SAME DESIGN AS FOWEY ROCKS
LIGHTHOUSE LOCATED IN THE UPPER MOST KEYS. (THERE WERE SLIGHT
DIFFERENCES



CAPE FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSE
KEY BISCAIYNE, FLORIDA.

LIGHT NEWS AROUND NEW ENGLAND AND BEYOND

ALWAYS A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

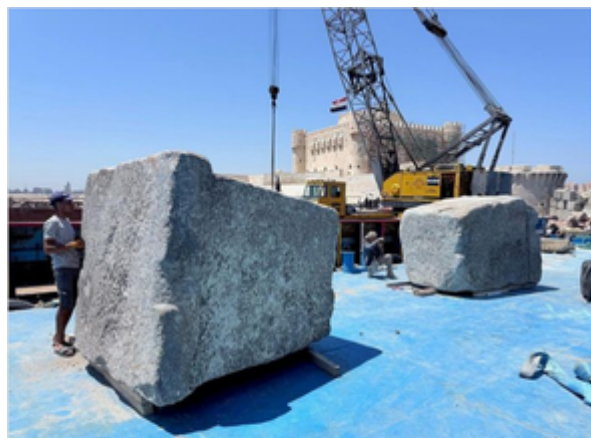
[HTTPS://WBLM.COM/NUBBLE-LIGHT-MAINE-CHRISTMAS/](https://wblm.com/nubble-light-maine-christmas/)

HERE'S ANOTHER GREAT SEASONAL DELIGHT.

[HTTPS://LIGHTHOUSEFOUNDATION.ORG/WHO-WE-ARE/LATEST-NEWS/](https://lighthousefoundation.org/who-we-are/latest-news/)

IN MEMORIIUM OF THE SINKING OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD

[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/KPOSH5LWQR8?SI=S8COIOL8TPT0XAX-](https://youtu.be/kposh5lwqr8?si=s8coiol8tpt0xax-)



Lighthouse of Alexandria rises again as 22 massive blocks resurface from the seafloor after 2,000 years

22 blocks of the ancient Lighthouse of Alexandria recovered for a groundbreaking digital reconstruction of the lost wonder.

📰 Archaeology News Online Magazine · Nov 27

MORE LIGHT NEWS AROUND NEW ENGLAND AND BEYOND



Edward Rowe Snow was the 'Flying Santa' for New England lighthouses for 40 years

By Sharon Oliver Contributing Writer REGION - In...

fiftyplusadvocate.com

**THIS ONE IS
A NELL
GRANT!**

**NELL MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE
SMALL GRANTS WE AWARDED RECENTLY.**

SAVE THE DATE: ALF'S ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE HERE SOON!

[HTTPS://AUCTION.BIDDINGFORGOOD.COM/AUCTION/341820029](https://AUCTION.BIDDINGFORGOOD.COM/AUCTION/341820029)

BIDS WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 3RD

HELP OUT LIGHTHOUSES BY WEARING NELL PRODUCTS PROUDLY!



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 \$10 FOR
PRESERVATION; DELIVERY NEGOTIABLE.**



NELL MEMBERSHIP NEWS

~ WELCOME TO OUR 2025 NEW MEMBERS ~

**REICHEL JAROD & KATHLEEN LARRY LAQUIDARA
WATTENTON VA 20187 WINCHESTER MA**

**GRUBE FRAN - RETURN CAROLINE DOUGHTY - RETURN NIAHTIC CT 06357-1942
OLD LYME CT**

ROBERT DENEAU MELISSA WOOD MANCHESTER NH PHILLIPS ME

**HOLLY QUINN SCARLET KIMBLE
BOSTON MA WATERFORD ME**

**HILARY SEERY – RETURN ERIC SHARP - RETURN
CONCORD NC SPRING HILL FL**

LINDA SHAY – RETURN EAST STROUDSBURG PA

**MARYANN CLARK - RETURN
PATRICK CLARK – RETURN
SPRINGFIELD PA**

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED, NOW'S THE TIME TO DO IT.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IT, PASS THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH
THE NEWSLETTER TO SOMEONE YOU WOULD REALLY LIKE TO JOIN YOU IN YOUR
ADVENTURES IN LIGHTHOUSING. (IS THAT A WORD?)**

**OUR NUMBERS ARE DOWN; WE ALL NEED TO WORK AT ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS.
APPLICATION ON NEXT PAGE OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
NEWENGLANDLIGHTHOUSELOVERS.ORG**

~ NELL APPLICATION ~

NAME(S): _____ BIRTHDAY _____ MM/DD ANNIVERSARY _____
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ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

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

OR THROUGH PAYPAL AT NEWENGLANDLIGHTHOUSELOVERS.ORG PAYPAL ACCOUNT NOT NECESSARY TO
COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.

NELL SHOUTOUTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL THOSE WHO CELEBRATED ANOTHER YEAR AROUND THE SUN DURING OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER!

**SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SICK THIS FALL
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!

HAVE A JOYFUL AND WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON!