



JANUARY - MARCH

2026

we're so glad you're here!

Light News with NELL

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER FINDS EVERYBODY DOING AS WELL.

WE MADE IT THROUGH THIS LONG, FRIGID, SNOWY WINTER. BUT WE HAD BEAUTIFUL (BUT COLD) WEATHER FOR THE LIGHTHOUSES, HOT CHOCOLATE AND YOU (LHHC&Y) EVENT IN FEBRUARY. SPECIAL THANKS GO TO OUR WONDERFUL HOSTS AT HIGHLAND LIGHT, NAUSET LIGHT AND THE RANGERS AT THE SALT POND VISITOR CENTER. KEN ROSE GAVE THE GROUP AN INTEREST TOUR OF HIGHLAND LIGHT WHICH MOST IN THE GROUP TOOK THE TIME TO CLIMB. AT NAUSET LIGHT SUSAN ABBOTT, PRESIDENT OF THE NAUSET LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY, AND THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED US WARMLY TO NOT ONLY CLIMB THE LIGHTHOUSE BUT ALSO TOUR THE KEEPER'S COTTAGE. MOST HAD NOT BEEN INSIDE THE COTTAGE SINCE THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY ONLY TOOK POSSESSION OF THE HOUSE 2 YEARS AGO. AT THE THREE SISTERS WE WERE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER AS THERE WAS A DOOR THAT NEEDED REPAIR. BUT MANY BEAUTIFUL PHOTOS WERE TAKEN. ZACH PIOTROWSKI AND THE OTHER RANGERS AT THE VISITOR CENTER WE MOST ACCOMMODATING. SUSAN ABBOTT SHARED A SLIDE PRESENTATION WITH US "A HISTORY OF THE NAUSET LIGHT BEACH STATION". EIGHT MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE COOKIE CHALLENGE. EVERYONE ENJOYED THE GOODIES. THE WINNERS THIS YEAR WERE ME, COURTNEY DONOVAN AND SHARON MILLS. SPECIAL THANKS TO CAROL BLAKE FOR THE BEAUTIFUL POSTCARDS AND PINS AND TO DEBBIE LILLY FOR THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION FOUND IN EACH PACKET.

WE WERE SORRY TO HAVE LOST 2 MORE NELL MEMBERS IN MARCH = BOTH LONG-TIME MEMBERS: AMY WININGER AND ELLEN GRANOTH. THEY WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

OUR SUNSHINE CHAIR, CINDY KIMBALL, HAS BEEN BUSY SENDING OUT CONDOLENCE AND GET WELL WISHES. IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE OR KNOW A MEMBER WHO COULD USE A GREETING FROM NELL, PLEASE SEND THE INFORMATION TO ME OR TO CINDY (KIMBIE78CK@GMAIL.COM). WE ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MEMBERS' HAPPY OCCASIONS.

I HOPE YOU HAVE MARKED YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO JOIN US AT OUR SPRING EVENT IN CONNECTICUT ON MAY 30 AND 31ST WHEN WE WILL VISIT NEW LONDON LEDGE LIGHT, 5 MILE POINT LIGHT (AND RIDE THE CAROUSEL) AND TAKE A CRUISE ON THE ESSEX RIVER TO SEE LYNDA POINT LIGHTHOUSE AND THE OLD SAYBROOK LIGHT. WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE BEST WESTERN HOTEL IN WEST HAVEN, CT. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 23 AS THAT IS THE DATE I HAVE TO GIVE THE RIVER BOAT A COUNT. YOU CAN MAKE YOUR RESERVATION THROUGH THE WEBSITE – OR SEND ME YOUR CHECK. ALL THE DETAILS AND PRICING CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE. COLETTE LONG HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP IN SECURING THE BEST WESTERN WITH A BLOCK OF ROOMS SAVED FOR NELL. AS A RESIDENT OF NEW LONDON, COLETTE WILL ALSO PROVIDE US WITH RESTAURANT OPTIONS IN THE AREA (THIS INFORMATION WILL BE SENT IN MAY).

SANDY PETERSON SUGGESTED YOU BRING YOUR LARGER ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION TO THIS MEETING AND BRING YOUR SMALLER ITEMS TO NANTUCKET WHEN WE ARE THERE OCTOBER 24TH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY SPRING – ENJOY THE WARMER WEATHER! ARLENE

SAVE THE DATE!



NELL Spring Event. May 30-31, 2026

Schedule of Events

Saturday, May 30th

9:00AM visit New London Ledge Light

Details about boat out to light to follow

Entrance to Maritime Museum included

Afternoon: Choose your own adventure

Some options:

Stonington / Mystic

- 1 Mystic Seaport. sunken ships in LEGO BRICKS
- 2 Stonington Lighthouse Museum
- 3 Enders Island: St Edmund Relic

Groton

- 1 USS Nautilus & Submarine Force Museum
- 2 Fort Griswold: fort and monument
- 1 UConn Avery Point

New London

- 2 New London Harbor Lighthouse.***
 - 3 Fort Trumbull: tour inside til 5pm
 - 4 New London Maritime Museum
 - 5 Full moon cruise to Ledge Light- Friday night if available
- Harkness Memorial State Park

*** Docents can be available in the morning/afternoon to take visitors into NL Harbor Lighthouse. The boat taking visitors out to Ledge will be going back-and-forth (it carries just six passengers at a time). So, if people wanting to visit Harbor Light take an early boat out, they can return sooner and

fit in NL Harbor Light. Tours into Harbor Light take about 40 minutes and cost \$35, each. Contact the New London Maritime Society to make your reservations.

Saturday night

8:00PM NELL meeting (including auction) at the

Best Western Hotel

49 Saw Mill Rd, West Haven, CT

Hotel direct:203-933-0344

Note 20 rooms have been reserved for Sat

And 10 for Friday night. Room rates inc breakfast are:

- \$137 + tax per night for a room with one queen bed
- \$147 + tax per night for a room with two queen beds

Sunday, May 31st

9:00 - 11:00 visit 5 Mile Point Lighthouse

2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven, CT 06512

Lighthouse and antique carousel being open

special for NELL. Lighthouse will be open

Anyone who wishes can have 1 free ride on the carousel.

Fee to 5 Mile Point Park waived for NELL

11:00 - 1:00 Enjoy lunch and drive to

Essex River Museum 67 Main Street Essex, CT

1:15 arrive for the boat that will take us

Down the river to view Old Saybrook

Light and Lynde Point Lighthouse.

USLHS stamps will be available

Entrance to the Museum included

Cost:

\$130.00/pp to attend all activities

\$133.90/pp if paying with PayPal

\$65.00/pp to attend only Saturday events

\$66.95/pp if paying with PayPal

\$70.00/pp to attend on Sunday events

\$72.10/pp if paying with PayPal

Reservation Deadline: May 23, 2026

Checks made payable to:

New England Lighthouse Lovers, Inc

Should be mailed to:

Arlene Winkleman 99

Marion Street #1

Brookline, MA 02446

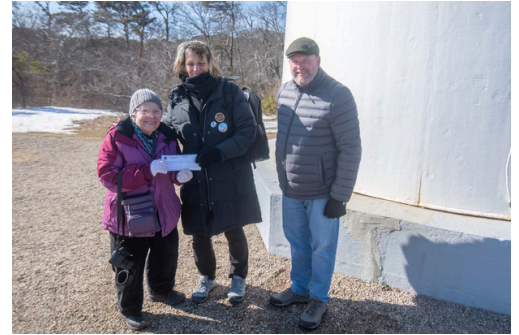
We look forward to seeing you in May

Questions: contact Arlene

Wink8@mindspring.com 781-820-9980

FUN AT OUR WINTER EVENT!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THIS SPRING!



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 2026 NEW MEMBERS ~

**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.**

NEWENGLANDLIGHTHOUSELOVERS.ORG

(SEE APPLICATION ON NEXT PAGE) WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!!

~ 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 I 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 JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH**

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SICK THIS WINTER

**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!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT OUR SPRING EVENT IN
CONNECTICUT!**

UPCOMING LIGHTHOUSE EVENTS AROUND NEW ENGLAND



2026 Season Opening Weekend!

Event by Wood Island Life Saving Station Association on Saturday, May 23 2026

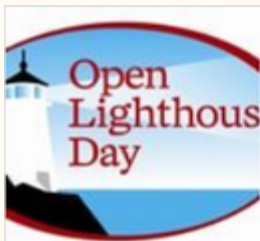
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Lighthouse Tours

When you join a Save The Bay Ultimate Lighthouse Tour, you'll experience Narragansett Bay's historic lighthouse sites first hand! Enjoy breathtaking views of the Newport...

Save The Bay / Apr 2, 2018



Maine Open Lighthouse Day

Maine Open Lighthouse Day - September 14, 2024...this popular annual event, sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism and the...

American Lighthouse Foundation



2026 Sheffield Island Lighthouse Clambake

Seaport Association Sheffield Island Clambake ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A MEAL TICKET TO GET ON THE BOAT. ONLY AN ADD ON TICKET DOES NOT GET YOU ON THE BOAT...

CTvisit / Mar 16

HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO HAVE FUN AT A LIGHTHOUSE

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