JULY - SEPTEMBER 2026

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Light News with NELL

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED THE SUMMER – AND THAT YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME LIGHTHOUSE EXPERIENCES/VISITS ETC. THE NELL SPRING EVENT ENCOUNTERED SOME NASTY WEATHER. WE DID CANCEL THE TRIP OUT TO NEW LONDON LEDGE ON SATURDAY. ON SUNDAY WE VISITED AND CLIMBED THE HISTORIC FIVE MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE HAD A RIDE ON THE ANTIQUE CAROUSEL THAT ARE LOCATED INSIDE LIGHTHOUSE POINT PARK NEAR NEW HAVEN, CT. FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA – CONNECTICUT WAS HIT BY A BAD STORM THIS SUMMER THAT SEVERELY DAMAGED THE BUILDING HOUSING THE CAROUSEL AND DOWNED MANY TREES CAUSING THE PARK TO BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND HAS NOT YET BEEN RE-OPENED. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THE LIGHTHOUSE DID NOT SUQER ANY DAMAGE. ON NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY IN AUGUST, CAROL BLAKE, CINDY KIMBALL, SEAN CURRAN, SHARON AND BOB MILLS AND HENRY AND I WENT TO MAINE FOR 2 PHOTO OPS. LAST FALL NELL DONATED MONEY TO BOTH PEMAQUID LIGHTHOUSE AND DOUBLING LIGHTHOUSE – BUT WE HAD DECIDED TO WAIT FOR BETTER WEATHER TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION WITH THE "BIG" CHECK. WE DID HAVE A BEAUTIFUL DAY. PEOPLE AT BOTH LIGHTHOUSES WERE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE NELL DONATION – AND WE HAVE NICE PLAQUES AT EACH LOCATION RECOGNIZES NELL'S GIFTS.

THANK YOU TO COLETTE DRISCOLL LONG WHO HAS STEPPED UP AND VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT. UNLESS THERE IS ANY OPPOSITION COLETTE WILL ASSUME THE OQICE WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD AT THE GENERAL MEETING AT THE FALL EVENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ON SEPTEMBER 26. COLETTE HAS MANY IDEAS FOR LHHC&Y AND OTHER FUTURE MEETINGS – SO LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS IN YOUR EMAILS AND NEWSLETTERS

IF YOU HAVE ANY LIGHTHOUSE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE SEND IT TO: ELAINE WATSON AT TOBY5229@COMCAST.NET

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR FUTURE TRIPS, PLEASE SEND IT TO COLETTE TUNAQUEEN@FRYINGTIGER.COM AND ME.

IF YOU HAVE FUNDRAISING IDEAS (SO WE CAN BUILD OUR PRESERVATION FUND AND ONCE AGAIN ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO HELP NEW ENGLAND LIGHTHOUSES, SEND THESE TO DEBBI BREW DEBBREW68@HOTMAIL.COM AND/OR SANDY PETERSON LIGHTHOUSESANDCATS@ICLOUD.COM AND ME.

WE WISH SANDY PETERSON CONTINUED RECOVERY FROM HER RECENT OPERATION. KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD RECEIVE A BEAUTIFUL CARD FROM OUR SUNSHINE CHAIR, CINDY KIMBALL, CONTACT CINDY KIMBIE78CK@GMAIL.COM OR ME. SEND THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE REASON – SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, NEW BABY, GET WELL, SYMPATHY, ETC.

HAVE A POWER POINT OR SLIDE SHOW THAT NELL CAN USE AS A ZOOM PROGRAM THIS WINTER – LET ME KNOW. ENJOY THE FALL SEASON – AND LOTS OF LIGHTHOUSES

ARLENE

NELL Fall event in Portsmouth, NH
October 11, 2026

Our Fall Event was a wonderful experience.
Special thanks to Colette Driscoll Long (our new vice President) who stepped up and did a tremendous amount of work to help this event happen. After Nantucket was cancelled and the nor'-easter postponed the original date of September 26th, a small group of members did gather to enjoy the day. Jeremy D'Entremont gave us an informative talk about the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse and we were all pleased to see how the Friends of Portsmouth Lighthouses were able repair the damage done in recent years by severe storms. Jeremy had invited NELL at no cost in appreciation of all that NELL has given the Friends over the years to help them with their restoration projects. However, we did donate $150.00 to help them with ongoing maintenance and restoration projects. Jeremy had suggested to Colette to contact the Portsmouth Historical Society to ask about a space for our meeting and lunch. That was a wonderful suggestion – the staff was very helpful, the room was perfect for our needs. The staff recommended that we order our lunch from Flatbread Pizza. Although we were a very small group, we did have a quorum and were able to hold our meeting, have the auction and the 50/50 drawing. We had our elections for 2026-2027. Colette was nominated to be the next Vice-President and Anthony Savino was nominated for another two-year term as a Director-at-Large. The slate was unanimously approved.

When the meeting adjourned, we made our way to the dock of the Portsmouth Harbor Cruises to take the boat to the Wood Island Life Saving Station. I think I can speak for everyone that we were just totally amazed by the Life Saving Station. Laura Calhoun, Executive Director of the Wood Island Life Saving Station Association (WILSSA) met us on the island and gave us a brief history of the Life Saving Station and the efforts of the Association to raise 7 million dollars to save this historical structure from being destroyed. We also met Sam Reid, President of the WILSSA, who has been the force behind this outstanding effort and remarkable achievement. We then had time to wander throughout the building. Everything about the Wood Island Life Saving Station is amazing and beautiful – the historical exhibits, the restoration. Everyone would recommend to others that if you are in New Hampshire next summer – take the time to visit the Wood Island Station (open Memorial Day to October 11th).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR ARE:
PRESIDENT ARLENE WINKLEMAN (THIS WILL BE HER FOURTH AND FINAL YEAR)

VICE PRESIDENT COLETTE DRISCOLL LONG

SECRETARY OPEN

TREASURER KATHY SANTUCCI
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE SEAN CURRAN

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE ANTHONY SAVINO

WE ALSO HAVE A NEW MR .AND MS. NELL
SEAN CURRAN SELECTED JOHN DONOVAN TO BE THE NEXT MR. NELL AS JOHN HAS DONE AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF WORK IN THE PAST YEAR REVISING THE NELL WEBSITE – CHECK IT OUT.

CAROL BLAKE SELECTED COLETTE LONG TO BE THE NEXT MS. NELL. COLETTE HAS DONE SO MUCH TO HELP WITH THE SPRING MEETING AND THIS FALL MEETING AND IS FULL OF IDEAS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.

Colette is already making plans for Lighthouses, Hot Chocolate & You (LHHC&Y). SAVE the DATE: January 31, 2027.

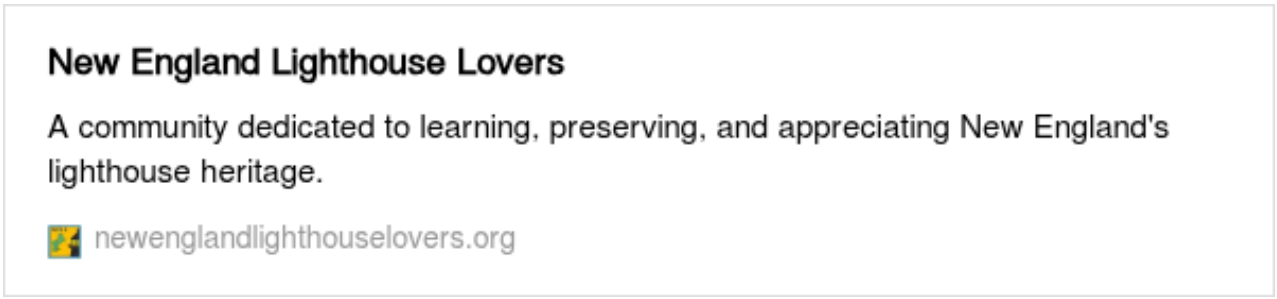
LOCATION: Cape Cod Watch your email for further details

ON NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY, AUGUST 7, 2026 CAROL BLAKE, SEAN CURRAN, CINDY KIMBALL, SHERRI ROBERTS, HENRY AND ARLENE WINKLEMAN MET DOM PUCCI WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF PEMAQUID TO PRESENT THE CHECK FOR THE DONATION NELL MADE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE GALLERY DOOR.

WE ALSO VISITED DOUBLING POINT LIGHTHOUSE WHERE OUR NELL MEMBERS, CAROL BLAKE, SEAN CURRAN, CINDY KIMBALL, SHARON AND BOB MILLS, SHERRI ROBERTS, HENRY AND ARLENE WINKLEMAN MET KEVIN COLEMAN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF DOUBLING LIGHT, AND DAN AND JANET MCLEAN MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS TO PRESENT THE CHECK FOR THE DONATION NELL MADE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WALKWAY AROUND THE BASE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL BLAKE AND CINDY KIMBALL! THEY HAVE SEEN EVERY LIGHTHOUSE IN MASSACHUSETTS HAVING SPENT THE DAY ON NANTUCKET WITH SHERRI, JIM, AND PAT.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NEW UPDATED WEBSITE. IT IS AWESOME! THANK YOU JOHN.



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK! LOTS OF GREAT PHOTOS TO CHECK OUT AND OTHER LIGHTHOUSE NEWS FROM AROUND THE USA!

Lighthouse News Around New England

GREAT WEBSITE TO CHECK: LIGHTHOUSEFRIENDS.COM

A NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS TOOK PARK IN MAINE OPEN LIGHTHOUSE DAY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH INCLUDING BURNT ISLAND LIGHT AND WHITEHEAD ISLAND LIGHT.

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 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 (OCTOBER, 2026) 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 UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2027!