

FNIL

FRIENDS OF NASH ISLAND LIGHT



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2022

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This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on TUESDAY, AUGUST 9th at the Cape Split Chapel in South Addison. We hope you all will be able to attend. Please see below for details.

Greetings Friends of Nash Island Light members!

Aside from the usual spalling of a few of its brick, our lighthouse tower continues to hold up well. This summer, probably before our annual meeting, we will pressurewash and re-coat again, this time first washing the masonry with a de-saltifying agent before applying two coats of KEIM. We believe this process will enable the tower to shine brightly for another ten years or so.

Our annual meeting presenter this year will be Anne Langston Noll, co-owner with her husband John of Pemetic Sea Farms LLC (pemeticseafarms.com) based in Ellsworth. They manage a series of small farms along the Down East coast in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner. They grow and harvest oysters, working to develop techniques and practices to regenerate the waters of Union River Bay and Narraguagus Bay. When not employed at her sea farms, Annie works with the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center. On weekends she and John offer boat tours of their farms. As

FNIL strives to responsibly manage, maintain and preserve the Nash Island Lighthouse at a high standard of integrity, so too does Pemetic Sea Farms envision their aquaculture resource managed in harmony with the marine environment it inhabits. FNIL and PSFs envision their respective stewardships in the best interest of the communities they affect. Thus our organizations share this common ground. We encourage members and the public to attend our annual meeting and learn how PSF is part of the present and future of our Downeast coastal environment.

Board members Alf, Wren, Lilly and Evie Wakeman continue to manage the sheep on the islands, with help from Mom, Eleni. They report that this year there are 107 sheep and 78 new lambs on Big Nash and 27 sheep and 22 lambs on Little Nash. As usual, they could use help getting the raspberry, thistles and burdock under control.

As always, we'll be offering for sale our posters, T-shirts, cards, sweatshirts, hats and "Jenny's Island Life" DVDs; also, Elyse Rudner's beautiful cards with the inscription honoring Oscar Look. We need members! **Bring a new member to the meeting and you will both get a free poster!**

Your continuing generosity in support of FNIL is greatly appreciated. Annual dues are \$10.00 and additional donations for maintenance of the lighthouse are always welcome: PO Box 250, Addison, Maine 04606. Nashislandlight.org

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