

NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday August 13th at the Union Church in South Addison. Refreshments will be served and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Please see below for details.

There will be a Union Church Community Dinner preceding the meeting if anyone is interested. It starts at 5.

Greetings Friends of Nash Island Light members!

Aside from a little spalling of its brick, our lighthouse tower continues to hold up well, thanks in large part to the KEIM coatings applied in 2014. A small work party will have "touched up" the tower and repainted the storm door by the time of our annual meeting.

This year our annual meeting presenter will be Mike Johnson of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. Mike will provide a presentation on the various maintenance and preservation issues pertinent to historic light stations and masonry light towers in particular, including slides from restoration projects that have been completed or are under way in Maine. Mike has enjoyed collaborating with a variety of outstanding professionals and property owners in the preservation of hundreds of historic buildings throughout Maine.

We are hoping to link our website (nashislandlight.org) with those of other lighthouse organizations in Maine and elsewhere. This will give us the opportunity to share photos and information documenting our restoration and preservation efforts. We encourage everyone to visit our website to view pictures of Nash Island Light, a slideshow featuring the history of the lighthouse, newsletter information and more.

Board members Alf, Wren, Lilly and Evie Wakeman continue to manage the sheep on the island. They report that this year there are 88 sheep and 84 new lambs on Big Nash Island and 29 sheep and 11 lambs on Little Nash. The biggest challenge this year will be to get the raspberry, thistles and burdock under control. Alf hopes to get a group with brush cutters out there to start the eradication.

Do you know what "WICKIE" means in reference to lighthouses?
How about "STAG LIGHT" ?
If not, I guess you'll have to attend our meeting to find out!

In addition, we once again have our Nash Island Light posters, cards, "Jenny's Island Life" DVD's, T-shirts, sweatshirts, tiles, and hats for sale. Members are encouraged to pick up a decal if they need one. These will all be available at the annual meeting. They are not sent out to new members who mail in dues. Should you wish to order a DVD by mail, please send a check made out to FNIL to the address below in the amount of \$25.00 per item, which includes shipping and sales tax. Note cards are \$20.00 for 10, all inclusive. Elyse Rudner's beautiful cards with the inscription honoring Oscar Look will be available as well.

Special this year! Bring a new member to the meeting and you will both get a free poster!

Your continuing generosity in support of the Friends of Nash Island Light in any amount is greatly appreciated. Memberships run on a yearly basis. Your dues of \$10.00 minimum will renew your membership. Additional donations for maintenance of the Light are appreciated.

The Board of Directors