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Dear Friends,

The lighthouse should look very sharp by the end of this summer! Last summer the entranceway was re-shingled with cedar shingles and we began preparing the tower for painting this summer. In addition, the glass in the cupola was replaced and the tower windows were covered with storm windows. The test paint that was applied last summer weathered the winter well, so we're ready to repaint the tower this summer. The prep work will involve pressure washing, scraping, and re-pointing where necessary. Two coats of the special masonry paint will then be applied.

FNIL Board members are lending hearts and hands to the project and will be assisted by their friends and the Luethi - Peterson Camp staff and campers again. Thanks go out to all who make keeping up the lighthouse possible. We have lots of helping hands and are now just hoping for good weather!

Nash Island posters were distributed to all local 8th grade students this year as a supplement to their Maine history segments. These were enthusiastically received. Most of the classes had already viewed the "Jenny's Island Life" video. We are sad to report that the extraordinary Jenny Purington Cirone who is celebrated in the video, and who was Honorary Chairperson for the FNIL, passed away earlier this year. She is greatly missed by all who knew her.

There are still a few copies of the video, both in DVD and VHS format. They will be available at the annual meeting, as well as by mail. Also at the meeting will be POSTERS, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, TILES, HATS and DECALS. Proceeds from all sales help to fund the ongoing restoration and maintenance of the lighthouse.

To order by mail either a VHS or DVD of "Jenny's Island Life", or a copy of the poster, 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.

There will be an original framed painting of Nash Island Light by Sarah Look of South Addison raffled off at the annual meeting this year. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. Other FNIL items will be raffled at the same time.

Your continuing generosity in the form of gifts of any amount are much appreciated and we thank you for your interest and support. Any contribution will renew your membership for the coming year

The Board of Directors

This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 4th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year we are very excited to present a program by Geri Valentine and Donna Kausen of South Addison. They will show slides by Marilee Lovit taken at the sheep shearing on Nash Island and share a presentation entitled "From Sheep to Shawl". Geri & Donna have been working on Nash Island for many years and should have some great anecdotes to share. Refreshments will be served and we hope you'll be able to attend.

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