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NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2008

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Dear Friends,

Yet another summer is upon us and with it our thoughts return to our beloved lighthouse. The tower has weathered the winter well with but minor repairs needed. Last fall Board member Jeff Best and his wife Kim Perry took a group of High School students out to the island for their Community Service Project. The group scraped the inside of the tower and began painting. They also picked up bag upon bag of trash along the shore. The group will return this summer to complete the inside painting.

Our exhibit at the Milbridge Historical Society continues to grow. Board member Chuck Wakeman has compiled a wonderful notebook of Archival documents and discs of scanned images and photos. The notebook will become part of our display and the discs will be available should anyone want to bring along a laptop and delve into the past. The newspaper clips include information relating to early lighthouse business correspondence, shipping notices and general nautical information from the 1800's.

The June 1st USA Weekend ran an article about vacationing in a lighthouse. A handful of lighthouses around the country offer guest accommodations boasting "unimpeded sea views and rich maritime history", including Pemaquid Point Lighthouse Keeper's house in Bristol, ME. Although this will never be an option on Nash Island, there are currently several outfits offering lobster boat cruises that explore the Downeast coast including a close up look at Nash Island Light. Among the tour boat operators is Board member Paul Ferriero on his boat "Honey B".

Melissa Lee of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust has completed a brochure entitled "Nash Island Information Guide". The brochure covers Island background, Ecology and Historical use. It is very nicely done and will be available to all area tour boat operators.

This summer we once again have our Nash Island Light Posters, cards, "Jenny's Island Life" DVD's, T-shirts, sweatshirts, tiles, hats and decals for sale. These will all be available at the annual meeting. Should you wish to order a DVD or a poster 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 \$12.00 for 10, all inclusive.

We are pleased to be featuring another local artist in our annual raffle. This year's 18" x 24" watercolor of Bass Head Light has been donated by local artist Beth Ferriero, owner of Gray Wolf Gallery in Addison. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. Other FNIL items will be offered at the same time.

Your continuing generosity in support of FNIL in any amount is greatly appreciated. Memberships run on a yearly basis. Your dues of \$10.00 minimum will renew your membership. All members will be sent a Nash Island Light decal, and will receive next year's news letter.

The Board of Directors

This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday August 20th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year we are pleased to welcome Eva Denny, Jenny's niece, & her nephew Earl Purington, Jr. They will treat us to stories of and answer questions about life on Nash Island. This informal evening should be interesting, informative, and lots of fun. Refreshments will be served and we hope you'll be able to attend.



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