

FNIL

FRIENDS OF NASH ISLAND LIGHT



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2010

Dear Friends

What great weather we're having this summer! After the frustration of scheduled island work trips being cancelled due to bad weather last year, we're delighted to be in full swing this year. Board President Dick Miles and his son Gray have already been out to recoat the tower. After much scraping and wire-brushing of lichen, as well as tuck-pointing damaged mortar cracks, exterior re-coating is underway. This will be followed by interior painting and repair of the lightning damage on the deck. Board members Alf Wakeman & Oscar Look, Jr. replaced the bridle on the mooring and repaired the front door, and Paul Ferriero did the inside spring inspection. The tower recoating needs to be repeated every 4-5 yrs. and costs approximately \$6-7,000.00. This cost must be paid from contributions received in addition to the annual membership dues. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 this year to cover the recoating and repairs, so your contribution of \$50 to \$100 or more helps to keep the tower stable and bright!

Eva Denny located the Nash Island Journal covering the years 1925-1932. This is the journal that was pictured in the "Jenny's Island Life" video. It now resides at the Milbridge Historical Society amidst other Nash Island archival documents and pictures. If you haven't yet visited the Historical Society, it really is worth a trip. The journal will be on display at the annual meeting.

The "Jenny's Island Life" DVD remakes were completed last October. If anyone still needs a free replacement for a defective DVD, please contact us at the address below. We will have these DVD's for sale again at our annual meeting along with the usual hats, T-shirts, sweatshirts, posters and tiles. Members are encouraged to pick up a decal if they need one. Should you wish to order a DVD or 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.

This year's annual raffle will feature a painting of the lighthouse by Elsie Hasskarl. We are very thankful to have received her generous donation. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. Other FNIL items will be raffled as well.

Your continuing generosity in support of FNIL in any amount is greatly appreciated. As previously mentioned, we rely on contributions to fund the extensive upkeep that the tower requires. Memberships run on a yearly basis. Your dues of \$10.00 minimum will renew your individual or family membership. All members are entitled to a decal, and will receive next year's newsletter.

We are considering pairing our annual meeting with a lobster bake next year and having boat rides to view the lighthouse. This would be a big undertaking that we would only consider if we could be assured a good crowd, so please let us know if you might be interested.

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This year's free and public meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday August 11th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year FNIL is privileged to have John McDonald as our speaker. John is a Maine humorist and storyteller. He is also the author of two best selling books:

A Moose and a Lobster walk into a Bar

Down the Road a Piece

John hosts a popular weekend talk show in Portland and writes a weekly newspaper column. He originally hails from Cherryfield. Come early... seating will be at a premium.

Refreshments will be served after the program and we hope you'll be able to attend.

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