

FNIL

FRIENDS OF NASH ISLAND LIGHT



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2012

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Dear Friends,

Yet another summer is upon us and with it our thoughts return to the pleasures of the sea. The lighthouse tower has weathered the winter well with but minor repairs needed. Board member Alf Wakeman's only concern is some leaking around the windows. Board members Dick and Gray Miles will attend to the repairs this August.

This past spring local volunteers, students from Washington Academy, and the staff from the Maine Coast Heritage Trust spent a day picking up trash on Little Nash Island. They collected 760 pounds of trash and 50 bags full of recyclable items! What a boon to this island which is an important seabird nesting habitat as well as being home to a flock of sheep.

The fleeces from the sheep on Big and Little Nash Island are collected and processed by Jani Estelle of Starcroft Fiber Mill. Jani has a page on her website about the islands and sells the FNIL DVD's for us. We're very pleased to have this connection.

This summer 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. 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 \$12.00 for 10, all inclusive. Once again a free poster will be given to anyone making a contribution of \$5 over the cost of membership. Additional posters are available for \$5 apiece (plus \$5 shipping if they are to be mailed).

We are pleased to be featuring another local artist and yet another beautiful painting in our annual raffle. Nona Cirone is a self taught artist who works in oils in a style referred to as realism. Nona has been painting since 1948 but became more active in the 1960's with the urging of her mother-in-law, Susie Wass Thompson. Nona has lived on the Cape Split Rd for the past 55 yrs. Tickets are 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 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.

The Board of Directors

This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday August 8th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year we are pleased to welcome Jon Johanson as our speaker. The topic of his presentation will be "Shipwrecks". Jon is the publisher of "Maine Coastal News". He is also president of The Maine Lobster Boat Racing Assoc.. He does extensive research in maritime history and is currently creating a website to provide an online harbor for his research. Refreshments will be served and we hope you'll be able to attend.

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