



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2014

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Dear Friends,

It was yet another cold spring, but apart from the hurricane, it preceded a gorgeous June and early July. Things are now really hopping out on the island. FNIL President Dick Miles and his son and Board member Gray Miles are busy preparing for the major task of preparing and recoating the tower this summer. With the help of Board members Oscar Look, Jr and John Page, they have already moved scaffolding and equipment onto the island and will soon begin pumping fresh water from the old homestead well near the landing into barrels at the tower 450 ft away. They will then pressure wash, apply hydrogen peroxide to the lichen, pressure wash again, scrape, tuck point, and repair the 15 ft crack in the NE corner that was the result of a lightning strike. This will all be in preparation for applying the first three coats of KEIM coating. The entire process will be well documented as KEIM has an impressive guarantee if the recommended steps are followed. Dick's stepson Nathan was out there filming the initial stages and will return next week. For more information about this intriguing process, you'll just have to attend our annual meeting, as Dick will be giving a presentation on the very same subject!

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 \$20.00 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 two local artists in our raffle this year! Walter Strout of Milbridge has handcrafted a beautiful wooden doll's cradle and Geri Valentine has knit a blanket for it. Geri's blanket is made from hand spun, hand dyed wool that she sheared herself on Nash Island and it features the lighthouse! Many thanks to both artists for their generous donations! These items are currently being displayed at the Milbridge Historical Society. Raffle tickets are available there, at Fitness Central in Harrington, and from any Board member. Tickets are \$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 new members will receive 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 20th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year we are pleased to welcome our very own Board President Dick Miles as our speaker. The topic of his presentation will be the nitty gritty details of lighthouse restoration. The talk will most likely be accompanied by some video footage. Refreshments will be served and we hope that you'll be able to attend.

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