

FNIL

FRIENDS OF NASH ISLAND LIGHT



NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2015

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Dear Friends,

How delighted we are to see how beautifully last summer's work on the lighthouse has held up! Two of our board members recently went out for an annual inspection and found everything to be holding up well. In addition, the inside looks good and is dry and mildew free.

The Board of Directors has greatly missed our vice president Oscar Look, Jr. during this past year. His memory is still vivid as is the memory of other past Directors. Oscar's partner Elyse has printed note cards with a beautifully written inscription on the back in memory of Oscar. These will be for sale at our annual meeting with all the proceeds going to FNIL.

Elyse writes:

The shining light on "Nash's" as Oscar would say was a beacon on a daily basis for local mariners and has an historical story to tell. Each one of us may have looked out at the light at one time or another from shore, or perhaps has passed by her on a sea-worthy vessel. Oscar's passing a little over a year ago, has not gone unnoticed in the Addison community. People share stories about Oscar and his commitment to his home. "He took care of things". "He kept an eye on all of us." "He was so generous, always willing to step up". These are typical yet important comments you hear. Oscar had a passion for Nash Island Light. He often raised the question: "Imagine looking out there without her?" He was well aware of the significant focal point Nash Island Light holds on our visible horizon. "She guides us", "She is there for us", "We need to take care of her".

Please support our much needed continuing effort to maintain the lighthouse in all her glory. Oscar's wish was "When I'm gone I hope the youngsters will step up to take care of things around here." Going forward we need younger members to get involved. Maybe there are some young adults, teenagers or children you know that you could bring to the annual meeting. Take the time, go see the Nash Island Light house from the shoreline or from the water with a younger person you know. Enjoy the beauty, ponder a view *without her*... She has a story to tell, from the past and in the present. Let's ensure a future for our treasure.

Respectfully submitted, Elyse Rudner July 31, 2015

In Respectful Memory

Ed Greaves, founder of FNIL
Jenny Cirone, Daughter of the last keeper of Nash Island Light
Oscar Look, Jr., Enthusiastic promoter of FNIL

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).

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 Thursday August 20th at the Union Church in South Addison. This year we are pleased to welcome our very own Board member Alf Wakeman as our speaker. The topic of his presentation will be "Sheep on the Islands" Alf will be accompanied by his daughters and by Janie Estelle who processes most of the Island's wool. Refreshments will be served and we hope that you'll be able to attend.

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