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NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2017

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This year's free and public Annual Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday August 24th at the Union Church in South Addison. Refreshments will be served and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Please see below for details

Dear Friends,

The lighthouse still shines! Board members Dick Miles and John Page have already been out to take care of some touch up work and all seems well.

This summer's presenter at the annual meeting will be Dr. Robin Hadlock Seeley. Dr. Hadlock Seeley will tell us about rockweed's importance to the coastal intertidal habitat. Dr Seeley is Senior Research Associate, Cornell University, Faculty Fellow at the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future at Cornell University, and Co-Director of the Isles of Shoals Archeology Project. As a scientist she has studied rockweed for many years. She will tell us what lobsters, juvenile cod, eider ducklings and periwinkles have in common...they all use or depend on rockweed (seaweed) habitat.

Rockweed is ranked the 4th most important species by the Gulf of Maine Council. Rockweed of fish habitat defined by NOAA and falls under the Natural Resources Protection Act in Maine. But Maine rockweed is also the target of a rockweed biomass cutting industry that puts landowners, conservation groups and Maine's state wildlife agency in conflict with local and international companies and their promoters. And now there is a landowner lawsuit against Acadian Seaplants Ltd of Nova Scotia for the cutting of rockweed. Dr Seeley's multimedia presentation will take you under the surface of our coastal waters to watch how fish, lobster and other fauna use the underwater rockweed forest. We will discuss why this common but important seaweed is in the crosshairs of so many groups, whether the harvest is "sustainable", why this issue has ended up at Maine's Supreme Court, and what the court's decision may mean for the near-shore ecosystem.

This should be an interesting presentation!

As a follow up 2015's presentation, Board Member Alf Wakeman reports: We had 21 lambs on Little Nash this year. We did not breed the big Island. Alf manages the herds while his wife Eleni shears the sheep. Alf's daughters, now Board members as well, are also involved. Wren shears while Lilly and Evie catch the sheep for shearing.

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The Board is currently in the process of building a website which will contain the history of the light-house, the history of FNIL and will provide an opportunity for people to join and/or donate to FNIL. It will be a medium for our annual newsletter and annual meeting announcements and also provide links to our restoration video and articles about the Light, There are additional possibilities and ideas are welcomed.

In addition, 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. They are not sent out to new members who mail in dues. 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). Elyse Rudner's beautiful cards with the inscription honoring Oscar Look will be available as well.

Your continuing generosity in support of the Friends of Nash Island Light in any amount is greatly appreciated. Memberships run on a yearly basis. Your dues of \$10.00 minimum will renew your membership. Additional donations for maintenance of the Light are appreciated.

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