



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to another exciting year at the New England Society! I am so pleased to be taking the helm of our increasingly active and vibrant organization.

The Society continues to grow and expand with the help of our dedicated membership. In 2013 we will be launching a new campaign to support our Scholarship Program and increase the number of scholarship recipients. Our first named scholarship, the New England Society Neis Family Scholarship, was awarded last fall to Niamh Sheehan at Brown University.



The Central Park Monument Fund, initiated in October 2012 as an additional philanthropic focus, will help to preserve the New England Society's 1885 *The Pilgrim* and other Park sculptures, in partnership with the Central Park Conservancy.

We have a full calendar of social events this year. Members have already enjoyed an evening on February 10 at The Amateur Comedy Club with a performance of *Ramshackle Inn*, courtesy of the ACC, and look forward to the Spring Member/Guest Party at the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines', Coast Guard and Airmen's Club on March 27.

Our first official Junior event, also at the SSMAC, organized by the diligent John Farrell, was a great success in attracting new, younger members to the Society. We have also welcomed ten Legacy members into the Society, children and grandchildren of Society members. Under the skillful guidance of Admissions and Membership Committee co-chairs Judy Bliss, Anna Bulkot and Elizabeth Apgar, we hope to continue our outreach.

*Please mark your calendars for the next two big events:*

*Our second annual New England Society Book Awards luncheon will be held at the Grolier Club on April 25. For more details see the enclosed insert.*

*We will be at the Racquet and Tennis Club for our traditional Founders' Day party on May 13. More on that to follow.*

Many thanks for your continued support. If we haven't yet met, please say hello to me at our next gathering, and be sure to touch base with our Executive Director, Robin Hickey.

Sincerely,

Anne Hall Elser, 97<sup>th</sup> President

## UPDATES FROM OUR SCHOLARS

"I would like to thank you again for your continued support and provide you with an update on my life at Colby.

I attended an exciting event sponsored by the Colby Career Center. I was selected to be a participant in a one-day trip to Boston for current students interested in a career in finance. This trip included three information sessions to learn about different financial services firms, two panels, a speed interview session and a networking mixer. Several prominent Colby alumni attended this event and it was a great opportunity to meet with them and learn about their experiences.



*Mark Philipps is a sophomore at Colby College.*

I am working at the Alumni Relations Office again this year where I have been given a promotion from Office Clerk to Assistant, which has been an exciting transition. As you may know, this year marks Colby's 200th anniversary, and I have been invited to attend the Bicentennial Dinner and Ball...an event for which only a select number of students were invited.

My experience on the Lacrosse team is also going very well. Once again we participated in a community service program in which we helped all the residents of the homeless shelter move to a new, larger residence. Our efforts to remember our teammate who passed away last year are evident in the new hitting wall that we are building in his memory with money that we raised as a team over the past year.

We are training much more intensively than last year and I believe that we are going to have a very strong season this year. We have completed the first part of our fall testing, which includes a timed two mile test to be completed in under thirteen minutes, which I miraculously passed, vertical jumps, horizontal jumps, 300 yard shuttles, and various strength tests such as bench press, squats and pull ups... Additionally, I have taken a great liking to squash, a sport that I have not had much exposure to until I came to school."

~Mark Philipps, Colby College, Class of 2015

*Stay tuned for more updates from our NES Scholars throughout the year! To help support Mark and other current and future scholars, visit the NES website to make a contribution.*

## NES ANNOUNCES 2013 BOOK AWARDS SHORTLIST

NES is pleased to announce the shortlist for the 2013 *New England Society Book Awards*, honoring books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture. Awards are presented annually to authors of books published in the previous 12 months, in any of three categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, and Art & Photography.

Winners will be announced later this month. All NES members are encouraged to save the date for the awards luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, April 25, at the Grolier Club in New York.

Twenty-two titles are shortlisted: nine in Fiction, 11 in Nonfiction, and two in Art & Photography. The shortlisted titles are below. We encourage you to add a couple of them to your reading list! For more information, including descriptions of each title, visit the NES website.



### Fiction

- The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro (Algonquin Books)  
*Cascade* by Maryanne O'Hara (Viking)  
*Defending Jacob* by William Landay (Delacorte Press)  
*The Harbormaster's Daughter* by Heidi Jon Schmidt  
(New American Library, Penguin Group USA)  
*Helen Keller in Love* by Rosie Sultan (Viking)  
*In One Person* by John Irving (Simon & Schuster)  
*The Mermaid Collector* by Erika Marks  
(New American Library, Penguin Group USA)  
*Red Ruby Heart in a Cold Blue Sea* by Morgan Callan Rogers  
(Viking)  
*The Starboard Sea* by Amber Dermont (St. Martin's Press)

### Art & Photography

- Edward Hopper in Vermont* by Bonnie Tocher Clause  
(University Press of New England)  
*Maine Moderns: Art in Seguinland, 1900-1940* by  
Susan Danly and Libby Bischof (Yale University Press)

### Nonfiction

- 1775* by Kevin Phillips (Viking)  
*The Art of Robert Frost* by Tim Kendall (Yale University Press)  
*Building a New Jerusalem* by Francis J. Bremer  
(Yale University Press)  
*A Field Guide to the Ants of New England* by Aaron M.  
Ellison, Nicholas J. Gotelli, and Elizabeth J. Farnsworth  
(Yale University Press)  
*In Pursuit of Giants* by Matt Rigney (Viking)  
*John Quincy Adams* by Harlow Giles Unger (Da Capo Press)  
*More Than Freedom* by Stephen Kantrowitz (The Penguin Press)  
*The Patriarch* by David Nasaw (The Penguin Press)  
*Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul* by  
John M. Barry (Viking)  
*When American First Met China* by Eric Jay Dolin  
(W.W. Norton & Company)  
*When We Were the Kennedys* by Monica Wood  
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

☞ **Ward S. Curran** ☞

EDUCATION, RESIDENCE

Proposed: Gregory Mesniaeff; Seconded: Douglas Loutit

☞ **Elijah Duckworth-Schachter** ☞

ANCESTRY, EDUCATION

Proposed: Gregory Mesniaeff; Seconded: Logan Gould

☞ **David A. Heath & Jeannine Falino Heath** ☞

ANCESTRY, EDUCATION, RESIDENCE

Proposed: Thomas Farrell; Seconded: Claudia Rouhana

☞ **Christine Ramsay Hutchings** ☞

RESIDENCE

Proposed: Greg Mesniaeff; Seconded: Anne Teasdale

☞ **Alfred T. Ogden II** ☞

ANCESTRY, EDUCATION, RESIDENCE

Proposed: Jan Whitman Ogden; Seconded: Jay Sherwood

☞ **Suzanne Chase Osborne** ☞

ANCESTRY

Proposed: Anne Teasdale; Seconded: Kerry Robinson

☞ **Maureen K. Dwyer-Robertson** ☞

Associate Member

Proposed: Gerard O'Connell; Seconded: Denise Ortell

☞ **Richard R. Stanley** ☞

ANCESTRY, EDUCATION, RESIDENCE

Proposed: Anne Teasdale; Seconded: Kerry Robinson

## YOUNG MEMBERS COCKTAIL PARTY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 @ SOLDIERS', SAILORS', MARINES', COAST GUARD AND AIRMEN'S CLUB



Nina Jacobson, Dana Rich, Bryant Rich & guests; Sean Meehan, May Angela King, John Farrell, Kevin Lynch & Samuel Fortenbaugh; Allison Yang, Owen Kloter, Andrea Wang.



Dan Ladner, Marc LaVoie & Nicole Anderson; a guest, Jessica Vogel & Nina Jacobson; a guest & Kendra Swee; Joe Leach & Logan Gould.

### LEGACY MEMBERSHIPS

*Your child or grandchild may be eligible for free membership!*

Legacy Membership is a new category for children and grandchildren of current NES members. Members can enroll their children and grandchildren, aged 21-30, for automatic membership in NES.

Legacy Memberships are complimentary until the age of 31, and include electronic communications from the Society, and all of the other benefits of regular membership. This is a wonderful way to introduce the next generation of Society leaders to NES!

To enroll your child or grandchild as a Legacy Member, e-mail his or her name, date of birth and e-mail address to [nes@nesnyc.org](mailto:nes@nesnyc.org), or call the Society office at 212.752.1938.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION!

On Monday, May 13, the Society will honor our long, distinguished history and raise funds to support our philanthropic programs at our Annual Founders' Day Celebration.

The cocktail dance will be held at the Racquet & Tennis Club on Park Avenue, and will feature music by the Alex Donner Orchestra. Guests can enjoy a raw bar, carving stations, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and the company of fellow NES members and guests.

All members are encouraged to attend and bring their friends and colleagues to this "event of the season"!

Invitations will be mailed in early April, and online reservations will be accepted via the Society website. We hope to see you there!

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## NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY - 2013 CALENDAR



### **Spring Member/Guest Reception**

Wednesday, March 27 | SSMAC Club

Sail into Spring! Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and the company of fellow members at the NES Spring Member/Guest Party.

### **Book Awards Luncheon**

Thursday, April 25 | The Grolier Club

Featuring the presentation of 2013 Book Awards. See enclosed insert for details!



### **Founders' Day Celebration**

Monday, May 13 | The Racquet & Tennis Club

### **Summer Solstice Party**

Wednesday, June 19

### **208<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**

Friday, November 8 | Metropolitan Club

### **Annual Pilgrim Luncheon**

Friday, November 22

Events will be added throughout the year! Visit the calendar at [www.nesnyc.org](http://www.nesnyc.org) for the latest updates.