

NES CELEBRATES 212 YEARS OF HISTORY AT FOUNDERS' DAY

On Wednesday, May 10th, the Society honored its long, distinguished history and held its annual Founders' Day Celebration at the Yale Club. Anne Hall Elser, Stephen Foley, Jan and Tad Ogden, and Ellen Scordato and Mark Rifkin co-chaired the annual fundraiser, which included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and a raffle (Grand Prize: Dinner Dance ticket was won by Leslie Middlebrook Moore). A great time was had by all thanks to the co-chairs and the rest of the Founders' Day Committee: Judith A. Bliss, Anna Bulkot, Benedict Gedaminski, Connie Greenspan, Jennifer Mitchell, Richard Perkins, Jay Sherwood, and Matthew Rimi. The Society extends its gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the celebration. See the inside for additional photos from the Founders' Day Celebration!



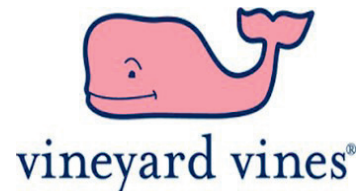
NES Board (L to R): Connie Greenspan, Matt Rimi, Benedict Gedaminski, Jennifer Mitchell, Ellen Scordato, Judy Bliss, Carol Lynch, Jan Whitman Ogden, Laurence Golding, Anna Bulkot



Emily Mohr, Matthew Rimi, Ashley Dubin

Join us Friday
November 10, 2017
at the Metropolitan Club
FOR OUR
212TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

This year the New England Society will be honoring Ian and Shep Murray, Co-Founders and CEOs of Vineyard Vines, with the Reginald T. Townsend Award for outstanding achievement representing the finest attributes of the New England character. In 1998, Shep and Ian Murray traded in their Manhattan desks, business suits and ties to found Vineyard Vines. From that initial credit-card funded shipment of 800 ties which quickly sold out, they now captain 100 stand-alone stores from their headquarters in Stamford, CT and their preppy-inspired line of men's, women's, and children's clothing is sold in specialty, boutique, and high-end department stores nationwide. Please plan to join us in celebrating these successful New England entrepreneurs!



SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The NES Board of Directors and Junior Committee hosted the annual Summer Solstice Party on Wednesday, June 21st at the Scandinavia House on Park Avenue. Mother Nature cooperated yet again by blessing us with wonderful weather for a festive evening. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while celebrating the start of Summer. Three NES Scholarship Award winners also attended the celebration and shared their college experiences with members (see page 7 for photos).



Dear Fellow NES Members,

How can we be more than halfway thru 2017? I am still catching my breath from the whirlwind of my first six months serving as the 99th President of NES! The year started with tremendous activity, and positive support as the Board and I strive to maintain our traditions and values while introducing fresh ideas that will keep our members energized and engaged.

I am happy to report that the Junior Committee organized a terrific new event in February at the Down Town Association. The “1872 Party” honored the first time that ladies were invited to an NES reception (*February 6, 1872, at Delmonico’s for those history buffs in the audience*). Just like the original, the party was deemed a success and “*all agreed to hold it annually,*” so the NES Social calendar will now begin each new year with this event.

We are also building on our established, successful programs, with the NES Book Awards being a prime example. After orchestrating a sold-out awards luncheon for five years, the Book Award Committee organized a “salon” the night before this year’s luncheon, also at the Down Town Association (*yes, we have successfully proven that NES members will attend an event below 42nd street!*). The Salon was developed as an opportunity for those who cannot get away for a midday event; in addition to a cocktail hour where NES and DTA members mingled with the winning authors, there was a stimulating Q & A session that allowed the authors to share the back-stories and ideas that inspired their winning creations. It also permitted NES to share these thrilling intellectual accomplishments with 60 percent more people than the luncheon alone, and attracted several new NES members from the DTA. The Awards luncheon was held the next day in the library at the Union League Club for the first time, to rave reviews. Based on this success, the Committee is already planning for next year’s “double-hitter”. Continuing efforts to raise the Society’s profile produced results: We have been featured twice in both the New York Social Diary as well as in New York Lifestyles magazine. We are building our social media presence, so do not forget to “friend” NES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

The focus now shifts to the second half of 2017 and our signature event: the Annual Dinner Dance. We are delighted to be honoring Ian and Shep Murray, the brothers who founded the ever-so-popular Vineyard Vines brand on a necktie and a dream – true 21st century entrepreneurs who illustrate the timeless Yankee tradition of hard work, risk-taking, and determination leading to success.

I hope to see you all on November 10th at the Metropolitan Club. In the meantime, please feel free to share with me your thoughts and ideas for keeping the momentum going strong in the Society’s 212th year!

Best regards.

Anna Bulkot
99th President

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FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH @ YALE CLUB



Jennifer Mitchell,
Carol & Michael Lynch



Benedict Gedaminski, Marianne Morrill-Fisher,
Ellen Scordato, Joe Scordato



Richard Perkins,
Connie Greenspan



Cathleen Noland
Robert Chan



Karen Springhorn
Colleen Hills



Diane and Salvatore
Scalogna



Mark and Daisy Pearson



Jan Whitman Ogden
Tad Ogden



Charles Dorkey
Thad Olchowski



Leslie Middlebrook Moore, Sunny Hayward,
Susan Morris, Robert Morris



Anna Bulkot, Danzey Burnham,
Jennifer Mitchell



Annette DeLorenzo, Tom Hills,
Colleen Hills, Alex Donner, Karen Springhorn



Alexandra Baker, Judy Villard,
Stewart Baker, Yvonne Connors



Anne Hall Elser, Jennifer Mitchell,
Benedict Gedaminski



Melissa Zack
Terry Smart



Matthew Rimi
Danzey Burnham

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Jay Sherwood, Jan Ogden,
Anne Hall Elser, Dermod Sullivan



Fred McKerkin
Richard Johnson



Laurence & Cynthia
Golding



Arnold Neis, Hilda Frost



Cort & Annette Bender,
David & Barbara Bender

1872 LADIES RECEPTION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ DOWN TOWN ASSOCIATION



Andrew Koris, Jamie Maynard,
Margot Heinlein, Logan Gould

LADIES' RECEPTION

"During the past year we have inaugurated a ladies' reception, which was a complete success, and established a desirable precedent. Besides contributing to the gratification of New England families in New York, and inducing many to join the Society, it yielded a small surplus over expenses, which has been paid to the Treasury."



Katie Wartman, Jenna Shipman,
P.O. 2nd Class Stephen T. Dombroski,
Vicky Sullivan



Mark Rifkin, Alice Yurke,
Ellen Scordato, Lauren Silberman

The above entry was entered in the NES meeting minutes of December 13, 1872. The suggestion of women attending an NES reception was originally made around 1842, it was almost fifty years before the Ladies were invited to attend an event with the (all-male) membership. On February 7, 2017 the members of NES celebrated this ground-breaking reception at a wine-tasting organized by the Junior Committee. And given the evening's success, the NES Board (once again) agreed it should be an annual event!



Jennifer Mitchell, Kendra Swee



NES CELEBRATES THE 2017 BOOK AWARD WINNERS

NES members enjoyed two special events celebrating the 2017 New England Society Book Awards. The winning books represented excellence in New England-themed writing across a range of subjects and celebrate the culture, history, and individualism that are central to the New England character. The winning books mirror the history and mission of the Society, which balances its centuries-old connection to New England with contemporary programs that continue to celebrate the Yankee spirit..

The 2017 NES Book Award winners were selected from nine finalists. Stephen Coss, winner in the Historical Nonfiction category and Art & Photography winners Kevin Johnson (Photography) and Susan Rather (Art) shared their stories at the new Book Awards Salon held on June 7 at the Down Town Association. Members enjoyed mingling during a casual reception followed by a Q & A session with the authors and a book signing.

The following day, a luncheon and book signing was held in the Library at a private club in Midtown. NES members and the three authors were joined by representatives for the other winning authors, Monica Wood (Fiction) and Richard T. Holmes and Gene E. Likens (Specialty Title). The authors and those attending on their behalf shared background stories about their respective books and a personal appreciation for New England as they accepted their awards.

Fiction: *The One-In-A-Million Boy*, by Monica Wood (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt):

Nonfiction: *The Fever of 1721: The Epidemic That Revolutionized Medicine and American Politics*, by Stephen Coss (Simon & Schuster)

Specialty Title: *Hubbard Brook: The Story of a Forest Ecosystem*, by Richard T. Holmes & Gene E. Likens (Yale University Press)

Art: *The American School: Artists and Status in the Late Colonial and Early National Era*, by Susan Rather (Yale University Press)

Photography: *Maine on Glass*, by W. H. Bunting, Kevin Johnson, Earle G. Shettleworth Jr. (Tilbury House Publishers)

[Visit the NES website for information on the winning books and authors.](#)

BOOK AWARDS SALON AND Q&A WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 @ DOWN TOWN ASSOCIATION



Salon Q & A Session with authors Susan Rather, Stephen Coss and Keith Johnson with audience



Guest, Leonora Ballinger, Anna Bulkot



Book signing with Susan Rather



Ashley Dubin, Ian Ferraya de Bone, Matt Rimi, Michael Galligan

2017 BOOK AWARDS LUNCHEON
 THURSDAY, JUNE 8 ∞ UNION LEAGUE CLUB



Stephen Coss winning author for nonfiction



NES Book Awards Committee: Anne Teasdale, Ireen Kudra-Miller, NES President Anna Bulkot, Chair Ellen Scordato, Jan Whitman Ogden, Roland Foster Miller



Kevin Johnson winning author for Photography



Susan Rather winning author for Art



George Doyle, Jennifer Mitchell



Thomas Hills, Benedict Gedaminski



Jay Sherwood, Jane Pflug



Jay Lindsey, Lorna Livingston, Connie Greenspan



Jay Lindsey, Clarissa McNair, Jan Ogden, Elisabeth White, Tad Ogden, Barbara Todd



Sandra Deming, Marian Morrill, Maria Grazul, Judy Morrill, Mary Bulkot



Carolyn Zezima, Ellen Scordato, Susan Knopf, Joe Scordato



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SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 @ SCANDINAVIA HOUSE



Saralie Slonsky, Richard Perkins



David and Barbara Bender,
Mark and Daisy Pearson



Monique Rinere, Benedict Gedaminski



Don Wiss, Lauren Silberman



Scholarship Committee and Scholars Katherine Johnson, Jay Sherwood,
Thomas Hills, Anne Hall Elser, Artur Kalandarov, Judy Bliss,
John Dall'Aglio, Connie Greenspan, Chair Benedict Gedaminski



Jan Whitman Ogden,
Ellen Scordato



Matthew Rimi, Jonathan Smith,
Geoff Scott Barton III



Guests Enjoying the Solstice Celebration



Kara Jordan, Matthew Rimi



Salvatore Scalogna, Diane Scalogna, Jay Sherwood



Douglas Winston, Judy Bliss



Stephen Hedberg, Jay Sherwood, Robert Chan,
Judy Bliss, Susan Carr Pickett

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UPCOMING EVENTS



September 27 - Annual Meeting
(Kellen Offices)

October 12 - Member/Guest Reception
(Arader Gallery)

October - Junior Pilgrim Brunch
(TBD)

November 10 - Annual Dinner Dance
(Metropolitan Club)

December - Annual Christmas Party
(TBD)



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