



NES CELEBRATES 213 YEARS OF HISTORY AT FOUNDERS' DAY

On Tuesday, May 15th, the Society honored its long, distinguished history and held its annual Founders' Day Celebration at the Colony Club. Carol and Michael Lynch, Jan and Tad Odgen, Matthew Rimi, and Anna Bulkot co-chaired the annual event, which included cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live music from Alex Donner, and the announcement of the 2018 NES Book Award winners. A great time was had by all thanks to the co-chairs and the rest of the Founders' Day Committee: Judith A. Bliss, Benedict Gedaminski, Connie Greenspan, Jennifer Mitchell, Richard Perkins, and Ellen Scordato. The Society extends its gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the celebration.

See the inside for additional photos from the Founders' Day Celebration!



2018 NES Board



Suzanne Clary, Michael Kovner,
Jean Doyen De Montailou

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Join us Friday
November 9th, 2018
at The Metropolitan Club

FOR OUR 213TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

This year the New England Society will be honoring **Peter C. Sutton, The Susan E. Lynch Executive Director of the Bruce Museum**, with the Reginald T. Townsend Award for outstanding achievement representing the finest attributes of the New England character. Under Mr. Sutton's stewardship, the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, CT has transformed from a local fixture to one of the most dynamic mid-size museums in the region, offering exhibitions of international quality along with a strong science and education component. Prior to the Bruce Museum, Mr. Sutton was the head of the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford for several years. A Boston native and a scholar of Dutch and Flemish art, Mr. Sutton received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College followed by a master's and doctorate from Yale University.

1872 LADIES RECEPTION

Although the suggestion of women attending an NES reception was originally made around 1842 by then-President Joseph Hoxie, it was another thirty years before the Ladies were invited to attend an event with the (all-male) membership. The original February 1872 event was held at Delmonico's, netted a \$281.15 profit and "all agreed to hold it annually." On February 28th, members of NES again celebrated this ground-breaking reception at a wine-tasting organized by the Junior Committee at the Astor Center in the landmarked De Vinne Press Building. And given the evening's success, the NES Board (once again) agreed this should be an annual event!



NES 1872 Party 2018 - Juniors



Dear Members and Friends:

It is hard to believe we are half-way thru the year! 2018 has been a whirlwind of activity for NES, with a variety of events for our members and friends. We continue to build on last year's successes while trying new ideas to keep things fresh! And given that we are celebrating our 213th year, finding something "new" is not necessarily that easy. But like the City we so proudly inhabit, we keep re-inventing and evolving so, as that classic song declares, "everything old is new again."

Our first event this year was the "1872 First Ladies Wine Tasting," which was held at the Astor Wine Center in the landmarked De Vinne Press Building, built in 1886. In addition to fine wines, cheeses, and charcuterie, Junior Chair Matt Rimi regaled the crowd by reciting "Women or Wine," a humorous poem by an NES member published in the Knickerbocker magazine in 1842, imploring the then-president not to change protocol by letting women attend NES events, "for her eyes shed a spirit more frisky, than lurks in the best 'mountain-dew'...". (It only took another 30 years, but he ultimately lost the argument!)

We also ventured to some wonderful and "new" venues with the support and sponsorship of the NES Board and Past Presidents; our 213th Founders' Day was held at the illustrious Colony Club (see pictures on pages 3&4). And we ventured back to the Upper East Side to celebrate Summer Solstice in the courtyard of the House of the Redeemer (luckily the "weather gods" blessed us with the perfect evening!).

And there are also activities going on behind the scenes to bring NES firmly into the 21st century. Earlier this year, the NES Board approved moving forward with the implementation of a new Association Management System (AMS). Although it will probably not be apparent to most members, this will allow us to operate more efficiently and securely, with improved data management and customer service capabilities. Once completed, NES will have evolved from hand-written 19th century ledgers and 20th century excel spreadsheets to operating in the "cloud."

But we remain firmly committed to NES' core programs: the Scholarship Fund and Annual Book Awards. And we have some wonderful updates on both in the following pages.

And now, it's time to focus on the second half of the year and our wonderful upcoming events. Please mark your calendars for the Annual Dinner Dance on November 9th — I look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Bulkot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Bulkot
99th President

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Ashley Picker Dubin,
Ella Ray



Colleen Hills, Tom Hills,
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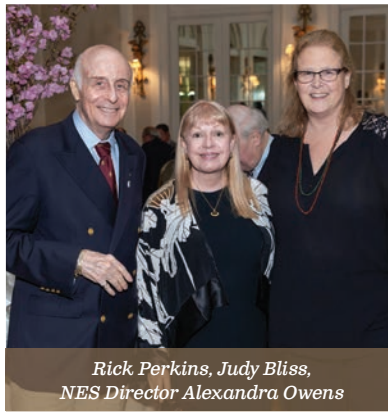
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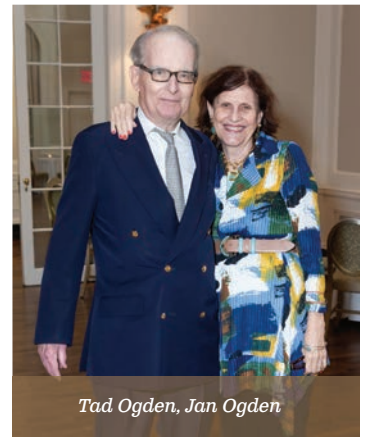
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Leonora Ballinger, Donna Gross, Kendra Swee

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TUESDAY, MAY 15 AT THE COLONY CLUB



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Georgina Sager, Jarmila Bren



Judy Bliss, Roger Schmitt



Michael Lynch, Carol Lynch



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Guests Toast NES' Founding



Ike Yom, Stephen Dombroski

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NES CELEBRATES THE 2018 BOOK AWARD WINNERS

NES members and guests enjoyed two special events celebrating the 2018 New England Society Book Awards. The winning books represent 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.

On Wednesday evening, June 13th, the winning authors shared their stories at the Salon held at the Down Town Association. NES and DTA members enjoyed mingling during an informal reception followed by an energetic and insightful Q & A session with the authors. The evening was capped off by a book signing.

The following day, June 14th, the Awards luncheon and presentation ceremony took place in the Library at the Union League Club. The authors shared wonderful background stories about their respective books and their personal appreciation for New England as they accepted their awards. The winners for 2018 are:

Fiction: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow)

Nonfiction: *Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England* by Douglas L. Winiarski (Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press)

Art: *Cartoon County: My Father and his Friends in the Golden Age of Make-Believe* by Cullen Murphy (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Photography: *East of the Mississippi: Nineteenth-Century American Landscape Photography* by Diane Waggoner; With Russell Lord and Jennifer Raab (Yale University Press in association with the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.)

Specialty: *Moon New England Road Trip* by Jen Rose Smith (Hachette Book Group)



President Anna Bulkot and Book Awards Committee Chair Ellen Scordato



Douglas L. Winiarski, Christina Baker Kline, Diane Waggoner, Jen Rose Smith



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Thomas Hills, Steven Foley, Laurence Golding, Cynthia Golding



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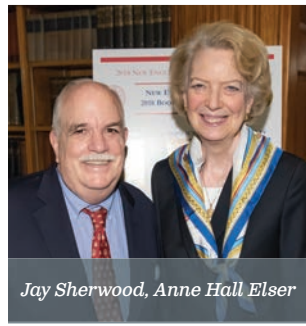
Christina Baker Kline



Thomas Hills, Sara Champion



Donna Gross, Douglas Winston, Leonora Ballinger



Jay Sherwood, Anne Hall Elser



Geoff Barton III, Jennifer Mitchell, Matt Rimi



Mary Bulkot, Marian Morrill, Alice Yurke

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AUTHORS SALON



Authors Panel



In the Library



Panel and Matt Rimi

SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Mitchell, Chair of the NES Scholarship Committee, reports that 2018 has been an active year for the committee, with new marketing, social media, and fundraising plans set in motion. The city-wide application process for students kicked off in April and was action-packed as usual, with collection, tallying and scoring all culminating in the interview process in late July. The committee is thrilled to announce that four new, outstanding scholars were selected, and their financial packages are being confirmed with notification to take place later in August. The 2018 Scholars will be announced in September at the Annual Members Meeting.

The NES Summer Solstice event in June was especially lively with the attendance of four of our active scholars who mingled with guests and shared their recent academic experiences and achievements. Recent updates from scholars include:

Yelena Denisenko graduated from Brown University and is back in NYC working full time as a software engineer at CBRE Build.

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NES Scholars Deepak Aggarwal, Helen Denisenko, Leonardo Cavicchio, Andy Ma

Andy Ma, attending Yale University, is conducting environmental research with a professor at NYU for the summer, and also volunteering at Mt Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center.

John Dall'Aglio is beginning his honors research

thesis at Brown University on relationship patterns in autism for his Cognitive Neuroscience major. He was also elected to Brown's Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

The Scholarship Committee looks forward to an active fall and winter of ramping up fundraising efforts, continuing our marketing efforts, and meeting with college admissions professionals to stay abreast of current university and government trends related to costs and financial funding.



NEW MEMBERS



Donna Gross

Emily Mohr

Robert Schmitt

SUMMER SOLSTICE TUESDAY, JUNE 26TH AT HOUSE OF THE REDEEMER



*Jan Whitman Ogden, Andrew Bevan,
Benedict Gedaminski, Robert Chan,
Jay Sherwood, Leslie Middlebrook Moore*

The NES Board of Directors and Junior Committee hosted the annual Summer Solstice Party on Tuesday, June 26th in the courtyard of the House of the Redeemer. 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. We were also thrilled to have several NES Scholars in attendance and attendees were eager to learn more about their accomplishments and plans.



*Jay Sherwood, Helen Denisenko (Scholar),
Benedict Gedaminski, Monique Rinere*



Matthew Rimi, Ashley Picker Dubin



*Geoff Barton, Ellen Scordato, Lauren Silverman,
Diane Scalogna, Salvatore Scalogna*



*Fred MacEachron,
Jane Pflug*



*Cynthia and
Laurence Golding*



Summer Solstice Guests



*Jay Sherwood, Anne Hall Elser,
Andy Ma (Scholar)*



*Leslie Middlebrook Moore,
Robert Chan*



Geoffrey Barton, Matthew Rimi



*Bill Greenspan, Connie Greenspan,
Jay Sherwood*



Matt Rimi, Emily Mohr, Helen Denisenko



*Daisy Field-Pearson, Mark Pearson,
Saralie Slonsky, Richard Perkins*

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**New England Society Book Awards Winners
Announced**, *Fine Books & Collections*, May 16, 2018

**New England Society Names Five 2018 Book
Awards: Fiction, Nonfiction, Art, and Travel**,
Publishing Perspectives, May 15, 2018

**2018 NES Book Awards Honor New England
Culture**, *The Millions*, May 16, 2018

Looking forward to catching up, *New York Social
Diary*, May 22, 2018

Merit of every stripe, *New York Social Diary*, June
29, 2018

Through the Lens, *New York Lifestyles Magazine*,
August, 2018 (*Founders' Day and Book Awards*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday,
September 26

Annual Members Meeting
NES HQ, Kellen Offices

Wednesday,
October 10

Fall Member/Guest Party
The Arader Galleries

Friday,
November 9

Annual Dinner Dance
The Metropolitan Club

Thursday,
December 13

Annual Christmas Party
The Cosmopolitan Club

