



## NES CELEBRATES 210 YEARS OF HISTORY AT FOUNDERS' DAY

On Wednesday, May 13, the Society honored its long, distinguished history and raised funds in support of the *NES Scholarship Program* at the 210<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Celebration.

Sara Hunter Hudson, Ronald M. Gold, Carol M. and Michael D. Lynch co-chaired the cocktail dance at the Loeb Boathouse at Central Park. Attendees enjoyed carving stations and hors d'oeuvres in between spins on the dance floor.

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, J. Scott Glascock, Connie Greenspan, Lucille Kirk, Jennifer Mitchell, Jan Whitman Ogden, Jay Sherwood and Milan Spencer Suri. The Society extends its gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the celebration.

See the inside for additional photos from the 210th Founders' Day Celebration! Photos thanks to Annie Watt.



*Event Co-Chairs Ronald M. Gold and Sara Hunter Hudson, President Jay Sherwood, Event Co-Chairs Carol M. and Michael D. Lynch*



*Loeb Boathouse at Central Park*

## NES SUMMER SOLSTICE PARTY

The NES Board of Directors and Junior Committee hosted the annual Summer Solstice Party on Thursday, June 18 at the Otto Kahn Mansion Courtyard at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Attendees enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while admiring sunset views over Central Park.



Andrew Bauer, Jan Whitman Ogden, Jay Sherwood, Jennifer Mitchell



Deborah Plotsky, Renee Hong, Marija Grubic, Jenna Shipman



Jessica Wright, Milan Suri, Ann-Hunter Van Kirk



Nicole Clarke Gehring and friend



Bernadette Farrell, John Farrell, Patrice Derrington, Jay Sherwood



Gregory Mesniaeff, Judy Bliss



Barbara Hayward, Kerry Walk, Benedict Gedaminski



Barbara & David Bender, Nancy & Ernst Rothe



Dear Fellow Members of NES,

This has been a very exciting year for us. As many of you know, we decided to give up our offices at 20 West 44th Street. As lovely as the exterior and parts of the interior were, the services including electric, air conditioning and cable were almost third world and the building had lost its tax exempt status which would have translated into a big hike in our rent once the lease was up on March 31. We also had to say good-bye to our beloved Executive Director, Robin Hickey. Her increasing night classes conflicted with many of our programs and meetings and, quite understandably, she decided to stay with the books at Baruch College.

With many thanks to the Office Search and ED Search Committees made up of, Anna Bulkot, Anne Elser, John Farrell, Benedict Gedaminski, Scott Glascock, Stephen Soren and yours truly, and with many more thanks to the very supportive Board of Directors, it was determined that we could solve both challenges by engaging the services of a management firm. By doing so, we would have access to office space and conference rooms that are more up-to-date. Electricity is no longer spotty. We have faster internet. We have access to air conditioned (and heated) conference rooms where we can meet in comfort and perform scholarship interviews. The firm is Kellen Company, located at 355 Lexington Avenue. We are also very delighted with our new Executive Director, Emily Brochstein. Her experience includes working with other non-profits for several years. Emily and other members of the Kellen Team have made this change-over almost seamless. I think the entire experience has been a win-win for the Society!

After many years of having the Founders' Day celebration at the Racquet and Tennis Club, it was decided late last year to change the venue to the Central Park Boathouse. Pictures speak volumes, and we have many attesting to the success of the venue and the party itself. Ditto the Summer Solstice party which was a repeat at the imposing Otto Kahn Mansion (now Sacred Heart) building at 91st Street and Fifth Avenue. Pictures of that are part of this newsletter as well.

Other bright spots so far this year were the successful Book Awards Luncheon, the rewarding Scholarship Committee interviews and the awarding of the NES Scholarships to four very deserving students.

Looking forward, we have our Annual Meeting on September 30. Also, the Pilgrim Luncheon, Annual Dinner Dance and Christmas Party are just around the corner.

Thank you all for being so supportive of the Society and its programs. I hope to see you soon!

All best,

Jay Sherwood  
98th President

**SPRING MEMBER/GUEST PARTY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 7 @ SSMAC CLUB**



Lou Milgram, Tor Holtan, John Kleiss, Jay Sherwood; Merrie Martinson, Dagmar de Brantes; Ariel Garcia, John Farrell; Leslie Middlebrook Moore, Benedict Gedaminski



Jonathan Kuhn, Laurie Consoli; Lauren Silberman, Susan Converse Winslow, Barbara Hayward, Merrie Martinson; Judy Bliss, Lou Milgram; Alexandra Parker, Jan Whitman Ogden



Tor Holtan, Anne Hall Elser, Larry Golding, Dermod Sullivan; Susan Converse Winslow, Milan Suri, Oksana Tikhonova; Scott Glascock, Leslie Middlebrook Moore, Andrew Bauer; Laurie Consoli, Sarah Belz



Robin Hickey, Anne Hall Elser, Sara Hunter Hudson, Jan Whitman Ogden; Geoff Barton, Alexandra Parker, Ariel Garcia, Jay Sherwood, Sarah Belz; Leslie Middlebrook Moore, Sara Hunter Hudson, Jan Whitman Ogden

**210TH FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 @ LOEB BOATHOUSE AT CENTRAL PARK**



Doran Mullen, Connie Greenspan, Ron Romanine; Kate Kincheloe, Andrew Bauer, Jean Otway, Lorcan Otway, Leslie Middlebrook Moore; Stuart Bevan, Larry Golding; Melissa Zack, Dian Ducey, Terrence Smart



Coco and Richard Neel; Ron Gold, Sara Hunter Hudson, Jay Sherwood, Carol and Michael Lynch; Arnold and Hilda Neis, Dermod Sullivan, Anne Hall Elser, Tabitha Young, Mary Latimer Chung



Walter Bottger, Andrea Rousseaux; Sara Hunter Hudson, Milan Suri; Andrea Rousseaux, Karen Bevan, Mary Latimer Chung; John Farrell, Valerie Corvington



Jenna Shipman, Sarah Belz, Laurie Consoli; Kendra Swee, Lindsey Washburn, Jennifer Mitchell; Tad Ogden, Jan Whitman Ogden; James Skay, Robin Hickey



Trip Dorkey, Sam Milliken, Laurie Monnig, Jay Sherwood, Kitty Stanton, Marc Neid; Emily Cabangon, Jed Cabangon; Anna Bulkot, Tom Hills, Colleen Hills; Jay Sherwood, Anne Hall Elser

Save the Date  
*210th Annual Dinner Dance*

Friday, November 13, 2015

Metropolitan Club



This year, Stephen C. White will be honored with the Reginald T. Townsend Award in recognition of his significant contributions to New England. Stephen White is President of Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea. He joined the Museum in January of 2009 after a career as an educator, lastly as Headmaster of Fay School from 1990-2008.

At Mystic Seaport, Steve has focused on a revitalized vision, a bold strategic plan, the development of new digital educational programs, building partnerships, and renewing the Museum's fundraising goals and capabilities.

## NES CELEBRATES THE 2015 BOOK AWARD WINNERS



On Wednesday, June 3, the Society feted the winners of its 2015 *New England Society Book Awards* at the historic Grolier Club in midtown. The awards, which honor books of merit that celebrate New England and its culture, are presented annually to the authors of books published

in the previous 12 months, in any of four major categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, History & Biography and Specialty Titles.

Three of the four winning authors – Michael Blanding, Jeremy Sewall, Randy Spencer – were in attendance to accept their awards in front of a full-capacity audience made up of NES members, guests, and publishing insiders. Editor Joan Bingham accepted Alice Greenway’s award on her behalf.

The 2015 NES Book Award winners, selected from thirteen finalists, are as follows:

• **Fiction:** *The Bird Skinner* by Alice Greenway (Grove Press): Slowing down from a hard-lived life, ornithologist Jim Kennoway retreats to an island in Maine. There, he thinks back to his youth, working for Naval Intelligence during WWII. While spying on Japanese shipping from behind enemy lines, Jim befriends Tosca. Now, thirty years later, Tosca has sent his daughter to stay with Jim in the weeks before she begins premed at Yale. She arrives to Jim’s consternation – yet she will capture his heart and that of everyone she meets, irrevocably changing their lives.

• **Nonfiction – Contemporary:** *Wide and Deep: Tales and Recollections from a Master Main Fishing Guide* by Randy Spencer (Skyhorse Publishing): There is little about the remote town Grand Lake Stream and its surrounding lakes that Randy Spencer doesn’t know. Spencer, a Master Maine Guide, has learned from the best, and has enough experience as a hunting and fishing guide to fill several lifetimes.

• **History & Biography:** *The Map Thief* by Michael Blanding (Gotham Books): Once considered a respectable antiquarian map dealer, E. Forbes Smiley spent years doubling as a map thief – until he was finally arrested slipping maps out of books in the Yale University Library.. Acclaimed reporter Michael Blanding has interviewed all the key players in this stranger-than-fiction story and shares the fascinating histories of maps that charted the New World, and how they went from being practical instruments to quirky heirlooms to highly coveted objects. The Map Thief interweaves Smiley’s escapades with stories of the explorers and mapmakers he knew better than anyone.

• **Specialty Title:** *The New England Kitchen: Fresh Takes on Seasonal Recipes* by Jeremy Sewall (Rizzoli New York): In his first cookbook Boston’s acclaimed chef and restaurateur Jeremy Sewall explores contemporary New England fare, adapting the region’s fresh, simple flavors into refined dishes for the home cook. Featuring more than one hundred delectable recipes, this vibrant cookbook highlights the area’s celebrated farms and fisheries to incorporate distinct flavors throughout the year.

Select photos, courtesy of Kate Weiman, are below and at right. Visit the NES website for a link to view photos from the luncheon photos.

The Book Awards Committee will soon begin meeting to plan the 2016 Book Awards Program. If you are interested in becoming a reader, please contact the NES office.

### 2015 BOOK AWARD WINNERS AND COMMITTEE



(l-r): NES President Jay Sherwood, Book Awards Committee members Benedict Gedaminski and Anne Teasdale, 2015 Book Award winners Michael Blanding and Randy Spencer. Book Awards Committee Chair Anna Bulkot, 2015 Book Award winner Jeremy Sewall, Book Awards Committee members Ellen Scordato and Jan Whitman Oden.

**BOOK AWARDS LUNCHEON & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 @ THE GROLIER CLUB**



Randy Spencer, Steve Kaufman; Matthew Rimi, Leonora Ballinger, Allison Coliskey, Scott Glascock; Andrew Smith, Anna Bulkot; Randy Spencer, Ireen Kudra-Miller, Roland Miller



Joan Bingham, Jan Whitman Ogden; Anne Riney, Susan Stevens, Ellen Scordato, Lila Campoli; Jeremy Sewall; Kerry Robinson, Jane Pflug, Anne Teasdale



Joan Bingham, Ellen Scordato; Morgan Beckwith, Barbara Meachin, Anna Gilhuley; Jay Sherwood, Scott Glascock, Anne Hall Elser, Benedict Gedaminski; Joan Bingham, Anna Bulkot



**2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES**

Congratulations to the 2015 Nominees of the  
New England Society Board of Directors

**Stephen Foley  
Logan Gould**

**2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the 2015 Scholarship Recipients  
Class of 2019!

**Christian Catacutan, Brown University  
Leonardo Cavicchio, Bryant University  
John Dall'Aglio, Brown University  
Harrison Dunne-Polite, Bowdoin College**

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## ∞ Upcoming Events ∞

September 30 - Annual Meeting (James Lenox House)

October 16 - Annual Pilgrim Luncheon (Central Park & Orsay Restaurant)

November 13 - 210th Annual Dinner Dance (Metropolitan Club)

December 7 - Annual Christmas Party (Cosmopolitan Club)