



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

A YEAR OF GRATITUDE

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We accomplished much in 2020 largely due to the members of our Nobska community who went above and beyond expectations. Like so many, the Friends of Nobska Light felt the impact of COVID-19 but as we responded to the needs I believe we discovered strengths previously untapped.

March of 2020 forced all of us to take a deep breath, pause, find ways to take care of those around us, stay safe and move forward.

Connected by our shared vision seen through the lens of a pandemic, we adjusted, remained flexible and stayed committed to Nobska and her community.

Although our Campaign continued, direct solicitation of gifts was suspended, and instead, the team shifted to staying connected to you, our donors. With an anticipated drop in income the Board decreased operational costs and subsequently many assumed added responsibilities to maintain the operations at Nobska. The restructuring and added efforts resulted in the completion of most of the work on the interior of the Keeper's House with funds available to pursue site planning for 2021. Despite the pause in solicitation we reached close to \$2.8 million of the \$5 million (3yr) Capital Campaign goal.

The Facilities Committee responded with remarkable energy and quickly developed a plan for staff, board members and volunteers that assured the safety of all those engaged in our mission. The Committee collaborated with both Catalyst Architecture and Dellbrook|JKS to minimize the impact of supply chain interruptions, manpower shortages and cost increases. Schedules were adjusted to assure safety and efficiencies.

We were unable to provide tours in 2020 but Nobska continued to be a destination for peaceful reflection and awe-inspiring moments captured by our local photographers, artist, and tourists. She served as the backdrop for celebrations of life, love and sometimes loss. Our volunteers assisted numerous couples navigate the site as they shared their vows including one on New Years Day during a cold rain storm!

With the combined strength of the Board, the Town of Falmouth, our donors, and all those who visited and cared for Nobska, we continued to move forward and fulfill the mission that joins us together. This year had complexities and uncertainties but for Nobska perhaps 2020 is best remembered as a Year of Gratitude.

Kathy Walrath



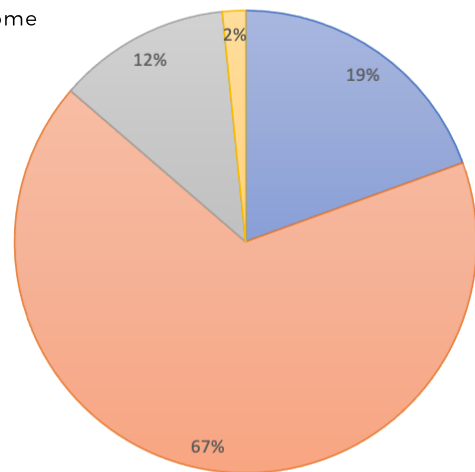
Cover photo courtesy of local artist, Rob Craig.

The lore of a lighthouse brings romantic ideas of being a lighthouse keeper and special ties to mariners and the sea. The Nobska lighthouse was, and will continue to be, a beacon for the town of Falmouth - connecting us to the sea.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Funding from the Community Preservation Commission, Massachusetts Cultural Society, Cape Cod Foundation, US Lighthouse Society, personal foundations and many individual donors supported the completion of significant renovation in 2020.

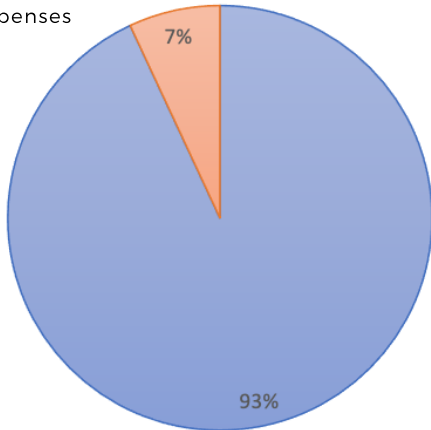
2020 Income



■ Individual Donations ■ Reimbursement Grants ■ Foundation Grants ■ Other Income

The urgent need for restoration of the Keeper's House impacted our decisions in 2020. A shift in our organizational structure resulted in significant decrease of operational costs and over 1.2 million dollars in capital improvements.

2020 Expenses



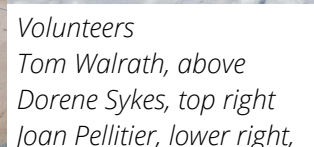
■ Preservation & Restoration ■ Operating

OVER 7100 HOURS

Volunteer hours soared as members of the Nobska community reached out to provide support in caring for Nobska and keeping our work moving forward.



Detailed 2020 financials along with specific donor recognition are available on our website: www.FriendsOfNobska.org.



Above, Board Members Phil Richardson, Patrick Burke and Lara Balter ; Center Top, Jeff Thomas, Board Member & Volunteer Director; Center Bottom, Greg Mazmanian, Volunteer

Volunteers Tom Walrath, above Dorene Sykes, top right Joan Pellitier, lower right,

2020 REFLECTIONS FROM NOBSKA

As Town Manager, I am thankful for all those assisting the Friends of Nobska Light in facilitating the extraordinary stewardship of this treasured property. Your diligence and commitment to service is a source of inspiration to us all.
Julian Suso



I loved making the holiday silhouettes come to life and being inside the historic Keeper's House at Nobska!
Liana Jean Rasmussen, local artist of Climbing Vine Design.



Catalyst Architecture Team: Kurt Raber, Maria Raber and Kathryn Giardi



*Tom Clarke
Howlingbird Studio, Inc.*

I recognize the tireless efforts of volunteers at the Friends of Nobska Light who enrich our community.

As a group we were challenged by finding a balance between protecting the old while incorporating the new. We take pride looking back at all that we achieved together. The restoration of Nobska has been especially meaningful to Kurt, Kathryn and their families who are residents of Falmouth, as well as Maria who reside in Mashpee with her family. Making the project even more meaningful to preserve an important historic landmark in our community for generations to come.



I have always been drawn to lighthouses. For me they are that guiding light bringing you safely through the darkest of times. I spent many days and nights at Nobska lighthouse photographing her beauty and praying especially during the time of Joanne's, my late wife, illness. The site is comforting; a place of peace and serenity. I am so happy to see the work being done to preserve Nobska's beauty as she sits proudly atop that hill keeping everyone safe.

Michael Mondville, Local Photographer

2020 REFLECTIONS FROM NOBSKA

In the summer I always have a houseful of guests who travel to the Cape from near and far. The first thing everyone asks for is a trip to our local lighthouse, Nobska! We were all very concerned about what would happen to our cherished lighthouse. Thankfully, the “friends” took the reins and secured the future of this local treasure for all of us who live here, and those visitors who feel that their summer would not be complete without a drive “Ovah” to the lighthouse!”

*Afternoon Stroll--Nobska Lighthouse
Julia O'Malley-Keyes*



We visit Nobska Light House every chance we get. It is a lovely place to visit, enjoy the scenery, watch the sunset, as well as, watch the ferries going to Martha's Vineyard. When our daughter goes to sea for her research cruises, we go to the Nobska hill and watch the ship come in or go out. Nobska Light is the first place we take our visitors. We are proud to support the work of this local nonprofit we enjoy.

*Olivia Masih White
Falmouth Resident*

As the team at Dellbrook|JKS worked through the buildings we learned more and more about the history and condition of the structure. We discovered various building practices over the last century as we exposed the historical bones of the buildings and educated on how the structures changed throughout their lives. More than a few surprises sent us back to the “drawing board” for a solution that fit the need using.



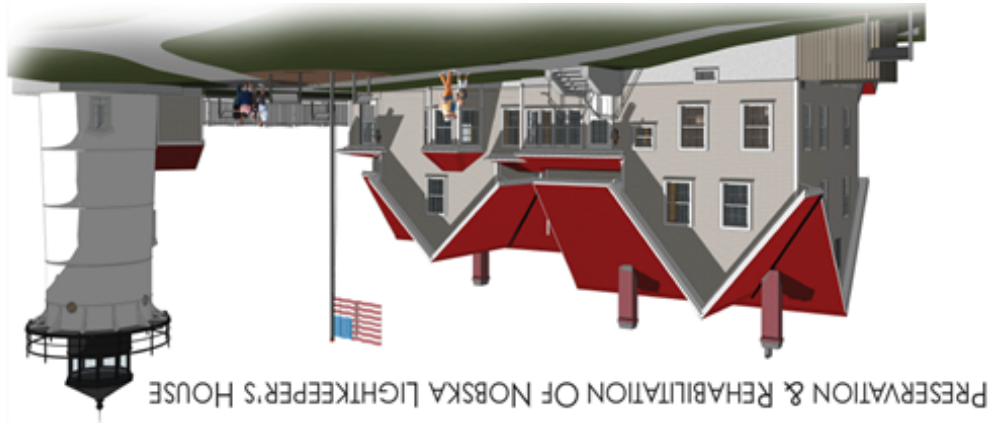
The Dellbrook |JKS Team: Seth Adams, Greg Inman, Rob Philp, Mike Palmer, Jim Sanderson Jr, Colleen Pasqualini, & Trish Ross

Our team utilized historical photos of the building to identify and add small details from the original structure and design. We worked closely with the Friends of Nobska Light to maintain the ongoing operations of the light ensuring that there were no interruptions in power to the this active navigational aide. We are proud to have been a part of this project in our own backyard.




We are committed to save, restore, and preserve Nobska Light Station, to repurpose the Keeper's House into a maritime museum, and share the Nobska Story with future generations.

Architectural rendering courtesy of Catalyst Architecture



PRESERVATION & REHABILITATION OF NOBSKA LIGHTKEEPER'S HOUSE

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& Maritime Museum**
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