On Friday, November 10, NES hosted its 212th Annual Dinner Dance at the Metropolitan Club. The evening’s highlight was the presentation of the 65th Reginald T. Townsend Award to Ian and Shep Murray, co-founders and co-CEOs of the lifestyle brand vineyard vines. Ian Murray accepted the award on his and his brother’s behalf. Mr. Murray captivated the audience when he cited previous recipients of the prestigious award with whom he had connections, from Walter Cronkite (1995) who after receiving complimentary vineyard vines neckties from the brothers invited them to go sailing, to Charles ‘Chuck’ Royce (2013) whose storied yacht, Aphrodite, they had been guests on to Frank Boyden (1966) headmaster of Deerfield Academy where he met his wife, Jamie, when he was 15 years old. Their dedication to a business that combines their love of New England culture with a passion for thinking outside the box made them fitting recipients for the Townsend Award.

Also at Dinner Dance at the Metropolitan Club, Ellen Scordato was presented with the J. P. Morgan Award. Named for the noted financier and philanthropist who was the Society’s 26th President, the award is presented annually to a member who has demonstrated outstanding service and devotion to the New England Society. Ellen is a long-time member of the Board as well as a founding member of the annual New England Society Book Awards, which she currently chairs. With her energy, guidance, and publishing industry expertise, the Book Awards have become a signature NES program that attracts submissions from notable authors and publishers as well as provides the opportunity for cultural discourse among our members; it has also proved invaluable for attracting new recruits and strengthening NES membership. NES benefits greatly from Ellen’s stewardship of this unique celebration of New England-focused literature.
212th Annual Dinner Dance
(November 10, 2017)

Welinton Vargas, Anna Bulkot, Ian Murray

Carol Lynch, Michael Lynch, Steve Madsen

Reverend Cannon Andrew J. W Mullins, Cathy Mullins, Jay Sherwood

Salvatore Scalagna, Diane Scalagna

Chris Svard, Jean Walshe, Jamie Murray, Ian Murray, Jules Vachon, Peter Walshe

Dinner Dance Co-Chairs
Harry Chung, Liane McAllister, Jay Sherwood, Ron Romaine

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Danae Burnham, Arnold Neis, Hilda Neis, Wanda Hammill, Lois Bailey, Dr. Marvin L. Barron

Max Johnson, Chantelle Johnson, Dermot Sullivan, Anne Hall Eiser

Jarmila Bren, Mike Meir Yaloz, Georgina Sager

Danzey Burnham, Arnold Neis, Hilda Neis, Mary Latimer-Chung

Rick Perkins, Oksana Tikhonova

Danzey Burnham, Arnold Neis, Hilda Neis, Mary Latimer-Chung

Monique Rinere, Benedic Gedaminiski

Dancing

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Welcome Our Incoming Board Member

We are thrilled to say “welcome back” to Anne Teasdale, who previously served on the Board from 2010 to 2014. She has also been an active Book Awards Committee member, managing the Art & Photography reader panel.

New NES Executive Director

Alexandra Cantor Owens was born and raised in Manhattan and graduated from Columbia Preparatory School. At Hobart & William Smith Colleges (Geneva NY), she earned a BA in Religious Studies. After graduation, she worked in a small, busy accounting firm in New York City for before taking the lead staff position at the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA). For almost the next 30 years she served the national Board and managed all aspects of this growing association: membership, meetings, publications, technology, communications, finances, and more. In 2014, she brought ASJA to Kellen and managed the transition. She lives in Boonton, New Jersey with her husband and two teenage daughters.

Additionally, Alex started working with the Book Awards committee just before the 2017 Awards events. She has been actively managing the 2018 Awards program and is also using her technical and operational skills to streamline and update the operating processes of this key NES program.

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Anna Bulkot, President
Benedict Gedaminski, First Vice President
Ellen Scordato, Second Vice President
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Ashley Picker Dubin
Katherine Mendez
Raymond Mendez
Kate Moffett
Thaddeus Olchowski
David Rich
Shana Roark
William Sipser
Preston Stuart
Member-Guest at Arader Gallery

(October 12, 2017)
Dinner Dance Patron’s Party

(October 26, 2017)

2017 Dinner Dance Committee

Arnold Neis, Hilda Neis, Tony Tichenor, Christine Loomis, Dermod Sullivan, Anne Elser

Connie Greenspan, Jennifer Mitchell

Drinking a Toast

Donna Gross, Connie Greenspan

Fred MacEachron, Louise Claire

Tom Hills, Coleen Hills, Jean Walshe, Chris Svardh

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Christmas Party

(December 11, 2017)

Stuart Baker, Anna Bulkat, Oksana Tikhonova

Salvatore Scalognna, Diane Scalognna, Geoffrey Scott von Barton III

Saralie Sionsky, Mark and Daisy Pearson

Richard Perkins, Anne Elser, Dermad Sullivan, Jay Sherwood

Tiffany Connors, Alexandra Baker, Judy Villard

Lucy Kirk, Diane Scalognna, Judy Bliss

Alan Frese, Lucy Puig, Jose Pincay

Alexandra Owens, Tajiya James

Leila Bradley, Paul Ervin, Matthew Rimi, Geoffrey Scott von Barton III, Salvatore Scalognna

Leonora Ballinger, Roger Schmitt

Cathleen Noland, Lucy Kirk

Andrea Rousseaux, Annie Watt

Ivan Obolensky

Donna Gross, Richard Perkins

Tom Hills, Colleen Hills

Ron Romaine, Jay Sherwood, Salvatore Scalognna, Alan Bialeck

Singing Christmas Carols

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Recent NES Press

NY Social Diary, November 28, 2017
Antiques & The Arts Weekly, December 8, 2017
New York Lifestyles, December 2017

See NES website for links!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 28
1872 First Ladies’ Reception
Astor Center

Thursday, April 5
Spring Member/Guest
Soldiers’, Sailors’, Marines’, Coast Guard and Airmen’s Club

May–TBD
Founders Day

Wednesday, June 13
Book Awards Author Salon
Down Town Association

Thursday, June 14
Book Awards Luncheon
Union League Club

Friday, November 9
213th Annual Dinner Dance
The Metropolitan Club