
Nobleboro Historical Society

P.O. Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

September 12, 1999

Dear Members:

New Program

Your program for 1999-2000 is enclosed. Please note the dates on your calendar for these excellent speakers.

Applefest

Applefest, which is a joint endeavor of the Historical Society and the Nobleboro Parent-Teachers' Organization, has been canceled for this year. Too many key leaders and support workers have to be away on the October 2nd date, or are ill, or are unavailable because of the pressure of other events.

College Scholarships

Three scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to Amy Bickford, Emily Clime, and Jason Drake. Two of these awards were provided from Society income. The third one was a gift in memory of Frances Key presented by her son Thomas Key.

Membership and Dues

Memberships have continued at about the 200 level. New members include Richard (Dick) and Jean Vose, Charles and Suzanne Hendrich and Robert Wilshire. These folks are already serving on the Program and Property Committees.

Membership dues, effective next April, will be increased to \$10.00 for an adult, or \$15.00 for family membership.

Open House Events

The open house for school children was held in June for grades 3, 5 and 7. Of special interest was a video of Nobleboro's 1988 Bicentennial Parade. Having these three grades each year will allow every youngster three official visits to the Historical Center during their school years.

The open house events on Saturday afternoons during July and August included a number of people seeking genealogies and viewing the many historic artifacts. Many others visited during the year or reached us through correspondence.

History Project Winners

The three winners at the Nobleboro School Education Fair were Holly Harlow, Stewart Moody and Owen O'Donnell. Each received a special certificate and a copy of the reprinted 1988 Bicentennial History of the town.

Other Historical Society Activities

Increased interest in local history is evidenced by the recent formation of historical society organizations in Damariscotta, Newcastle and South Bristol. We benefit from the successes of each society. They are supplementing the 648 history articles already written for the *Lincoln County News* by your Nobleboro historian.

The Historical Center sparkles with a touch up of paint and a magnificent hackmatack flagpole. Our thanks go to Bill Horton.

We look forward to another successful year as we start the next century.

George F. Dow, President