
Nobleboro Historical Society

P.O. Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

September 20, 2001

Dear Members,

New Program for 2001-2002

Enclosed is your new program of speakers for the coming year. If you live nearby, be sure to list the October 19th date for "Railroading – Present and Future Prospects in Maine" and November 9th for a presentation on "The Granite Industry".

All programs will take place at the Historical Society Building except for the Annual Meeting. That will be held in the Grange Hall. This year's Annual Meeting features a multi media presentation by photographer Will Richard from Georgetown. This is sure to be of interest to all.

Society Memberships

We expect to reach our goal of about 200 members. If you have not yet sent in your membership for the year ending March 31st, Florence Perkins will be glad to hear from you. You may send your dues to Florence at 27 Evergreen Estates, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

A Facelift for the Historical Center

The clapboards on the old 1818 schoolhouse are showing their age, with badly peeling paint. The Town, which owns the building (on lease to the Society), is considering restoration plans. Bill Horton represents the Society in this planning. At its annual meeting, the Society approved giving \$1000 toward the cost of the restoration. The Student Council at the Nobleboro Central School organized an outdoor festival in June that raised \$547.85 for the restoration. A donation of \$1000 was also received from Gloria and John Markewich of Nashua, N.H. (life members of the Society).

Historic Artifacts

Our acquisition book lists the rather amazing total of 897 items contributed to the Society since 1975. Some of the outstanding contributions are on display at the Historical Center. Others are stored on basement shelves or in the fireproof vault.

College Scholarship Winners

The two scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to Heather Taylor and Elisha Stevens. Heather will attend Bates College in Lewiston. Elisha is attending Thomas College in Waterville.

History Project Awards

The winners for outstanding history projects at the Nobleboro Central School Education Fair were Tawnja Bradley, Alisa Muhlhorn, and Colin O'Donnell.

Nobleboro History

Articles printed in the *Lincoln County News*, under the title of "Nobleboro History" continue to be a valuable supplement to the Town's Bicentennial History book published in 1988. George Dow recently celebrated the publication of his 700th article. These articles began in 1976 when our country celebrated its 200th birthday.

Open House

School students for grades 3, 5 and 7 visited the Historical Center in early June when they learned about local history and viewed selected artifacts. Under this arrangement, students will have visited the Center three times during their Nobleboro school years.

Visitors on Saturday afternoons during July and August were rather limited in numbers. But they were supplemented by out of towners with special midweek appointments. There was also considerable genealogical correspondence.

New Trustees

At the annual meeting, the officers and committee chairs were re-elected for another year. For the Board of Trustees, there were three new members - Stewart Hanna, Andrea Feus and George Feus.

Hope you all had a good summer.

George F. Dow, President