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# *Nobleboro Historical Society*

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*P.O. Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555*

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Dear Members,

## *Historical Center Looks Good*

After a few years of planning, the Historical Center has new vinyl siding and it looks wonderful. This was a community effort! The students of Nobleboro School raised \$1,080 toward the cost of the restoration; the Markewich family contributed \$1,730; the Society provided \$2,000 (total \$4,810); and the Town of Nobleboro paid \$2,500. We are grateful to all who helped with this project. Jeffrey, Richard, and Robert Blanc installed the siding; they have a few finishing touches to complete, but those will be done before the snow flies.

This spring Stu and Rhonda Hanna and George trimmed the trees and hauled away the brush and it looks great. On Saturday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, ***we'll do the fall clean up at 10:00 a.m.*** – please put it on your calendar.

## *New Programs for 2004-2005*

Our own Dick and Jean Vose will present our kick-off program on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. and we will learn all about their apiary adventures – they are beekeepers! The November 5<sup>th</sup> program features Helen Aston Fisher, who will talk about the history of the Farnsworth Art Museum, an organization that has changed the mid-coast area.

The Annual Potluck Dinner Meeting is Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and Steven Drake, Police Chief of Damariscotta, will talk about Community Law Enforcement and You – an important topic as times change. See the attached Program for the May and June programs.

As always we have a fabulous group of women as hostesses for our meetings – and we thank all of them ahead of time for their sweet contributions and help.

## *Sharing history*

On September 25<sup>th</sup> we did the now-traditional tour of the Center for the Nobleboro 4<sup>th</sup> graders – they learned the delights of the crank phone, our wonderful flag, the wringer washer, and the secret compartment in the desk. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class tour will be scheduled later.

As always, George, along with Joyce Brown, continues to meet the steady demand from those seeking their ancestral roots from our genealogical records, home and cemetery locations, and other facts that he and Ruth have accumulated in their time here in Nobleboro. Ruth is currently helping a Ruth Dow to research “her” Ruth Dow. George took in \$600 in contributions for our books, cookbooks and maps.

On October 27<sup>th</sup> George and I will make an informal presentation to a Senior Spectrum class about a few interesting tidbits of Nobleboro history. We need two more folks to talk about Nobleboro – ***any volunteers?***

## *Society Memberships*

Total memberships so far in 2004 are 60 Family, 39 Individual, 19 Life members and 5 Honorary members. Welcome to our new members: Brian and Deb Donovan, Nobleboro; Judy and David Falk, Nobleboro; Dr. Patience Oliver Fisher, Lincoln, NE; Michael Fisher (son), San Marino, CA; Daniel, Heather and Jordan Friedland, Damariscotta Mills; Martha S. Naismith, Nobleboro and Alexandria, VA; Peter A. Reed, Bend, OR; Don and Ingrid Stanley, Nobleboro; and Debra Wilson and Mark Becker, Nobleboro.

We are still accepting dues for 2004-2005! Please send checks to Lois Green, PO Box 10, Nobleboro. Individual memberships are \$10; Family, \$15; Junior (under 18) \$1; and Life \$100.

### *New Officers and Chairs*

The NHS officers and chairs are Mary Sheldon, President; Norm Van Dine, Vice President and Building Chair; Eleanor O'Donnell, Treasurer and Finance Chair; Jean Vose, Recording Secretary; Andrea Feus, Corresponding Secretary; George Dow, Historian/Curator; Stewart Hanna, Associate Curator; Joyce Brown, Associate Historian; Sonia Clime, Program Chair; Ann Baldwin, Resource Chair; Lois Green, Membership Chair; and Beverly Hancock, Scholarship Award Chair.

Thanks to Bill Horton and to Flora Gray for all their excellent work over the years as the Building Chair and Recording Secretary, respectively. And thanks to Jean Vose, who was the Program Chair, and who changed hats to be the Recording Secretary.

### *Scholarship awards*

This June the Society's \$1,000 scholarship awards were presented to Anna Courville and Stacey Guptill by Peggy Van Dine, representing our Scholarship Award Committee.

### *Maybe a website?*

Dick Vose suggested that the Society explore developing a website to make Nobleboro historical information more readily available. Dick and Jean Vose, George Dow, Dick Clime, Jean Thurston and Mary Sheldon are the exploration committee and will meet with a possible webmaster soon. After further consideration, the Trustees will meet to make a decision.

### *Maine Maritime Museum curator advises us*

Nathan Lipfert, a curator at the Maritime Museum, spent 3 hours in June at the Center to provide suggestions and guidance on how to best preserve and display our collection of artifacts. He suggested that we explore a system to better document the gifts that we accept and consider re-evaluating the insurance coverage for our collection. These issues will be considered at the October meeting of the Resource Committee. George Dow, Stewart and Rhonda Hanna, and Mary Sheldon attended the meeting.

### *New signs to guide people to the Center*

We invested in two large signs to announce our summer Open Houses – they were placed at both ends of Center Street each Saturday. Norm Van Dine handled the whole project and had them made at The Signman in Nobleboro. We thank The Signman for their well-designed signs and for their generous contribution to the Society.

### *Note from the president*

After almost six months as the president of the NHS, I can say thank heavens for George's guidance and support – and for all the help from everyone. It is a great adventure and I am enjoying it.

We look forward to an exciting 27<sup>th</sup> year as we continue to grow and to learn about Nobleboro and to share our history.

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Mary K. Sheldon, President