
Nobleboro Historical Society

P.O. Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

Fall 2005

Dear Members,

Notice! Programs Start Early!

Saturday, September 17th, is our first program – so please mark your calendars. Grayce Hall Studley will talk about her family and her home, “The 1791 Hall House and Seven Hall Generations.” The Hall family was one of the influential Nobleboro families that shaped the town from the beginning – Grayce will have an interesting tale to tell.

Other Programs

Friday, October 14th

“*Old Apples of Maine and Nobleboro – Care and Eating*,” John Bunker, apple expert.

Friday, November 11th

“*The 100th Anniversary of the Moxie Bottle House: The History*,” George & Judy Gross and Merrill Lewis who are restoring the House.

Saturday, April 8th

Our 29th Annual Meeting/Dinner program: “*An Evening of Chimney Farm Stories*,” Gary Lawless and folks who knew the Bestons. Please bring your remembrances about Chimney Farm to share.

Friday, May 5th

“*An Overview of the Lithographs of Currier & Ives*,” Thomas Moody will talk about their familiar decorative works and their political satire.

A word from George...

I want to express my deep appreciation to the Society for its part in achieving four major goals:

1. Celebration of my 100th birthday ~ great party!
2. Publication of another history book “Nobleboro War Time Involvements”!
3. Having Mary Sheldon become our new president ~ great leadership!
4. Increasing the Dow Scholarship Fund so an annual award can be made starting next June!

Great Accomplishments!

Thanks to all for the grand 100th birthday party!

Thank you so much for your generosity. As he turned 100, George most wanted to provide an annual Dow Scholarship to a Nobleboro student and we achieved that ~ there is over \$18,000 in the Fund. The Town and the Society will jointly administer this scholarship through our existing Scholarship Committee. We had marvelous food, a wonderful turnout of friends, a special display of family photos, outstanding flowers and décor ~ and great joy and celebration!

Special thanks to the Birthday Committee who organized and delivered a grand event:

Mary Ellen Anderson, Shirley Bailey, Andrea Feus, Flora Gray, Rhonda Hanna, Nancy Hartford, Mary Sheldon, and Jean Thurston.

Art Mayers generously gave the Society a copy of the video he took of the celebration, which is available if you would like to see it. It can also be seen on Channel 7 where it is shown periodically.

159 Members

	2005	2004	Dues
Family	53	60	\$15
Individual	29	39	\$10
Life	20	19	\$100
Honorary	4	5	

If every ‘Family’ has 2 members, the Society has about 159 members, which is a good number! However, please invite a friend or old or new neighbor to join! It is a chance to learn about Nobleboro, preserve and enjoy the past, meet folks, and have fun. Our new members include: Priscilla Chapman, Carolyn Hardman, Faith Porter, Art Gingold, and Patrick & Melanie Zebana.

Dues can be sent to Lois Green, PO Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

Three Scholarship Awards

Thanks to a generous \$5,000 gift from Audrey, Robert, and David Galpin and the McFadden family to create the Eleanor Purney Scholarship award of \$1,000 for each of five years, we were able to award one more scholarship in addition to our usual two awards.

Kayla Simmons, a graduate of Medomak Valley High School, received the Purney Scholarship and will be attending the University of Maine in Augusta to obtain an associates degree in Financial Services.

Abigail Hartford, a Lincoln Academy graduate, will major in professional studies as a freshman at Champlain College in Burlington, VT.

Christina Powell will enter her sophomore year at the University of Maine in Orono to study Psychology and International Affairs.

The Scholarship Committee was extremely pleased with all of the applications this year and feels these awardees will be very successful. The funds are sent to the educational institution in January.

Nobleboro's War Time Involvements – George's new book

George Dow and David Hutchings revisit articles researched and written by Dr. Dow for the *Lincoln County News* that cover Nobleboro's war involvements from 1675 through World War II in the new 96-page, softcover book, *Nobleboro's War Time Involvements*. It is a supplement to *Nobleboro, Maine – A History* written in 1988. You will find stories of courage, patriotic fervor, and hardships from the experiences of folks who also called Nobleboro home. Books are available from the Society for \$10.

Solid New Doors on the Historical Center

Did you notice the wonderful, solid, handsome, red doors on the Historical Center? They were built and installed by Brian Lawrence, B & D Builders here in Nobleboro ~ and show Brian's excellent craftsmanship. There will be no snowdrifts in the Center again! 'Thank you' to the Town of Nobleboro and to Dick Spear, our selectman, for continuing to help to keep the Center looking good. Dick just let us know that in each of the next few years, the Town plans to budget to have Brian rebuild a few aging windows to secure our collection and stop the windows' deterioration. Thank you, again!

New Exhibits

This spring the Resource Committee (Stewart Hanna, Tom Moody, George Dow, Mary Sheldon, and Deb Wilson) set-up new exhibits to display our artifacts ~ including exhibits in the basement. This fall/winter we will display our war time artifacts to complement the publication of *Nobleboro's War Time Involvements*. The Chimney Farm exhibit will remain, as that is the subject for our Annual Meeting. It includes an original 1950 Jake Day watercolor of the Farm given to the Bestons, which is generously on loan from Gary Lawless.

We need help setting up the exhibits and cleaning artifacts, let Stewart or Mary know if you can help.

Archival Workshop

In July, Stewart Hanna and Mary Sheldon attended a 1-day Basic Archival Workshop in Augusta offered by the Maine State Archives. They learned about archives, manuscripts, artifacts, ephemera, and provenance ~ and are beginning to understand the lingo and how to preserve our materials. With this new information, we will now apply for a conservation grant from the state.

Historical Center Care

With help from Norm Van Dine, Bill Horton repainted the flagpole that he constructed from a tamarack tree in memory of his wife, Muriel. The new rope/hook set-up that Bill provided will prevent scratching in the future.

The Van Dines planted and tended the attractive garden in front of the Center ~ and have plans for next year. Stewart Hanna patched wallboard and will caulk along the ceiling beams to keep the vermiculite insulation from falling down from the attic. We purchased a new dehumidifier for the vault, which we expect will reduce our high electricity bills.

Web Site

Al Maloney, webmaster, is working on a domain site/name and we should be on line by the holidays. Dick Vose, Chair, is working with Jean Vose and Jean Thurston, who have typed our cemetery and genealogical information, created copy for the home page, and provided photos, which was all downloaded to the webmaster. Other committee members include: Dick Clime, Norm Van Dine, George Dow, and Mary Sheldon.

Officers, Chairs, and Trustees

All the 2005-2006 officers, chairs, and trustees are listed in the enclosed program flier, but the new office holders include: Debra Wilson, Vice President and Dick Vose, Web Site Chair. Thanks to everyone for their participation, advice, and support!

Sharing History

George reports that he is feeling 'frisky' and will share the delights of the crank telephone with the Nobleboro 4th graders when they tour the Center this fall. Sally Hough will be the 'washer woman' again and Mary will talk about the flag and Chimney Farm. We are delighted that George is home and feeling good after a successful surgery.

Maine School Administrative Union #74 Adult Education has asked the Society to present a program on Nobleboro before statehood ~ and we are looking for a speaker. Any suggestions?

Happy 28th year,

Mary K. Sheldon, President