

Nobleboro Historical Society

Dear Members,

AppleFest is Back – Saturday, October 14th at Nobleboro Central School!

- Come and hear the Narrow Gauge String Band – a wonderful 5-piece, folksy, blues, contemporary string group including Art Mayers, Dave Pope, Tom Block, Bob Baldwin, and Karl Marean.
- Bid at the Silent Auction for over 20 items such as oysters, lobsters, gift certificates for auto work, mower repair, Kieve climbing wall or ropes course and many other fun & valuable things.
 - Crafts and local artisans and businesses will have tables with wonderful things for sale.
Remember that Christmas will be only nine weeks away!
- Fondy York and her fresh donuts are back along with fresh apples, gourds, and Indian corn
 - Three kinds of apple cider – cold, hot and mulled – and a cider press
 - Join us for lunch and a piece of pie – or take a whole apple pie home with you.
 - Games and face-painting and pumpkin-painting for the kids
 - Captain Al Krause from the 20th Maine group
- Bring the family and sit awhile to listen to the music and chat with your neighbors!

We also need volunteers – so please call and come to help!

If you have *craft items* to contribute, please call Nancy Hartford (832-6236) or Jean Thurston (563-3436).

If you are willing to *make an apple pie/cake* (or two or three) to sell, please call Mary Sheldon (563-5376).

Anything else call Mary (563-5376)

AppleFest will be dedicated to George!

AppleFest Committee members: Lisa Bottero, Dick Clime, Bob Dunbar, Nancy Hartford, Sally Hough, Al O'Donnell, Alice Scott, Mary Sheldon (chair), Jean Thurston, Regine Winter.

Notice! Programs Start next week!

Friday, September 22nd, is our first program, "*Growing up on East Neck Road.*" Eleanor Bickford O'Donnell, Joyce Ball Brown, and Grayce Hall Studley will talk about life as a kid during the 1930s and 1940s – and we hope that other East Neck 'kids' from the 1950s and 1960s will join with their stories.

Other Programs

Saturday, October 7, 2006

"*Heirloom Seed Project,*" Neil Lash, preservationist and science teacher at Medomak Valley High School created and runs this special project.

Friday, November 3, 2006

"*History and Stories of Moody's Diner,*" Harvey Moody, son of Percy B. Moody who founded Moody's Diner, has interesting tales to tell.

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Our 29th Annual Meeting/Dinner program: "*How Antiques are Appraised,*" John Bottero, owner Nobleboro Antique Exchange. Bring a treasure to be appraised.

Friday, May 11, 2007

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

Please put these dates on your calendar.

George Dow

Some of you who don't live in Nobleboro may not know that this June George Dow passed on. He was a special man and as everyone said at his memorial service – you just couldn't say 'no' to George – and with his guidance the Historical Society grew and flourished. His contribution to preserve and share the history of Nobleboro and the whole mid-coast area will be remembered and appreciated – as will his delightful sense of humor, hard work, and his 'focus' to have things done his way. We miss him and often think of him. With his strong interest in helping students, George asked that remembrances go to the scholarship funds at the Historical Society, Town of Nobleboro or Cove's Edge.

Another generous gift from George...

Once again, George Dow continues to make a major contribution to the well-being of the Historical Society that he helped to create and worked so diligently and enthusiastically to make an outstanding organization. Through his estate he has given \$2,000 to the Society. We are grateful for this gift and for all the other things that he did that will always be part of the Society's lore and our memories.

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Call to volunteer too!**

Three Scholarship Awards

Again this year the Society gave three \$1,000 scholarships - two from the Society and the third from the Eleanor Purney Scholarship, donated by the Galpin and McFadden families.

Lisa Martin, the Purney Scholarship awardee, is a second-year nursing student at the University of Maine in Augusta, while working as a medication technician/CNA at Cove's Edge. Lisa plans to stay in the area and continue to help others with her work in the medical field.

Christina Powell was awarded a Society scholarship for the second year, as she enters her junior year at the University of Maine in Orono to study Psychology and International Affairs.

Addison de Lisle, a Lincoln Academy graduate, will major in human ecology studies as a freshman at the College of the Atlantic. Human ecology is the study of the human interaction with the environment.

The Society's Scholarship Committee and the Town's Dow Memorial Scholarship Committee used a common application form and considered the same group of students.

Oral History Project with Nobleboro School

Bob Dunbar initiated an Oral History Project with the Nobleboro School this summer - and while still in the planning process, Daryl Hahn, the 8th history teacher expects the project to happen next spring. The Society is supporting Jo Radner, an experienced oral history person, to come and work with Daryl and help develop and implement the project. We are exploring a community event to share the experience and the fun. With Bob's help the Society will consider publishing the results of the project.

We will need 6-8 volunteers to work with the students for a few weeks - they will focus on the Depression and war years? It will be fun!

Nobleboro Cemeteries

Several Society members, Jean & Dick Vose, Tom Moody, and I, are working with the Town Cemetery Committee to do an inventory of the condition of the 84 cemeteries, especially the veterans' graves, as requested by the Selectmen.

Jean has generously offered to enter the information about the Town cemeteries into a special computer program. The information will eventually be available on our website for genealogies - and then organized into the Nobleboro Cemetery Book that George requested that the Society research and publish.

Historical Center Care

Once again, thanks to Norm & Peggy Van Dine who planted and tended the attractive garden in front of the Center ~ it looks great!

Our new Building Chair was busy and stained the front steps, along with several other tasks.

Bill Horton figured out how to disassemble the door to the old stove and replace the mica sheets. Good work as always!

This winter Brian Lawrence, who made the Center's new doors last year, will repair 1-2 of our old windows to secure our collection and stop the windows' deterioration, thanks to the Town which owns the Center. Also, the vinyl siding at the peak of the roof that fell off early this spring will be replaced.

Resource Committee

Sylvia Keene and Joan Gregoire, co-chairs, Roger Hathaway, and I are reorganizing the vault and office to incorporate the three file cabinets, copier, tables, and many other things from George's home.

We are also going to computerize our artifacts list and improve the preservation, access, and display of our wonderful collection. We are off to a great start - and are learning a lot as we go along.

Web Site

Don't forget to visit our website at www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org. Thanks to Dick Vose, Chair, and Al Maloney, webmaster for their work. Please let us know your suggestions and corrections.

Genealogy

Many thanks to Joyce Brown for her generous help with all of the folks who request genealogical information. Every month several people contact us from the website or referrals. Joyce is teaching me to use our references too - and if you are interested, will help you too.

144 Members

	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5	2003-4	Dues
Family	47	60	53	60	\$15
Individual	25	30	29	39	\$10
Life	22	21	20	19	\$200
Honorary	3	4	4	5	

If every 'Family' has 2 members, the Society has about 144 members so far this year. Our new life members are Bob and Peggy Nelson and Dr. & Mrs. Alan Faller - thank you very much for the extra support! New members this year include Christa Elwell and the Robert Horst family. 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. Dues can be sent to Lois Green, PO Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555.

Officers, Chairs, and Trustees

All the 2006-2007 officers, chairs, and trustees are listed in the enclosed program flier; our new office holders include: Roger Hathaway, Vice President and Sylvia Keene and Joan Gregoire, Resource Committee co-chairs.

Hard to believe, but we are beginning our 29th year,

Mary K. Sheldon, President