

Nobleboro Historical Society

Dear Members,

Friday, September 14th, is the 1st program for 2007-2008

“Water Power in Damariscotta Mills – Starting in 1730”

John Hilton will present a slide overview of the ownership and development of the water power rights to the many mills that existed in Damariscotta Mills from 1720 to 1921- including tales of the early settlers who first developed the water rights and their many conflicts. It starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical Center.

AppleFest is Saturday, October 6th at Historical Center and School!

- Come and hear the Newell Family Group sing and play their wonderful folksy, blues, country music.
- Bid at the Silent Auction for over 20 items such as oysters, quilts, gift certificates for auto work, mower repair, bi-plane ride, 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 ten weeks away!
- Fondy York and her fresh donuts are back along with fresh apples, gourds, and Indian corn
 - Cold cider & hot mulled apple cider – and a working cider press
 - Join us for lunch and a piece of pie – or take a whole pie home with you.
 - Bean bags, apple toss, donut on a string and face painting for the kids.
- Al O'Donnell will display his antique guns and give a short talk in the Historical Center.
- 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 Jean Thurston (563-3436).

If you are willing to *make an apple pie/cake* (or two or three) to sell, please call Regine Winter (563-8152).
Anything else call Dick (563-8168) or Al (563-5204)

AppleFest Committee members: Dick Clime (co-chair), Bob Dunbar, Flora Gray, Sally Hough, Al O'Donnell (co-chair), Alice Scott, Dick Scott, Mary Sheldon, Jean Thurston, Regine Winter.

Saturday, November 10, 2007

“Life of a Waldoboro Shipbuilder,” Mark Biscoe, Waldoboro author will talk about the many vessels build during “Waldoboro’s Golden Years” from 1860-1910 in the shipyards along the Medomak River.

Friday, March 14, 2008

“Spear’s Family Farm – 5 Generations,” Janet, Bob, and Dick Spear will highlight the history of the family farm and talk about their dairy operation and the expanding fruit & vegetable and farm stand operations that provide fresh produce to mid-coast Maine.

Saturday, April 12, 2008 Nobleboro Grange 6:00 pm

Our 30th Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner: *“Growing Roses Successfully in Maine,”* John Osier, rosarian, grows roses on his Waldoboro farm and will share his secrets for lovely old roses, as well as modern roses.

Friday, May 16, 2008

“Pemaquid Lighthouse – History & Future,” Caren Clark, board member of Friends of Pemaquid Lighthouse, will present the history of this lighthouse and also how they were constructed – and need to be preserved now.

Friday, June 20st AND Saturday, June 21nd

“Old Nobleboro Barns – Now & Then,” Les Fossel and Darryn Petersen, old barn restorers, will present a slide show about Nobleboro’s rapidly disappearing old barns – the construction methods, styles, conditions, and preservation on Friday.

On Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., they will lead a guided tour of 3 North Nobleboro barns of different styles. A fun outing!

Please put these dates on your calendar.

AppleFest Crafts Group

Sally Hough has some AppleFest craft ideas and is looking for a few more folks to help with them. They are very nice – and will be fun to make and don’t take too much time to create.
Please call Sally ASAP at 563-3613.

AppleFest is October 6th

Come and join the fun!

Call to volunteer too!

AppleFest will be a celebration of the beginning of the Society’s 30th year!

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.

* *Kyle Wright*, the Purney Scholarship awardee, will attend Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor to study for his 2-year diesel mechanics diploma. He will return to Nobleboro as the 5th generation to work in the family excavation business.

* *Carlyn Williams*, a Lincoln Academy graduate, was awarded a Society scholarship to attend the University of Rochester in New York, where she will major in neuroscience.

* *Allison Mehlhorn*, a Lincoln Academy graduate, also received a Society scholarship and plans to major in Biology, but hadn't decided which college to attend, as she had several acceptances.

Oral History Project with School—Again!

The Oral History Project with the Nobleboro School 8th grade history class was so successful this past spring that Daryl Hahn, the sponsoring teacher, plans to repeat the project next May. This time Mark Deblois, principal, has suggested focusing on veterans. Once again the Society will support Jo Radner, an experienced oral history person, to come and work with the class to learn to do oral histories.

So, if you are a veteran, please volunteer an hour of time to share your experiences with a few young people - then they will know more about our history and it is fun too!

Nobleboro Cemeteries

Several Society members, Jean and Dick Vose, Tom Moody, and I, are still working with the Town Cemetery Committee. We completed an inventory of the condition of the 84 cemeteries. Laurie McBurnie, chair, presented the clean-up suggestions to the Selectmen, as requested. Bob Jackson is making a numbered sign for each cemetery.

The Society has a specialized computer program to gather Town cemetery information. This will put all the information gathered by George Dow in computer database. It will eventually be available on our website for genealogies. It can also be published as the *Nobleboro Cemetery Book* as requested by George.

Historical Center Care

Al O'Donnell, Building Chair was busy with gas toilet tasks, restoring door thresholds, and replacing the stovepipe. He and Dick Clime removed the large dead tree and other yard work tasks. Brian Lawrence will install 1-2 window replacements sometime soon -- thanks to the Town, which owns the Center. No decision has been made about how to address the water-in-the-basement problem, but Deb Wilson, Selectman, has been working with Dale Wright to understand the problem.

Thanks also to Joan Gregoire for planting the hosta and impatiens in front of the Center ~ it looks great!

Genealogy

Once again, I want to thank 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 building quite a following with her thorough, knowledgeable, and cheerful help to these visitors - some folks plan their vacation around this genealogical work.

Resource Committee

Sylvia Keene, chair, and committee members created the new summer exhibit of household items -- kitchen and for sewing -- which had been stored in the basement. Also, Sylvia entered all the data about our almost 1,000 artifacts in the computer - a big first step. We have not started to clean the vault, and seal and paint the walls, as that will be coordinated with addressing the water problem.

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.

149 Members

	2007-8	2006-7	2005-6	2004-5	Dues
Family	48	63	60	53	\$15
Individual	26	31	30	29	\$10
Life	24	24	21	20	\$200
Honorary	3	3	4	4	

If every 'Family' has 2 members, the Society has about 149 members so far this year (end of NHS year is 3/31/08). 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.*

Our 3 honorary members are Mellicent Ball, Barbara Bragg, and David Chapman and we will profile them in future newsletters.

Officers, Chairs, and Trustees

All the 2007-2008 officers, chairs, and trustees are listed in the enclosed program flier; our new office holders include: Sarah Birkett and David Whitney, trustees; David was also appointed by the Selectmen as the Town representative; and Fondy York, Nominating Committee. New committee members are Donna Howarth and Carolyn Hardman, Resource, and Kathy and Jack Kennedy, Program. Thank you for volunteering!