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# Nobleboro Historical Society

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PO Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

Fall 2008

Dear Members & Friends,

## AppleFest is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Historical Center and School!

- The Newell Family and Al Jones' Swing Timers Band and NCS students will all sing and play.
  - Bid at the Silent Auction for over 30 items such as oysters, quilts, gift certificates, 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 & face painting for the kids with Kieve Leadership School staff.
  - 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 or want to be 'crafty' with us, please call Jean Thurston (563-3436).

If you'll bake *a pie (free apples) or cake* (or two or six) to sell, please call Regine Winter (563-8152). Help set-up, have sales table or silent auction item, call Dick Clime (563-8168) or Al O'Donnell (563-5204).

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## Our 1<sup>st</sup> program is the Roberts' Nobleboro Oxen Teams

On Saturday, October 18, three generations of the Roberts family – Ray, David, Holly and Eric – will tell about raising, training, and caring for their oxen teams, starting with a *demonstration* of what their talented oxen can do. Ray didn't need a skidder to bring in the trees from the woods, he used the oxen. Shoeing oxen is challenging as they won't bend their leg, so . . . "You have to know more than the cattle to train it."

*This will be fun and fascinating and they are magnificent creatures!*

Note: Starts at 6:00 PM outside. If it rains, the meeting will start at 6:00 PM inside the Center.

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## Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Nobleboro Historical Society!

Begun in 1978 by a stalwart Town group lead by the inimitable Town Historian, George Dow, the Society has been true to its original goals: •Scholarships totaling over \$45,000 since 1981 •at least one project with the Nobleboro Central School every year •The old Hawthorne School is an historic reference center for the public •summer Saturday open houses •6 great historical programs each year for the public – including AppleFest, which is a fun community event •preserving and sharing Nobleboro's history. **Join us!**

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## Membership

Ooops! Since we are late with our membership reminder, you can pay your dues for ***both this year and for next year*** with the same check – or become a life member. Please support your Historical Society – and you too can help to preserve Nobleboro's history!

**Membership for January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008 OR thru December 2009**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family     | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student    | \$ 1.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life       | \$200   |

Your name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please return your membership form to:

**Lois Green  
P.O. Box 10  
Nobleboro, ME 04555**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for only my 2008 membership **OR** \$\_\_\_\_\_ for ***both 2008 and 2009 membership***.

### ***Historical Center Care – thank you to Nobleboro!***

The foundation for the Historical Center has been sealed correctly, proper drains and gravel fill were used, and there will be a gutter on the north side of the Center – all of this was done to stop the continuous flooding of the basement floor and the significant damage to our artifacts from the moisture. The basement seems to be just fine now! We are grateful to the Town for paying 75% of the cost – and to Deb Wilson and Dale Wright for all the hours they spent being sure the job was done right!

Now the Building Committee (Al O'Donnell, Bill Horton, Roger Hathaway, Henry Simmons) can begin to deal with sealing the basement walls and making the area more functional – so the artifacts will be safe and more accessible.

### ***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* received the Purney Scholarship and will complete her Nursing degree at University of Maine in Augusta spring 2009.

\* *Hannah Pennington*, a senior at University of Maine in Orono will graduate spring 2009 with a major in Spanish.

\* *Daniel Wyand*, a Lincoln Academy graduate, is attending the Springfield College in MA and majoring in athletic training.

### ***Oral History Project with School—Again & Again!***

The Oral History Project 'Growing up in Nobleboro' done with the Nobleboro Central School 8<sup>th</sup> grade history class was so successful in 2007 that it was repeated in 2008 with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders, who interviewed WW II veterans – including Bill Horton, Bob Howarth, Fred Peck, and Norm VanDine.

This school year we will gather more oral history with local WW II veterans and those who 'served' at home – with the goal of making a documentary from the interviews. Carolyn Hardman, Society volunteer and former history teacher, and I will work with Daryl Hahn, social studies teacher, and Mark Deblois, principal. Once again the Society will support Jo Radner, an experienced oral history person, to teach the students how to do oral histories. All WW II volunteers welcome!

### ***Nobleboro Cemeteries***

Work continues on the 84 cemeteries in town; 15 large dead trees were removed from Blackstone-Flagg cemetery; the Spear family volunteered to remove a large oak in another cemetery. Would you take care of a small local cemetery - just mow and trim it twice a summer? Call Laurie McBurnie at 563-5347.

### ***Restoration of Chimney Farm writer's cottage***

Volunteers are restoring the writer's shack at Chimney Farm (East Neck Road) used by Henry Beston and Elizabeth Coatsworth. Jim

Derby, a professional house/ barn restorer, and volunteers from Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association and the Historical Society are contributing many hours. Kate Barnes, Beston's daughter, contributed \$1,000 for materials.

### ***New Honorary Members***

Mildred Genthner and Barbara Pinkham, both founding members, were presented with an honorary membership in recognition of their contributions over the decades. Among other projects, Barbara typed the entire manuscript of Nobleboro, Maine—A History on her handy Tandy computer; the Tandy will be given to the Society. Mildred was active on several committees and always ready to bake and help.

They join our other honorary members: Shirley Bailey, Mellicent Ball, Barbara Bragg, and David Chapman.

### ***NHS Trustee Actions:***

- Our fiscal year is now January to December (instead of April-March).
- Election of officers will occur at the November meeting, but the Annual Meeting is still in April.
- Trustees will now meet quarterly.
- Gave \$500 to Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder.

### ***Resource Committee***

Co-chairs, Donna Howarth and Mary, Carolyn Hardman, and Janet Peck created the new summer exhibit highlighting the outstanding tools in our collection. Come and see them! Next, as the basement walls and floor are finished, we will continue to identify and properly store and display our collection.

### ***Web Site -- [www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org)***

Our website is well begun, but can be better. Want to join the committee? You don't have to make the changes – we work with webmaster, Al Maloney, but we need two committee members. Volunteer and share your good ideas from other websites; call Dick Vose (563-7564). Help us bring Nobleboro to the world – really!

### ***Officers, Chairs, and Trustees***

Welcome to all the 2008-2009 officers, chairs, and trustees! They are listed in the enclosed program flier; our new office holders include: Fran Pichette, secretary, and Henry Simmons, trustee appointed as the Town representative.

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Mary K. Sheldon, President

### **Mark your calendar:**

**AppleFest, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**And get an AppleFest t-shirt !**

**Roberts' oxen, Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**