

Nobleboro Historical Society

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Fall 2012

Dear Members,

**Come to AppleFest this Saturday
10:00 to 2:00**



AppleFest is Saturday, October 13th at Historical Center and School!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Damariscotta Lake Country Band with music for listenin' and dancin'• Bid at the Silent Auction for over 80 items such as 50 oysters, week on Pemaquid Lake, rug cleaning, electrical work, 12 framed artworks, quilts, gift certificates, and many other fun & valuable things• Crafts like witches & puffins from lobster claws, knit and stitched things & painted gourds• Local nonprofits and business tables with information and wonderful things to buy• Cotton candy & whoopee pies, veggies & jam, sea glass jewelry, balsam-filled pillows, antiques & more | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fondy York and her hot donuts, along with fresh apples, cider, gourds, Indian corn and Shirley Bailey's dried flower arrangements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold cider & hot mulled apple cider• Join us for lunch and a piece of pie – or take a whole pie home with you• For kids - climbing wall, games and face painting by Kieve-Wavus Leadership School staff• Nobleboro Volunteer Fire Department trucks and kayak raffle<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawings for free door prizes |
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Bring the family and sit awhile to listen to the music and chat with your neighbors!

Remember that Christmas is only 10 weeks away!

2012 NHS Program Calendar

Be sure to mark your calendars!

Friday, October 26th 7:00 P.M.

“Old Stone Walls in Midcoast Maine”

Matthew Carter, Green Island Stonework, has built many stone walls, but this time he will talk about the old stone walls of Midcoast Maine and how and why they were made. His company specializes in the construction of dry stone walls designed to last.

Friday, November 9th 7:00 P.M.

“Merchants, Investors & Ships: How the 19th Century Shipbuilding Industry Was Funded”

Mark Biscoe will explain the role of town merchants and many investors in the enterprises, along with the different types of cargo that each ship was built for and where the vessels sailed.

Membership

The Society currently has almost 200 members and we look forward to your membership renewals and support. Please come to our meetings too.

Please send your membership renewal check to Laurie McBurnie, 293 East Neck Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555-8608. The membership form is at our website:

<http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org> We will mail membership forms to those who do not have an email address.

Website Gets a Fresh Look and Update

Website Chair Jean Vose and the NHS Webmaster have been working to update the site's information. Each page has been refreshed with photos and new information.

The homepage has easy to use buttons to view upcoming programs.

The updating is an ongoing work. Visit us to see the progress.

Nominations for 2013 NHS Officers

Suggestions for nominees are welcome! Voting and nomination of officers for 2013 will happen at the November 9th business meeting before the program. Please call Mary 563-5376 with nominees.

Eleanor O'Donnell has continued to faithfully serve as the Society's treasurer for over a decade now – and she really does want to retire. Do you know anyone with financial skills who could become Treasurer?

This spring **Jean Vose** volunteered to be the Corresponding Secretary and has done an outstanding job sending out publications, making fliers, and laying out and sending the newsletters. Thanks to Jean and all the other NHS volunteers!

3 awardees receive \$1,000 Scholarships

Once again, the Society was able to give a \$1,000 scholarship to three Nobleboro residents or folks with special connections to the Society.

Hannah Boone will be attending Maine College of Art to pursue her Bachelor of Fine Arts and career in graphic design.

Jalan Lincoln, a close friend and neighbor to George Dow, received the Eleanor Purney Scholarship and will attend Central Maine Community College for general studies curriculum and possibly a teaching degree.

Kassandra Lincoln is pursuing a degree in early education and special education at the University of Maine Farmington.

The scholarship is sent in January after the student successfully completes the first semester and sends their transcript to Eleanor O'Donnell, NHS Treasurer.

What's Happening...

Historical Society Acquisitions

NHS purchased three school desks that were originally in the North Nobleboro Tennyson Schoolhouse on East Pond Road. They had been in the attic of the North Nobleboro Community Hall for decades when the Association decided to find them a new home. The two-person wide, wood and cast iron school desks are in very good condition and one desk has an original ink bottle in the ink well. They will work very well for the one-room schoolhouse classes that Carolyn Hardman, volunteer, does every year for the Nobleboro Central School students. We hope to get a picture of the desks with some former students at Tennyson school.

Mabel Sidelinger's family donated a large wood baby cradle, ewer set for washing up, clothes drying rack, 2 ceramic pots and several other small items that will be included in our kitchen display.

George Weston donated three 3 ft-long S-shaped hand drills used for local ship building and several other tools, along with a 1940's Maine Central Railroad detailed book of rules for employees and railroad schedules.

Sally Hough donated a butter churn that the NCS students can use (gently) and perhaps sometime, students can try to make butter. She also gave NHS an early 1900's egg beater in a glass container.

Donna Howarth donated a shingle-maker's bench and a woven-reed Easter basket.

The estate of Harry Hildebrandt offered NHS a large collection of Civil War books. Two of the books we selected, *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* and a complete set of Kurz & Allison prints of *The Battles of the Civil War* are potentially of significant value and are being evaluated. The balance of the collection went to Skidompha Second-Hand Bookshop at Harry's request.

Joyce Brown donated an original Maurice Day pen and ink sketch of a waterfall in the woods which is also being evaluated, along with a set of the four prints in Maurice Day's *Seasons* series.

Changes to the Historical Center

More progress has been made at the Center. The bathroom now has an under-the-sink water heater for warm water; Lewis Electric installed a space heater to ensure that the pipes and fixtures do not freeze; Sally Hough provided the perfect oval mirror; Elaine Simmons sewed lace curtains; and Henry Simmons is completing a cupboard to hold bathroom supplies.

The basement kitchen, farm and woodworking displays have not been set-up, but we can now do that during the winter since we have a furnace.

A new estimate is still needed for the handicapped entrance to the Center and we need to repaint the sign on the front of the Center.

NCS Students Come to Schoolhouse for Classes

This June Carolyn Hardman, NHS Education Committee Chair, created a fascinating



curriculum for Cindy Sabina's 6th grade NCS class for two 2-hour lessons at the Historical Center. The lessons were based on the 1880's journals of Captain Joseph Hopkins, who lived in Nobleboro, and made 11 voyages to various ports across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The students read his journals, plotted the voyages on world maps that they had to label, learned about different sailing ships and about how to make a ship-in-a-bottle. Captain Joseph's 12-year old son, about the same age as these NCS students, was Cabin Boy on one of the ocean voyages.

Carolyn also did a one room schoolhouse for the 4th grade NCS class that included having the students experience learning arithmetic, writing lessons with a quill pen, and reading aloud in an 1880's schoolhouse. Starting this fall, NHS will again work with the NCS teachers to see how we can include Maine and Nobleboro history into the curriculum of their classes and offer the students the experience of learning in the Society's 1818 schoolhouse.

Genealogy Visitors to the Historical Center

So far 2012 has surpassed other years for the number of people coming to research their family genealogy – including the Hatch, Hall, Jones, Hopkins, Hodgkins, Rollins, Dray, Dunbar, Perkins, Barstow, Tiegue, Burns, Palmer, Russell, Stetson, Oliver, Hiscock, Keene, Winslow, Genthner, Trask, Clark, Light, Chapman, Maddox and Merrill families. These folks are from all over the U.S. and travel here to use the Society's excellent genealogical records – thanks to the extensive work that George Dow and his sister Ruth did over about 30 years. Joyce Brown does an outstanding job helping these folks and guiding them to family cemeteries – and an occasional lunch at Moody's too.



There was a full house when two families spent the afternoon at the Center tracing their family genealogy. One sought verification of dates for Jane Jones for DRA membership and the other researched the Burns family. As always, Joyce Brown our NHS genealogist (standing) and Nathan Brown (2nd from right) were there to help.