

Nobleboro Historical Society

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Fall 2015

Dear Members,

**Come to AppleFest Saturday, October 3rd
from 10:00 to 2:00 at NCS & NHS**



AppleFest is Saturday, October 3rd at Historical Center and School!

- The Damariscotta Lake Country Band with music for listenin' and dancin'
- Bid at the Silent Auction for over 80 items such as 30 oysters, rug cleaning, electrical work, cord of firewood, framed artwork, quilts, large painted wood cheese box, gift certificates, and many other fun & valuable things
- Creative crafts like the lobster-claw Musical ChrisMoose, pinecone angels, knit and stitched things & painted pumpkins
- Local nonprofits and business tables with information and wonderful things to buy
- Cotton candy & whoopee pies, woven baskets, sea glass & fused glass jewelry, balsam-filled pillows, antiques, colorful textiles, knitted socks
- Fondy York and her hot donuts, along with fresh apples, cider, gourds, Indian corn and Shirley Bailey's dried flower arrangements
- Cold cider & hot mulled apple cider
- Join us for lunch and a piece of pie – or take a whole apple pie home with you
- For kids - climbing wall, games and face painting by Kieve-Wavus Leadership School staff
- Nobleboro Volunteer Fire Department trucks
- Lyme Disease group, Grange T-day dinner raffle, Nobleboro Baptist Church goodies
- Drawings for free door prizes
- Al O'Donnell will display guns used in WW I and talk about them in the Historical Center.

Bring the family and sit awhile to listen to the music and chat with your neighbors!

Remember that Christmas is only 11 weeks away!

OOOOOPS, WE DIDN'T REQUEST 2015 DUES THIS SPRING . . .

Since we didn't send a Spring Newsletter, the enclosed return-addressed Membership Envelope is for dues for the **2016** calendar year. If you did not receive an envelope in this newsletter, that's because you are a life or honorary member or your dues are paid for 2016 – and thank you!

Our dues are still quite low as we are frugal and AppleFest raises the funds for our three scholarships and a little bit extra for operation costs – in addition to the financial help from the Town for occasional major projects.

So, it would be wonderful if everyone would please mail a check for their membership to Laurie McBurnie, Membership Chair– THANKS!!

- \$10 Single membership
- \$15 Family membership
- \$1 Student membership
- \$200 Life membership

Donations are also helpful and appreciated and since the Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, they are generally tax deductible. A new membership in the Historical Society would be a nice gift for someone too.

PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, as we send email reminders for activities. If your email address has changed or you think we may not have it, please email it to Jean Vose, Corresponding Secretary at godsllove@tidewater.net

YOU CAN BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES TO APPLEFEST TOO !

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LAST 2015 PROGRAMS!

Programs are at 7:00 PM at the Historical Center

Programs are free and everyone's invited – Refreshments served too

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23**

***"Steamboats on
Damariscotta Lake"***

Marilyn Speckmann, President of Jefferson Historical Society and co-author of the book Damariscotta Lake, will talk about steamboats on Damariscotta Lake. The lake is the link between the towns of Jefferson, Newcastle, and Nobleboro and has always had a unique allure.

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14**

***"Post-Mortem Mourning
Practices 18th and 19th
Century New England"***

Libby Bischof, American cultural historian at the University of Southern Maine, will talk about the by-gone cultural practices of New Englanders demonstrating grief at the passing of a loved one.

NEW SIGN FOR THE HISTORICAL CENTER

Our old sign on the Historical Center has been there since 1979 and has done well, but as it was faded and peeling, we purchased a new sign for \$135. It looks just like the other one – from Ould Colony Artisans in Wiscasset. Chris Sokoll and Henry Simmons made the switch on September 17 with the help of Bob Leonard, the sign painter.

Everyone then went to Dunbar Cemetery to decide where to put the new sign purchased by Sally Hough and Mary Sheldon from Ould Colony Artisans. The sign has the name of the cemetery and a contact phone number, as many people ask who to call to purchase a lot. Henry and Chris will put up that sign before winter.



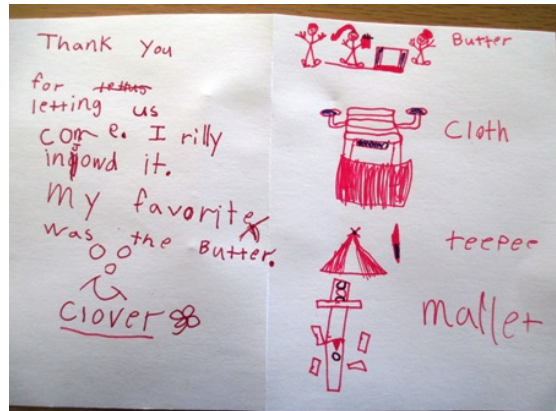
NHS CONTINUES TO WORK WITH NCS STUDENTS

Carolyn Hardman coordinated the programs for the Nobleboro Central School students in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes in 2014-5. This year for the first time, the Buddies, older volunteers, joined their 3rd grade student buddy at the Historical Center for the program. Britt Hatch and Barbara Briggs have volunteered to help with these programs that give the students a bit of a history lesson and knowledge of old Nobleboro.

By working together with the teachers, they create meaningful and fun programs that also meet the curriculum criteria. The students absolutely love coming to the Historical Center and some classes have dressed in Colonial-style clothing. A great favorite for the kids is using the wringer washer and Carolyn discovered everyone can make butter by shaking cream in a jar – and homemade butter makes a yummy treat on a slice of bread.

The teachers have the students write 'thank-you' notes or sometimes a large note comes from the whole class.

Here is a copy of a wonderful note from a 3rd grader.



PASSINGS . . .

We are also very sad that we have lost Faith Jones one of the original members of the Historical Society, and Harold Moody who helped in many ways, and Norm Van Dine who was the Master of Ceremonies for AppleFest for almost a decade and who constructed and repaired many things for NHS.

I do apologize for not sending out a 2015 spring newsletter and will remedy that in 2016.

Look for the NHS Annual Potluck probably on Saturday, April 18th.

Looking forward to seeing you at AppleFest and at the October 23rd and November 14th programs!

Mary Sheldon, President