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# Nobleboro Historical Society

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PO Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

March 27, 2006

## **Come to the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner!**

The Annual Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** at the **Nobleboro Grange Hall** with another outstanding potluck dinner. Please bring a casserole, salad, bread or dessert, and your own place setting. Beverages will be provided.

Gary Lawless has organized the program, "An Evening of Chimney Farm Stories," to remember the lives of Henry Beston and Elizabeth Coatsworth here in Nobleboro. It will be a special evening! Beston biographer, Dan Payne, will speak. Others from the community who knew the Bestons – and there were lots of them – will share their memories. Hostesses for the evening are Ann Baldwin, Sarah Houghton, and Ramona Whitaker.

## **Actions Approved by Trustees**

At their meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the following actions were approved:

1. To name George Dow as Honorary Society member.
2. To accept the list of nominees (attached) for a vote at the Annual Meeting.
3. To form a committee to explore options for new activities to increase the involvement of the Society members and the community. Some ideas: tour of historical Nobleboro homes, oral history project with School, research and reenactment of Nobleboro's earlier citizens with School, Apple-Fest-like activity, more extensive cemetery directory, or a Penny Auction. Members: Dick Clime, Flora Gray, Sally Hough, Tom Moody, Alice Scott, and Mary Sheldon. Other members are welcomed. (see back of page)
4. To propose changing the By-laws to increase the Life Membership to \$200 (from \$100) at the Annual Meeting. Other memberships were increased earlier.
5. To reprint 1,000 note cards with the line sketch of the Historical Center. They will be sold with envelopes in packets of ten for \$5.00. We are also exploring reprinting notepads.
6. To contribute the \$200 from the sale of Maine Law books to the Town to defray cost of restoring the windows in the Society building. Brian Lawrence will restore one or two windows each year.
7. To share the cost of restoring the gravestones in the Blackstone-Flagg cemetery with the North Nobleboro Community Association.
8. To put on hold the \$500 donation to the Damariscotta Mills' Alewife Initiative.

## **Society Memberships—bring dues to the meeting**

Your membership application for 2006-2007 is below. Your membership will give the Society a boost as we start our 29<sup>th</sup> year – give a membership as a gift.

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### **Membership Application 2006-2007**

Individual \$10.00       Family \$15.00

Student \$1.00       Life \$100

Please return your membership application to Lois Green, PO Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 2006-2007 membership

## **Issues for Vote at Annual Meeting**

1. Accept annual Financial Report (enclosed). Our thanks to Treasurer, Eleanor O'Donnell.
2. Vote on slate of officers, trustees, and committee personnel for the coming year (enclosed).
3. Vote on by-law change to increase Life Membership to \$200.

## **Thanks**

**To** Stewart Hanna, Resource Chair extraordinaire, who will continue to help with acquisitions evaluation. **To** Norm VanDine who served with enthusiasm and humor as Building Chair, Vice President, and President. **To** Peg VanDine a long-time Scholarship Committee member, who was always there to help. **To** Willa Stevens, Auditor, who kept us honest. **To** Deb Wilson, Vice-President, who got us up-to-date with the acquisitions cataloging.

All served with good cheer and many hours over the years – thanks so much!

## **Membership**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Family	60	53	60
Individual	30	29	39
Life	21	20	19
Honorary	3	4	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>163</b>

Honorary members are Shirley Bailey, Barbara Bragg, and David Chapman. (Totals assume two members in a family membership.)

## **"An Overview of the Lithographs of Currier & Ives" on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the Center**

Tom Moody, a Society member and print collector, will give an illustrated overview of Currier & Ives. They are known now for their decorative works, but they were the illustrators of their day – including scenes of current events, some violent, and of political satire. See how we 'saw' great events before photography was common!

## **Open House at the Historical Center - as always**

The Historical Center will be open on Saturday afternoons during July and August from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., or any time by appointment. Please call George Dow, 563-5874, or write to PO Box 122, Nobleboro, ME 04555 to research your ancestors or get information about our history; or call Mary Sheldon, 563-5376, to come and enjoy the many historic artifacts on display.

Once again, I'd like to thank George for his guidance and to everyone for their help over the past year. The Historical Society does make a difference. I look forward to the new Society activities that will to share our history with the community and make Nobleboro even a better place to live.

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Mary K. Sheldon, President

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