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# *Nobleboro Historical Society*

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PO Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

Spring 2009

Dear Members,

***This Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Potluck Dinner***  
***6:00 PM at the Nobleboro Grange!***

## **Damariscotta Shapenote Singers**

will share the history of this music as it traveled to New England with English settlers. This is not sweet, soothing church music, but energetic choral singing with haunting harmonies and eloquent poetry. Shapenote music is meant to be accessible and the singers sing for the joy of the singing.

And bring your favorite dish to share,  
along with your place setting

See your friends and neighbors and talk about spring!

### ***Mark your Calendars***

#### **Friday, May 15**

##### **“The Wonderful Waldoboro Historical Museum”**

Tom Jordan, president of the Waldoboro Historical Society, will tell of the founding of the Museum starting in 1968 with the rescue of an old Sail Loft to the present. The Museum includes a large barn full of artifacts arranged in vignettes and also a one-room schoolhouse set up for students to come to class. See you at the Historical Center 7:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, June 12**

##### **“Growing the Reeeaaally Biiiiig Pumpkins!”**

Buzz Pinkham, owner of Pinkham’s Plantation Nursery in Damariscotta and the sponsor of the Great Pumpkin Race, will tell the tale of the giant pumpkins and how they grow. And there is an historical element too! Starts at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Fish Ladder Restoration Festival**

May 23, 24, & 25 Memorial Day weekend enjoy great food, music, art, smoked alewives, games and \$10K raffle drawing to help support the restoration of the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder. To volunteer to help call Deb Wilson at 563-1383. See the new website at [www.damariscottamills.org](http://www.damariscottamills.org).

#### **APPLEFEST is Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Enjoy silent auction, crafts, music, great food & bakery, and games for kids at the Historical Center and Nobleboro School from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tell your friends and plan to join the fun!

Call Al O’Donnell (563-6488) or Henry Simmons (563-6028), co-chairs, to help or to bake. Join Sally Hough (563-3613) now to help make crafts for AppleFest – and save all (uncracked) lobster claws to make a delightful Santa Claws – really!

#### ***Fish Ladder Committee and NHS Join!***

Over the years the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration Committee has done outstanding work on the difficult, on-going job of restoring the fish ladder and has wonderful community involvement. Since the Committee is about preserving history – the ladder and the Mills – and was thinking about becoming an historical organization and 501(c)(3), NHS suggested we join together – and they said ‘yes.’ It is an excellent merger, as the organizations have qualities that match or complement & are fun.

#### ***One chance in 250 to win \$10,000 !***

NHS is the sponsor of a raffle to benefit the Fish Ladder Restoration and only 250 tickets will be sold and the winner gets \$10,000! Each ticket costs \$100, but join with friends and family to purchase a ticket together and share the winnings – or give the winnings back to the Fish Ladder. It will cost at least \$300,000 to complete this restoration. Drawing is Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM at the Fish House.

#### ***What’s Happening***

1. Basement walls of the Center were cleaned and painted by Henry Simmons and he will do the same in the vault, once the vault contents are removed. It’s a mess now, but will look great!
2. NHS website will be updated so it looks as great as the Fish Ladder’s website. Russ Williams will coordinate the project
3. With Nobleboro PTO, NHS is planning a new roadside sign for the School and Historical Center.
4. Working with the Jefferson and Newcastle Historical Societies to create a book, Damariscotta Lake 1700-present, for Arcadia Publishing.
5. New farm and building displays will be created by Resource Committee (Donna Howarth, Carolyn Hardman, Mary Sheldon) when basement is done.

### *Annual Meeting Update*

Because we changed the NHS fiscal year to a calendar year, the election of officers for 2010 will happen at the November 2009 meeting. The 2009 officers are attached, as is the 2008 financial report.

### *Poem from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Museum Visitors*

CRANK PHONE  
OLD SCHOOL DESKS  
COIN  
CLOCK

MOOSE BONES  
INDIAN HEAD DRESS  
INDIAN COSTUME  
ARROWHEADS

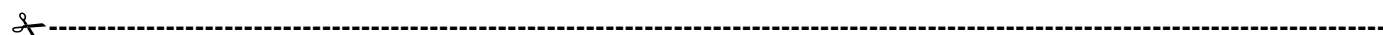
SCYTHE  
OXEN YOKE  
DRILL

EEL SPEAR  
WAR CLUB  
LIGHTER  
AX

WEAPONS  
CIVIL WAR HANDCUFFS  
COLONEL HAT

In March Avis Ingalls' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade NCS class enjoyed a visit to the Museum to learn about Nobleboro's history from Carolyn Hardman & Mary Sheldon.

Carolyn Hardman recreated the classroom experience of a one-room schoolhouse with Cindy Sabina's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Nobleboro Central School class this January in our Historical Center. The students wrote with quill pens, did arithmetic and reading, enjoyed a cornbread break, and finished the morning with a tour of the Museum. The classroom was heated solely by the wonderful old wood stove.



### *Membership Application for 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   |

Please send your check & membership form to:  
Lois Green, PO Box 10, Nobleboro, ME 04555

Invite your friends and neighbors to join NHS and preserve and enjoy Nobleboro history – and have fun too!

### *Scholarship Applications due May 1st*

Since 1985, 55 students received a total of \$42,200 in scholarships. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this spring. Eligible students are those who live in Nobleboro or they or their families are members of the Society – and they will be attending postsecondary school (college or technical) during the 2009-10 school year. Applications are available from Beverly Hancock at [bhteacher@aol.com](mailto:bhteacher@aol.com) or 839-4510 or at [www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org).

### *Historical Center Open Summer Saturdays*

The Center is open Saturday afternoons during July and August from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. or any time by appointment. There is information about Nobleboro history and many historic artifacts on display. Joyce Brown, our genealogist, is also available by appointment to help research your ancestors.

Thanks to you all for your help over the past year and welcome to the Fish Ladder Restoration Committee! The Historical Society makes a difference in our Town – as we share our history and make Nobleboro an even a better place to live.

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Mary Sheldon, President

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for 2009 membership