
Nobleboro Historical Society

PO Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

Spring 2011

Dear Members,

32nd Annual Potluck Dinner April 16th 6:00 PM at the North Nobleboro Community Center!

Tyler Lupien, co-owner of Moose Crossing Garden Center, will highlight the native Maine perennials and shrubs offered at the Garden Center, but he will also talk about their wonderful and very successful family business that Tyler and his brother just took over from their parents.

Please bring your favorite dish to share, along with your place setting.

The North Nobleboro Center is where North Nobleboro Day is held.

(From US 1, drive about 4 miles on East Pond Road to the first stop sign.
Turn right at stop sign (on Upper East Pond Road) and drive 300 yards.)

See your friends and neighbors and talk about spring!

Please Mark Your Calendars:

Friday, May 13th at 7:00 pm*

“Finding water and digging a well in Lincoln County” Wonder where your water comes from? Marc Stevens, owner of Hatch Well Drillers, will talk about how a well is drilled now and how it was drilled in the ‘old days,’ why a well is drilled in a certain place, and other well-drilling lore.

Fish Ladder Restoration Festival

May 28, 29, & 30 Memorial Day weekend watch alewives swim up their new ladder and enjoy great food, music, art, smoked alewives, and games to support the restoration of the Fish Ladder. See the website at www.damariscottamills.org.

Raffle Drawing to win \$10,000 ! table. We will have new postcards from old Mills photos and prints from the Banco alewife barrel top stencil.

Friday, June 10th at 7:00 pm*

“Horse-Drawn Transportation” Nick Buck, a horse man since he was a kid, sed in colonial kitchens and display examples of painted tin ‘waiters’ (trays) that recorded the events of the 1700-1800s. Nancy is a member of the Historical Society of Early American Decorators.

July or August – date to be announced

Late 1700s Re-enactment at Pownalborough Court House grounds in Dresden. A field trip to see this ‘living history’ is fascinating, as the participants answer all your questions about how life was lived during the Revolutionary War time.

Friday, September 16th, at 7:00 pm*

“History of Damariscotta Lake” Mary Sheldon, one of the authors, will highlight the new pictorial history book of the Lake, published by Arcadia Press, and tell how it was created.

* program is at the Historical Center

APPLEFEST is Saturday, October 1st !

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!

Join Sally Hough (563-3613) to make crafts for AppleFest – and yes, there will be unique lobster-claw witches & other critters again this year!

**Saturday, October 8th, 10:00 to end of soup
Fish Ladder Restoration Soup & Chowder Lunch
at the Fish Ladder** offers great home-made soup and other goodies – along with shirts, caps, aprons, note cards and other ‘fish ladder’ gear. **ALSO, you can enter the floating wooden fish race!**

Friday, October 15 (date not confirmed) at 7:00*

“Apples, apples, apples of Lincoln County and Maine” John Bunker, the apple man, nealogist, will spin the stories of the many Moody families who settled Nobleboro, farmed, worked and lived here for hundreds of years. Tom tells a great story and this will be fun.

Friday, November 11th, at 7:00 pm*

“The Art of the Edge Tool & Its Use in Early Area Shipbuilding” Skip Brack, local artist, metallurgist and founder of Davistown Museum including Liberty Tool Company, will address this topic, including a discussion of the toolmakers, as historians try and uncover exactly who these people were. See www.davistownmuseum.org.

History of Damariscotta Lake For Sale

The book is a photographic history of the Lake with about 250 photos and captions. It was created by Jefferson, Newcastle, & Nobleboro Historical Societies, and the Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association (DLWA) and will be available in July.

New Society Officers!

The 2010 officers were elected at the November 2009 meeting. Welcome to Tom Wriggins, our new vice president! Tom knows Nobleboro well and will be a wonderful addition. The officers are attached, as is the 2009 financial report.

What's Happening

1. New self-mailers were created by Laurie McBurnie, Membership chair, to make it easier for members to mail in their dues. You can still bring them to a meeting too! Members who have already paid 2011 dues did not receive an envelope.
2. The Town replaced the deteriorating roof on the Historical Center in December 2011, which is greatly appreciated.
3. NHS and the Town will split the cost of drilling a well for the Center, installing a sink and flush toilet (replacing the gas incinerator toilet), and a closed septic tank with a ‘full’ alarm (that will be pumped as needed). This is exciting!!
4. The new Rinnai heaters will be installed, at NHS expense, after the plumbing for the well, toilet and sink is completed this spring. The old heating ducts will be removed to create display areas.
5. The updated, 2-color Nobleboro Cemetery map was completed in 2010, but the directions will be revised for the next reprinting.

Scholarship Applications due May 6th

Since 1985, 60 students received a total of \$48,200 in scholarships. Three \$1,000 scholarships will again be awarded spring 2011. Eligible students (of any age) are those who live in Nobleboro or are members of the Society – and they will be attending postsecondary school (college or technical) during the 2011-12 school year. Applications are at www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org or local high school guidance offices.

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 of the historic artifacts on display. Joyce Brown, our genealogist, is also available by appointment to help research your ancestors.

Volunteer hosts/hostesses are needed –and ideas to increase the number of visitors.

The Historical Society makes a difference in our Town – as we share our history and make Nobleboro an even a better place to live.

Mary Sheldon, President