
Nobleboro Historical Society

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Greetings,

The Nobleboro Historical Society's (NHS) 43rd anniversary was very quiet again in 2021 because the covid pandemic prevented gatherings at the Historical Center. I sincerely apologize for not sending out timely newsletters or emails to keep NHS members up to date for almost two years, but things have been happening! Always please feel free to contact me any time that you have questions, want to buy a book or map or need access to the Historical Center. You can reach me at my email sheldon@tidewater.net or call me at 563-5376.

NHS is two years behind, so please see the "Membership Dues" section later in the newsletter and send in your dues so we can have a great start to 2022. We certainly hope that 2022 will permit the return of our usual historical programs for the public, programs for Nobleboro Central School students, AppleFest community celebration, Fish Ladder Festival (small this year), open houses, and access for people to work on their family genealogy.

Comings and Goings of Nobleboro Historical Society Board Members

Our Corresponding Secretary and Website Chair **Jean Vose** is moving in May to the RI area to be closer to family. She and her late husband, Dick, moved here in 1998 from Worcester fulfilling a dream of living in Maine. They quickly became active members of the Society thanks to George Dow. She has been our Corresponding Secretary for just about 10 years and previously was Program Chairman and then Recording Secretary. She has actively served on the AppleFest Committee and manned the Society and Food tables. We thank Jean for her decades of service and will miss her computer, design and writing skills, willingness to help with absolutely anything and her good cheer.

We are fortunate to have **Mitchell Wellman** stepping into the Corresponding Secretary position and Website Chair. Mitchell came to NHS as a young lad with his late mother Margaret, who was a charter member of the Society in 1978. He has been a multi-talented AppleFest volunteer for 10 years and the Emcee for five years, handled many AV projects including videoing programs, did special design and printing projects and helped with many other tasks. His skills, sense of humor and creativity will be appreciated.

Bill Hill, our financial guru, retired this year. For over 10 years, Bill created a solid financial process for NHS and has carefully examined the NHS finances every year to prepare the annual financial reports and income tax submission. He also developed an inventory process, helped develop the Investment Committee, and helped integrate the Fish Ladder finances properly into NHS. He also researched and gave presentations on ships in the 1800s. We thank Bill for his diligent and dedicated work; Mary will miss calling Bill for answers to all inventory, financial and tax questions. NHS will be working with Sunny Side Accounting, which works with many local nonprofits.

David Brydges agreed to become the chair of the Fish Ladder Restoration Committee on the NHS Board. For several years David has been coordinating and leading the volunteers who create the Festival and run other fund-raising efforts for the Fish Ladder. He is also an active and inventive participant with the Pie/Applefest Committee.

We welcome **Pam Edwards** as a new Trustee-at-Large. Pam has been involved with NHS for years as a star apple pie baker and great AppleFest food table volunteer and added her creative ideas as a volunteer on the Pie/AppleFest Committee. Her skills are many and will be a great addition to many aspects as the Society moves forward.

Alewives Arrive May 1st - June 15th

The Damariscotta Fish Ladder Restoration group will have a scaled-back celebration for the alewives run on Saturday, May 28th, with caps, t-shirts, souvenirs, and ice cream for sale.

There's a raffle of a magnificent "Mills" quilt created by master quilter Betty Lu Brydges. The quilt can be viewed at Skidompha Library from February 17th until August 31st. Tickets will be on sale at the library until the drawing on Labor Day weekend. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Nobleboro Historical Society on Labor Day, Monday September 5th.

Weather permitting, volunteers will also be at the Fish Ladder on weekends through May to answer your questions and souvenirs and quilt raffle tickets will also be available during this time.

The *Run with the Alewives 5K* is May 28th at 9:00 a.m.

The *Adam Ezra Group Concert* is May 30th at Lincoln Theater at 4:00 p.m.

More information will be available soon at <https://damariscottamills.org/alewife-festival/>.



Membership Dues

Your membership and participation are key to the success of the Society!

Now is the time to pay your dues for 2022.

Your continued support helps maintain the legacy of one more small Maine town through the Society's scholarships, history programs, Nobleboro Central School student programs and the Museum's genealogy files and exhibits.

If you received a membership envelope in this newsletter, then it is time to renew your membership, please send your check in the enclosed membership envelope. Please use a small piece of tape to close the envelope as we have found the glue doesn't always hold. Thank you!

If you did not receive a membership envelope in this newsletter, that's because you are a life or honorary member, or your dues are paid – and thank you!

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 Mitchell Wellman, Corresponding Secretary at mwellman2@roadrunner.com

NHS Scholarship Recipients

In **2020** the Scholarship and Education Committee awarded scholarships for \$1,000 each to:

- **Ethan Burns** graduating from Thomas College in criminal justice & forensic psychology.
- **Natalie Burns** at Keene State College and studying elementary education and psychology.

In **2021** the Scholarship and Education Committee awarded scholarships for \$1,000 each to:

- **Scott Petersen** at Brown University and studying economics.
- **Madison York** at Southern Maine Community College and studying Radiography.

The **2022** scholarship application form is available from local high school counselors or our website, www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org and are due Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Artifacts in the NHS "Vault"

In the basement of the Historical Center is a cement block space that is temperature and humidity controlled. This is where Nobleboro historical artifacts are kept, e.g., Town records from 1788 to the present, 100-year-old account books, school and church records, and many other things. It was quite disorderly and hard to find things.

In 2021 NHS hired Patti Whitten, who worked together with Mary Sheldon for many days, to reorganize the vault so things were stored better and easier to find.

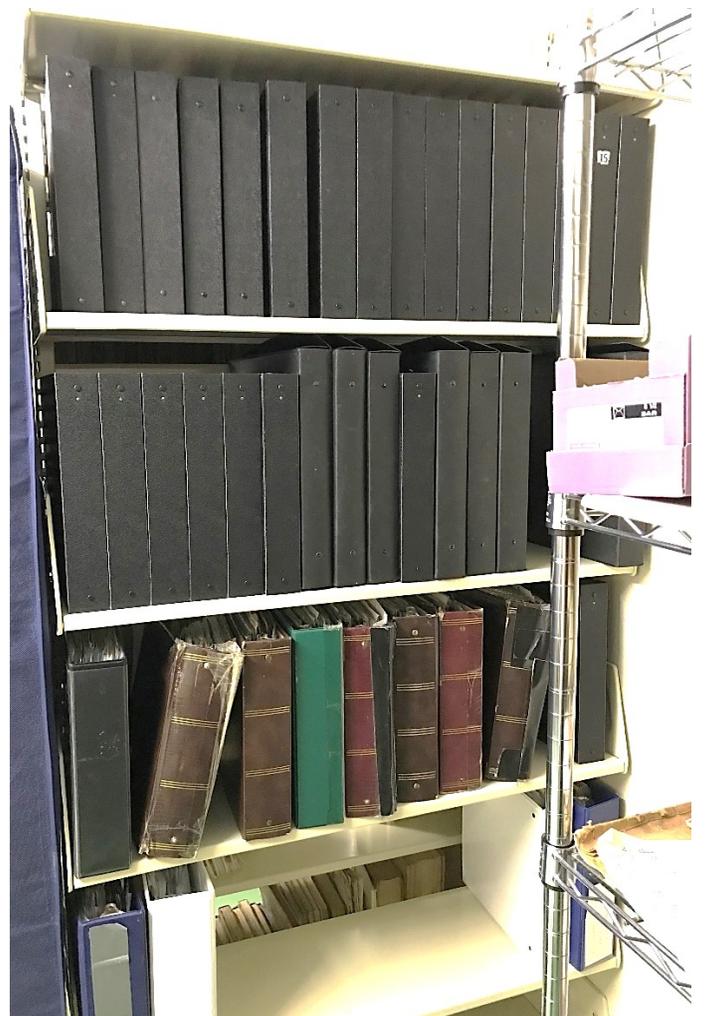
Patti

- ♦ commissioned an open cabinet to store the framed maps and pictures,
- ♦ rearranged storage shelves for optimum access,
- ♦ reinforced shelves to support heavy record books, and
- ♦ developed useful labeling

With the reorganization, there is now space for the 53 ring binders of Nobleboro pictures and articles from George Weston.



Patti Whitten reinforced shelves to support the record books and also arranged the records more logically.



George Weston donated 53 ring binders full of articles and photos that are all labeled with their Nobleboro stories that he has selected and organized over the decades. It's a true treasure for all of us!

**2021 Drive-By Apple Pie Sale
instead of AppleFest**

Once again, we decided to have a Drive-By Apple Pie Sale rather than AppleFest. Nobleboro Central School okayed having AppleFest, but masking would be required at all times and eating is too big a part of AppleFest for that.

The second Drive-By Apple Pie Sale on October 2nd in front of Nobleboro Central School was a big success – ***we sold 120 pies in 55 minutes!***

This happened thanks to the 40-strong, faithful and talented volunteer bakers and the many, many people who came to buy delicious home-baked apple pies.

We hope that in 2022 we will have just as many apple pies to sell – and that we will be doing it at a real AppleFest on October 1st at Nobleboro Central School and the Historical Center.

The Society supplies bakers with pie pans, boxes for the pies, and a variety of apples generously provided by Beth's Farm Stand in Warren.

If you would like to be one of our bakers, let Carolyn Hardman know at 563-8269.

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