

About Us

Chartered in 1978, the Nobleboro Historical Society has a membership of about 200. Programs of special interest are presented during the year.

Each year school children come to the Historical Center to view the exhibits and learn about Nobleboro history. Awards are given to winners of outstanding history projects at the school's annual educational fair.

Two college scholarships of \$1000 each are awarded annually, supported by income from memorial and scholarship funds. A third \$1000 scholarship in memory of Eleanor Purney will be given annually through 2009. The George Dow Scholarship will be given annually by the Town of Nobleboro and the Historical Society from the George Dow Scholarship Fund starting in 2006.

Everyone is welcome at our programs, which are free. All programs, with the exception of the Annual Meeting, are held at the Historical Center located at 198 Center Street (in front of Nobleboro Central School.)

For more information, please contact
 Mary Sheldon, President, 207-563-5376
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Officers and Chair Persons

President	Mary Sheldon
Vice President	Debra Wilson
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Treasurer	Eleanor O'Donnell
Curator and Historian	George Dow
Associate Curator	Stewart Hanna
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Resource Chair	Stewart Hanna
Finance Chair	Eleanor O'Donnell
Membership Chair	Lois Green
Building Chair	Norm Van Dine
Scholarship Chair	Beverly Hancock
Web Site Chair	Dick Vose

Annual Membership Dues

One Adult Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Member (under 18)	\$ 1.00
Family Membership	\$ 15.00
Life Membership	\$100.00

Publications for Sale	
"Nobleboro, Maine ~ A History" (298 pages, published in 1988)	\$15.00
Nobleboro's War Time Involvement" Softcover supplement to History Book	\$10.00
"Hard Times Cookbook" (355 pages, in 8 th edition, over 11,000 copies sold since 1976)	\$ 6.00
"A Bicentennial History ~ The First Baptist Church of Nobleboro, Maine 1773 to 1993"	\$ 3.00
1813 Map of Nobleboro (each owner's acreage and boundary lines)	\$ 2.00
1857 Map of Nobleboro (roads and home locations)	\$ 2.00
Shipping and handling costs	\$ 2.50
Each map measures approximately 18 x 24" and is suitable for framing	

2005 – 2006 Programs

Saturday, September 17, 2005 7:30 P.M.
“The 1791 Hall House and Seven Hall Generations”

Grayce knows this story well, as she lives in the Hall House, and has researched her family and information about their lives here in Nobleboro over the last 215 years.

Presented by Grayce Hall Studley

Hostesses: Barbara Abrahamson and Faith Porter

Friday, October 14, 2005 7:30 P.M.
“Old Apples of Maine and Nobleboro Care & Eating”

John, Fedco’s apple expert, knows Maine’s old apples, their history and where the trees are located. He will tell us what is special about these apples and how to care for the trees.

Presented by John Bunker, Fedco Seeds

Hostesses: Barbara and Marianne Pinkham

Friday, November 11, 2005 7:30 P.M.
“The 100th Anniversary of the Moxie Bottle House ~ The History”

Built as a Moxie advertising display, this 32-foot tall bottle served as a refreshment stand, a summer cottage and soon to be displayed as a museum piece at the Matthew Museum in Union.

Presented by George and Judy Gross and Merrill Lewis

Hostesses: Barbara Briggs and Flora Gray

Program Committee	
Sonia Clime	George Dow
Ann Baldwin	Mary Sheldon
Thomas Moody	Alice Scott
For program information, please contact Sonia Clime, Program Chair, 207-563-8168	

Saturday, April 8, 2006 6:00 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER
 at the Nobleboro Grange Hall
 Back Meadow Road (Nobleboro Center)

“An Evening of Chimney Farm Stories”

Gary Lawless, Chimney Farm resident caretaker, poet, and Gulf of Maine Bookstore owner will lead this evening. Gary has invited panel members who knew Elizabeth Coatsworth, Henry Beston, Kate Beston Barnes, and Chimney Farm well. The panel, including Dick Day, George Dow, and Daniel Payne will tell about these special writers. Then members of the audience are invited to share stories and reminiscences about them. We hope to have many, many people from the area that knew the Bestons come to participate.

Hostesses: Ann Baldwin, Sarah Houghton, and Alice Scott

Friday, May 5, 2006 7:30 P.M.

“An Overview of the Lithographs of Currier & Ives”

Tom, a Nobleboro resident, Historical Society board member, and print collector will give an illustrated overview of the firm of Currier & Ives. He will include tales about their familiar decorative works, as well as their less familiar illustrations depicting scenes of current events -- some violent events -- and political satire. C&I was in business from 1835-1907 and in New England their competitors included companies like Haskell & Allen, Kellogg, and Baillie, which will also be highlighted briefly.

Presented by Thomas Moody

Hostesses: Ramona Whitaker and Deb Wilson

About Our Society Building

The Society has a fine collection of memorabilia and maintains records related to Nobleboro and its people. These are preserved at the Historical Center.

It is one of Nobleboro’s 12 original one-room schoolhouses. The restored 1818 building, formerly known as the Hawthorne School was moved to its present site in 1978 to house the Historical Society’s collections. The former woodshed and “two-holer” bathroom have become the Center’s office. In the basement a fire proof, humidity-controlled vault stores early town documents dating from 1788, invaluable resources for ancestor finding. Detailed genealogies, maps of home locations (1857) and land ownerships (1813), locations of 84 burial grounds, vital records ~ all are available by appointment for study.

In the schoolroom itself is a varied display of artifacts reflecting the life and times of Nobleboro families. Prized exhibits include a 1765 German Bible, woodcarvings of oxen, Indian relics; a floral wreath made of human hair, a large U.S. flag of 13 stars, an organ made in Nobleboro, and a ship model. Early items from the farm, sawmill, shipyard, general store, school; church and railroad are among the many intriguing displays.

The Center is open Saturdays in July and August from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.