

About Us

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

Each year school children come to the Historical Center to view the exhibits and learn about Nobleboro history.

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.

Everyone is welcome at our programs, which are free. All programs, except the Annual Meeting, are held at the Historical Center located at 198 Center Street.

The fall "AppleFest" is back. This year's event is October 6th at the Nobleboro Central School for community fun and to raise money for the Society and the School. An Oral History project with the Nobleboro 8th grade students was completed in Spring 2007. The Society and the Town Cemetery Committee continues to gather and catalogue information for a Nobleboro Cemetery Book - as suggested by Dr. George Dow.

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Annual Membership Dues	
One Adult Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Member (under 18)	\$ 1.00
Family Membership	\$ 15.00
Life Membership	\$200.00

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)	\$10.00
"A Bicentennial History ~ The First Baptist Church of Nobleboro, Maine 1773 to 1993"	\$ 5.00
Cemetery Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
1813 Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
1857 Map of Nobleboro	\$ 5.00
Shipping and handling costs	\$ 2.50
Each map measures approximately 18 x 24" and is suitable for framing	

2007-2008

Nobleboro Historical Society

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

The Center 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.

The schoolroom itself contains varied displays 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 PM to 4:30 PM and all year long by appointment. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

2007 - 2008 Programs

Friday, September 14, 2007 7:30 P.M.

"Water Power in Damariscotta Mills - Started in the 1700s"

John Hilton will give an overview of the ownership and development of the water power rights to the many mills that existed in Damariscotta Mills from 1730 to 1921 - including tales of the early settlers who first developed the water rights and lots of pictures.

Hostesses: Faith Jones & Mary Trescott

Saturday, October 6, 2007

10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Historical Center & Nobleboro Central School

AppleFest

Silent auction, live music including the Newell Family, pies & bakery, Fondy's donuts, apples & cider, crafts, dried flower arrangements, antique gun exhibit, Historical Center exhibits, sandwiches, kids' games & face painting, Nobleboro Volunteer Fire Department with fire extinguisher drawing, 3 free raffle drawings - and time to visit with friends and neighbors!

Come volunteer too!

Saturday, November 10, 2007 7:30 P.M.

"Life of a Waldoboro Shipbuilder"

Mark Biscoe, author of No Pluckier Set of Men Anywhere and Merchant of the Medomak and "Waldoboro Wanderings" column, will talk about the many vessels built during "Waldoboro's Golden Years" from 1860-1910 in the numerous shipyards along the Medomak River.

Hostesses: Carolyn Hardman & Helen Pietela

Friday, March 14, 2008 7:30 P.M.

"Spear's Family Farm - 5-Generations"

Janet, Bob, and Dick Spear will highlight the history of the family farm and talk about their dairy operation and the expanding fruit & vegetable and farm stand operations that provide fresh produce to mid-coast Maine. Agriculture is still an important part of Nobleboro's economy.

Hostesses: Roberta Drake & Nancy Hartford

Saturday, April 12, 2008 6:00 P.M.

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

"Growing Roses Successfully in Maine"

John Osier, rosarian and past-president of the Mid-Maine Rose Society, has grown magnificent roses on his Waldoboro farm for years. He will share his secrets about maintaining lovely old roses - as well as modern roses. Bring a dish to share and a place setting.

Hostesses: Marianne Pinkham, Sarah Birkett, & Sonia Clime

Friday, May 16, 2008 7:30 P.M.

"Pemaquid Lighthouse - History & Future"

Caren Clark, treasurer and board member of "Friends of Pemaquid Lighthouse," will present an overview of the history of this famous local lighthouse that appears on the State of Maine quarter. The construction of the lighthouses will also be discussed, along with the now-important process of restoring these national treasures.

Hostesses: Sarah Houghton & Flora Gray

Friday, June 20, 2008 7:30 P.M.

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Saturday, June 21, 2008 9:30 A.M.

"Old Barns of Nobleboro - An Overview"

Les Fossel and Darryn Petersen, old barn restorers, will present a slide show about Nobleboro's rapidly disappearing old barns - the construction methods, styles, conditions, and preservation on Friday. On Saturday morning at 9:30 A.M., they will lead a guided tour of 3 North Nobleboro barns of different styles. It will be fascinating to see this living history!

Hostess/Host: Kathy & Jack Kennedy

Program Committee	
Sonia Clime	Thomas Moody
Kathy Kennedy	Janet Peck
Jack Kennedy	Mary Sheldon
Judy Linker	Alice Scott
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