

About Us

Chartered in 1978, the Nobleboro Historical Society, a 501(c) (3) organization, has about 220 members. Programs of special interest are presented during the spring and fall.

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

Three post-secondary school scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded annually in the spring, supported by income from AppleFest, publications and donations.

AppleFest, a fun community event, is held each October at the Nobleboro Central School and the Historical Center to support scholarships and other Society programs. This year's AppleFest is Saturday, October 13th.

All programs are free and everyone is welcome. Most programs are held at the Historical Center, 198 Center Street directly in front of Nobleboro Central School, unless otherwise noted.

Annual Membership Dues

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

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Nobleboro Historical Society Programs 2012

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 and new modern bathroom. In the basement a fire proof, climate-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 wood burning stove from a 1790 home, woodcarvings of oxen, Indian relics; a floral wreath made of human hair, 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 hosts Open Houses on Saturdays in July and August from 1:30 to 4:30 or any time by appointment. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

All programs are held at the Nobleboro Historical Center unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, April 21st 6:00 P.M.
7:00 P.M. for talk only

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

North Nobleboro Community Hall
Upper East Pond Road

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

“Oregon Trail”

Nick Buck tells a modern day tale of him and his brother driving 3 mules for 2000 miles in 2011 along the old Oregon Trail. Nick’s unique and delightful story is told through outstanding slide show.

Hosts: Margaret Wellman, Mitchell Wellman,
Dana Wilson

Friday, May 18th 7:00 P.M.

**“History of the Fish Ladder
Time to Try Alewives”**

Frank Waltz, involved with alewives and the ladder since childhood, will talk about the history of the Damariscotta Mills fish industry – so what did they do with alewives. We’ll also discuss the various ways to prepare smoked alewives, which at one time were in great demand – bring your recipes to share!

Hosts: TBA

Saturday, Sunday, & Monday, May 26-28
**5th Annual Fish Ladder Restoration
Festival – Memorial Day Weekend**
Sat & Sun 10 to 5; Monday 10 to 3

See the alewives run -- *weather depending* - join us for breakfast and lunch and learn about the alewives at the Fish House in Damariscotta Mills. Enjoy live music, activities for kids, demonstrations and Saturday’s Pig Roast, Sunday’s Chicken Barbecue, and Monday’s lobster and crab rolls. See the website at www.damariscottamills.org

Friday, June 15th 7:00 P.M.
“1910-1950 Lincoln County Postcard”

Kevin Johnson, Penobscot Marine Museum, tells the story of itinerant photographers who created postcards for almost all Maine towns and will share spectacular, clearly defined images from the old glass negatives of Lincoln County. See what towns have changed and how.

Hosts: TBA

Saturdays in July & August 1:30 to 4:30
Historical Center Open Houses

A volunteer will be available to answer your questions. Genealogy materials are available for study. The museum is open and can be enjoyed by all ages – and it’s free. Maps, books and other memorabilia are available to buy.

September – To Be Announced

Perhaps

“The Magnificent Waldoboro Rugs”

Learn about what makes these rugs so spectacular – the colors, designs, and detail, and the women who made them. Several of these magnificent rugs will be on display.

Saturday, October 6th 11 to 3
**Fish Ladder Restoration Chowder &
Soup Lunch**

Delicious home-made chowders and soups offered in the handsome Fish Ladder soup mugs at the Fish House. Fish ladder shirts, caps, aprons, note cards and other gear available. **ALSO, you can get a fish to enter the floating wooden fish race!**

Saturday, October 13th 10 to 2
AppleFest Celebration

Nobleboro Central School & Historical
Center

Highlighting the festivities are homemade apple goodies and turkey salad sandwiches, apples from Beth's Farm, Kieve games and activities for kids, an NCS eighth grade class food table, Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration gear and tables for local businesses and nonprofits.

Enjoy the Damariscotta Lake Country Band, over 70 silent auction items, and crafts – with unique lobster claw witches, great food and Fondy’s homemade donuts.

Proceeds benefit NHS Scholarship Program and the School.

Tell your friends and join the fun!

Friday, October 26th 7:00 P.M.
“Old Stone Walls in Midcoast Maine”

Matthew Carter, Green Island Stonework, has built many stone walls, but this time he will talk about the old stone walls of Midcoast Maine and how and why they were built. His company specializes in the construction of dry stone walls designed to last.

Hosts: TBA

Friday, November 9th 7:00 P.M.
**“Merchants, Investors & Ships: How the
19th Century Shipbuilding Industry Was
Funded”**

Mark Biscoe will explain the role of town merchants and many investors in the enterprises, along with the different types of cargo that each ship was built for and where the vessels sailed.

Hosts: TBA