

# Programs

The Purpose of the Nobleboro Historical Society is to encourage and promote interest in Nobleboro history among schoolchildren and the general public through exhibits, lectures and other special events and through preservation and display of historical memorabilia and important records relating to the town of Nobleboro.

## Program Committee

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All programs are free and everyone is welcome.

Programs are held at the Nobleboro Historical Center unless otherwise noted.

[click here for directions](#)

## MAY 2018

### SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>



*Held at the North Nobleboro  
Community Hall  
Upper East Pond Rd  
Nobleboro*

*Please bring your favorite dish  
to share, along with your plate  
setting - we will provide cups.  
Beverages are provided.*

The North Nobleboro Hall is where North Nobleboro Day is held. From US Route One, 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

### 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

#### ***“Sharing the Voyage - Wife of a Ship Captain”***

**6:00 PM**

*7:00 P.M. for talk only*

**Louise Miller**, Education Director of Lincoln County Historical Association, has spent decades sharing the roles of women in Colonial history. This program tells about Sallie Goodwin’s ocean travels in 1860-1880 with her husband, Capt. Samuel Goodwin, based on her letters and diary.

#### ***“Celebrating AppleFest with Pictures”***

**Carolyn Hardman** will also present a short program of photos from past AppleFest Celebrations



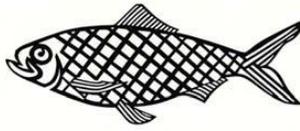
Hosts: Margaret Wellman and Mitchell Wellman

### SATURDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

### **DAMARISCOTTA MILLS FISH LADDER FESTIVAL**

**Saturday Only 10 to 7**

*Held at the Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder*



**DAMARISCOTTA MILLS  
FISH LADDER RESTORATION**

It's only one day this year, but all the same wonderful activities -- and alewives!

Events include great food like breakfast food at Mulligan's, hot dogs & veggie burgers, crab & lobster rolls, fish chowder & chili, oysters all day, and local beers. Kid's activities include a magician & fish science activities. There's a new fish ladder design for the shirts and lots of other gear.

Walk the entire beautifully **RESTORED** fish ladder and see the fish up close, watch osprey dive, eagles in the sky above.

Don't miss the Adam Ezra Concert!  
Monday, May 28 at 4:00 pm at the Lincoln Theater.

Check the website for further details  
[http://damariscottamills.org/events\\_calendar.htm](http://damariscottamills.org/events_calendar.htm)

## JUNE 2018

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**



*"A History of Blood and Gunpowder  
Beneath the Maine Pines"*

**7:00 PM**

**Michael Dekker**, local historian, describes the dark and tragic wars from 1675 to 1759 between Native American and European communities who were both trying to stake and defend their land claims from the Penobscot to the Piscataqua Rivers, including here in this area. These conflicts laid the foundation of Maine.

## JULY 2018

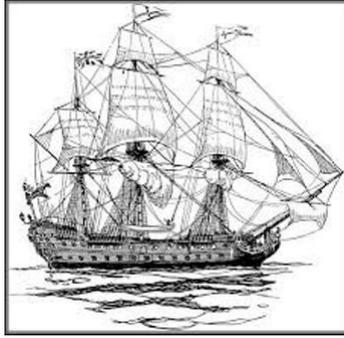
**Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**"Capt. Joseph C. Hopkins Who Sailed  
the High Seas"**

**7:00 PM**

*Held at the Newcastle Fire Station Community Room on River Road*

*This program is part of the Newcastle Historical Society's programs. If you missed it last year, be sure to see it this summer.*



**Carolyn Hardman**, Maine history teacher, tells about Nobleboro's Capt. Joseph Hopkins who captained ocean ships at the height of Maine's wooden ship era in 1800s and made 17 voyages to the far reaches of the oceans. He kept journals that tell of the adventures before he returned to the Mills and his wife and the rural life.

## JULY & AUGUST 2018

**SATURDAYS**  
**JULY 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25**

*Held at the Nobleboro  
Historical Society, Center St.*



**HISTORICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSES**  
**1:30 to 4:30 P.M.**

A volunteer will answer your questions. Genealogy materials are available for study. The museum is interesting for all ages – and it's free. Maps, books and other memorabilia are for sale.

## SEPTEMBER 2018

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**



***"The Fiercely Independent Scot Irish  
Settled on Lincoln County Coast"***  
**7:00 PM**

**Chip Griffin**, local historian, will talk about the pugnacious Scottish families who had moved to Northern Ireland and then, starting in 1730, were pushed and pulled to America for the cheap land. These hardworking and fierce Protestants were attractive to the colonial authorities who settled them as a buffer between the existing settlements and the increasingly warlike native people. These people settled the region and did great deeds of piety and bravery, but in their own assertive way.

*This program is co-sponsored by the Damariscotta Historical Society*

## OCTOBER 2018

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**APPLEFEST CELEBRATION**

*Held at the Nobleboro Central School and Nobleboro Historical Center*



**10 to 2**

**Nobleboro Central School & Historical Center**

Enjoy the homemade apple pies, other baked goodies and turkey salad sandwiches, apples and cider from Beth's Farm and Fondy's donuts. There are Kieve games and activities for kids, the NCS 8th grade class food table and tables for local businesses and nonprofits.

Enjoy the toe-tapping Damariscotta Lake Country Band, over 80 silent auction items, and creative hand-made crafts & painted pumpkins. It's free and a chance to see your friends and neighbors and to relax and chat.

Proceeds benefit NHS Scholarship Program and NCS School.

*Tell your friends and join the fun!*

**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**



**“How the Kavanagh Apple from Ireland was Part of the History of Damariscotta Mills”**

**7:00 PM**

John Bunker, Maine's 'Apple Man', recently completed a book telling the story of how various apples were present to 'observe' the history of Maine. James Kavanagh and the Kavanagh apple, arriving here in the 1790s along with Matthew Cottrill, were part of that history of expanding the economy in the Mills, starting Nobleboro's ship building and alewives harvesting. These Irish Catholics from western Ireland had a lasting influence in Maine.

Bunker learned about the Kavanagh variety from a retired agriculture professor from the University of Maine, the late George Dow, who had found an old tree, much diminished, in Nobleboro and was eager to share it with Bunker.

It was John Bunker who in the 1990s took scion wood from a Kavanagh tree in Freeport and the other that remained in Nobleboro and grafted it into the baby Kavanaghs that Fedco has sold, on and off, since 1997. John Bunker is not related to James Kavanagh, but through him, the Kavanagh line lives on.

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

***“The 225 Years of History at  
Nobleboro’s First Baptist Church”  
7:00 PM***

*Held at the First Baptist  
Church of Nobleboro, Back  
Meadow Road*

*This program is part of the First Baptist  
Church of Nobleboro’s “County  
Conversations” and is co-sponsored by  
Nobleboro Historical Society*



In 1793 a group of 13 Baptists organized their church and this program will touch on some highlights and humorous moments from the past, as well as highlight the present and look to the future.

It’s time to celebrate the church’s quasquibicentennial.