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# *Nobleboro Historical Society*

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Spring 2025

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## **Time to Celebrate!!**

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The Nobleboro Historical Society Board of Directors invites everyone to join us in celebrating Mary Sheldon's many years of involvement and leadership in the Historical Society.

An informal reception will be held at the Historical Center on **Sunday, June 29**, from **noon until 2 p.m.**

All NHS members and community members are welcome to stop by to congratulate Mary, reminisce about old times, visit with each other, look around the center, and enjoy some light refreshments. A "formal" recognition ceremony will take place at 1 p.m.

## Annual Meeting / Pot Luck Review

The annual meeting was well attended and the pot luck was a success with many wonderful dishes. The speaker was Amanda Hatch, the acting executive director of the Frances Perkins Center. Amanda did a fantastic job of giving us an inside peek at Frances' life and legacy on the River Road in Newcastle Maine as well as in Washington DC. A visit to the Center is highly recommended.

## AppleFest 2025 (date to be announced)

Applefest will be coming up in October and we are going to need more help this year as others are stepping away and those roles will need to be filled. Please stay tuned for some upcoming meetings to see where we are with the plans for 2025.



## Membership Dues

Membership to the Nobleboro Historical Society demonstrates your commitment to ensuring the continued preservation of Nobleboro History. As a member, you are the first to hear about programs and special events through emails and this newsletter. We value the involvement of our community, in Nobleboro and beyond!

Please take the time to renew your membership or make a donation!

***Now is the time to pay your dues for 2025.***

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.

A fillable membership form is located on our website and can be printed and sent in with your check.

<http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org/Join.shtml>

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 at [mwellman2@roadrunner.com](mailto:mwellman2@roadrunner.com)



## Program Previews

David Brydges and the Program Committee have been hard at work planning interesting some interesting evenings for everyone. These will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Hawthorne Schoolhouse on Center St in Nobleboro. Each program is planned for one hour, followed by questions, social time, snacks, and beverages.

\* Tuesday July 15, Darryn Petersen will give an illustrated talk about restoration of old houses.

Darryn Petersen is our local expert in the restoration of old houses, including the Chapman Hall house and the Alna Meeting House. His talk may interest Summer visitors as well as local residents.

\* Tuesday August 12, David Buczkowski, "The Sheepscot Valley Narrow Gauge, A Brief History, Current Affairs, and a Vision for Tomorrow"

David Buczkowski is the president of the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington (WW&F) Railway. This is a two-foot "narrow" gauge railroad which served Maine's Sheepscot Valley for 40 years until closing in the Great Depression. The highly skilled volunteers of WW&F have faithfully restored it to working life. It is a favorite family weekend destination for local residents and visitors.

\* Tuesday Oct 21, Tim Dinsmore will give an illustrated talk about the original families who settled here.

Tim Dinsmore is the president of the Newcastle Historical Society. He is the unique archeologist who studies local history.

Additional events for September and November are in the planning stages. Watch your inboxes and the Lincoln County News for more information.



## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors was elected by the general membership who attended the recent Annual Meeting.

President: Patricia Alfieri  
Vice President: Britt Hatch  
Treasurer: Dewey Meteer  
Secretary: Sally Pearce  
Director: David Brydges  
Director: Laurie McBurnie  
Director: Mitchell Wellman

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve and continue the preservation of Nobleboro history.



## Historical Center Open Hours

### Nobleboro Historical Society Open House

It is always delightful to share Nobleboro history as presented through the many artifacts and documents that are housed in the Hawthorne Schoolhouse. This season, we will be offering Open House on the following dates:

Sunday, June 29, noon - 4 pm

Saturday, July 26, noon - 4 pm

Saturday, August 30, 11 am - 3 pm

You may also request an appointment to view the collection, do genealogical research, and search our historical records. Please contact [nobleborohistorical@gmail.com](mailto:nobleborohistorical@gmail.com) to request an appointment.



## Education Committee

The education program has been teaching students at the Nobleboro Central School about local history since 1978. This achievement has been possible through the generous time and energy of volunteers, most recently Carolyn Hardman.

Ms. Hardman has done an outstanding job of engaging students with hands on experiences in the Hawthorne Schoolhouse where they shuck corn, drill wood, and use antique washboards, among other things.

However, Ms. Hardman has decided to move on and pass this responsibility to someone new. Is that person you? If you enjoy elementary age children, Ms. Hardman will meet with you to get started.

The Historical Society will help you find assistants so you will not be alone with this responsibility. Please contact [nobleborohistorical@gmail.com](mailto:nobleborohistorical@gmail.com) if you are interested in leading or assisting the Education Committee.

**“Thanks to all of you for your support of NHS. The Historical Society makes a difference in our Town – as we share our history and make Nobleboro an even a better place to live.”**