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# Nobleboro Historical Society

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PO Box 122, Nobleboro, Maine 04555

Spring 2012

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Dear Members,

## 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AT 6:00 PM

North Nobleboro Community Hall

The North Nobleboro Hall is where North Nobleboro Day is held. From US 1, 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.



### Nick Buck will talk about his trip on the Oregon Trail !!

**It is a fantastic and fun talk - so bring a friend and see your friends and neighbors to talk about spring!!**

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

Nick Buck follows the Oregon Trail with his brother Rinker, and a Jack Russell terrier named Olive Oil from St. Joseph, Missouri to Baker City, Oregon.

*Nick's talk will begin about 7:00 - 7:15 p.m., so folks can come just for the talk too.*

Hostesses for the evening are Margaret Wellman, Mitchell Wellman, and Dana Wilson.

### George Weston's Spectacular Donation

George Weston has donated 50 of his wonderful Nobleboro photo albums to the Society. This is a most remarkable collection as not only are there many wonderful old Nobleboro photos, but George has taken photos of Nobleboro happenings as they occurred over the years. In addition, the photos are clearly labeled and the backs of most photos contain extensive information related to the photo's content. It is truly a one-of-a-kind, outstanding collection and the Society will be pleased and appreciative to have it when George no longer needs it. In the meantime, George continues to be our go-to man for the facts about Nobleboro.

The many other items generously donated by folks to the Society will be in the fall newsletter.

### 2012 NHS Program Calendar

For your convenience, it is included with this newsletter. Please be sure to mark your calendars!

### Membership

Currently there are about 220 Society members and it's great to continue to grow! If a membership self-mailer was sent to you with this newsletter, then please enclose a check and mail it back. If you didn't get a self-mailer, then you are paid for 2012. Contact Laurie McBurnie, 563-5347 or laurie\_m@tidewater.net, if you have questions.

### Nobleboro Historical Society Board

The 2012 Board members are included in the enclosed program calendar.

Al Lewis is our new selectmen's representative to the Board - Welcome, Al!

### NHS still needs a Treasurer—very soon!

Eleanor O'Donnell has served long and extremely well as NHS treasurer, but she would like to retire and is happy to train her successor.

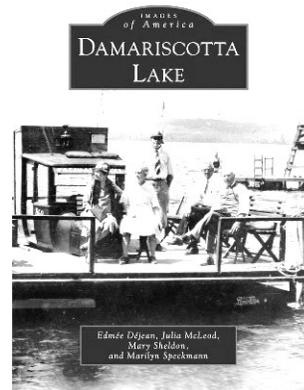
We need a person who can set up the Society's finances on a computer program, insert finances of the Fish Ladder Project, and give information to our accountant for the tax filings. Call Mary at 563-5376.

### Publications

Hard Times Cookbook was reprinted with a new foreword from Nobleboro, Maine - A History telling how the cookbook was created. It still has the same great recipes that people compliment every time and it's still \$10.

### Damariscotta Lake book is ready!

This book is a photographic history of the Damariscotta Lake with about 250 photos and captions from the late 1800s to the 1940s. It was created by Jefferson, Newcastle, and Nobleboro Historical Societies, and the Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association (DLWA).



You can get your copy for \$23 at the Society or the Town Office.

## ***What's Happening...***

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### ***The Necessarium***

The Historical Center now has a new Necessarium -- also known as a bathroom!

The Society and the Town shared the cost of drilling a well for the Center, installing a sink, flush toilet



(to replace the gas incinerator toilet), and a closed 1,000 gallon septic tank with an alarm/signal when the tank needs to be pumped out. Dale Wright coordinated the whole project with Marc Stevens, Hatch Well Drillers, and Michael Prentice, Bayside Plumbing. Al Lewis, Lewis Electric, is installing an efficient, in-wall heater in the bathroom as extra protection from freezing.

Henry Simmons totally redecorated the necessarium by prepping and painting the walls and woodwork and putting down floor tiles.

### ***New Furnace***

The Historical Center now has an efficient Olsen oil-burning, hot-air furnace to replace the furnace that sprung a leak several years ago. It was installed by Michael Prentice, Bayside Plumbing, and paid for by the Society.



We had four competitive bids and they all agreed that the old heating ducts are of a high quality and well placed and the 30-year old oil tank seems just fine. Our goal is to have access to the Center and the bathroom facilities most of the year, but we will still use the wonderful wood stove too.

### ***Work with NCS students***

Volunteers Carolyn Hardman, Sally Hough, Adney Peck and Mary Sheldon hosted two visits of Mrs. Henry's 18 very active, interested NCS 1<sup>st</sup> graders at the Center. Students enjoyed learning about tools, home life, writing with chalk on slate tablets, the wringer washer and corn sheller. Carolyn is planning a one-room school house for the NCS 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the spring.

### ***Fish Ladder Restoration Project***

The \$92,500 grant received from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Fish Ladder Restoration Project will get a lot of work done on the ladder, but first the rest of the \$116,000 match has to be raised to get the grant. To finish the project about \$300,000-400,000 will be needed -- then we will have an exemplar ladder and very happy fish. We are close to the final stretch on this enormous and important project.

## ***Plans for the Future***

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Now that the Center's infrastructure work is completed, we can significantly reorganize and update the basement. We plan to create displays of the old farm implements, including the two corn shellers and the oxen yokes, and of the construction materials -- and perhaps set up a kitchen display with the wringer washer and a Hoosier cabinet.

### ***'Like' us on Facebook***

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Henry Simmons created a Facebook page for the Society -- and has posted photos that he took around town and in the Center. Henry said you can Google (or any search engine) Nobleboro Historical Society and the Facebook page will be listed or if you use Facebook, just search for us. Feel free to contribute to our page. We are coming -- slowly -- into the modern age!

Don't forget our website at

[www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org) !

### ***Scholarship Applications due May 7th***

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Since 1985, 63 students received a total of \$51,200 in scholarships. Three \$1,000 scholarships will again be awarded in spring 2012. Eligible students (of any age) are those who live in Nobleboro or are members of Nobleboro Historical Society -- and they will be attending postsecondary school (college or technical) during the 2012 - 2013 school year. Applications are available at our website [www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nobleborohistoricalsociety.org) or local high school guidance offices.

### ***Historical Center Open Summer Saturdays***

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The Historical Center is open on Saturday afternoons during July and August from 1:30 to 4:30 or any time by appointment. A volunteer will be available to answer your questions. There is information about Nobleboro history and many of the historic artifacts on display.

The Center can be enjoyed by all ages -- and it's free. Maps, books and other memorabilia are available to buy.

*Volunteer hosts/hostesses are needed -- and ideas to increase the number of visitors.*

Genealogy materials are available for study and Joyce Brown, our genealogist, is also available by appointment to help research your ancestors.

Please call Mary Sheldon, 563-5376, or write to PO Box 122, Nobleboro, ME 04555 to research your ancestors or get information about our history.

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*Mary Sheldon, President*