

# Northborough Historical Society

## • Our monthly programs

feature a wide variety of excellent speakers on topics of historical interest to our town and community. These events are free and open to the public and take place at 7:00 p.m. one Friday each month, September through June.

- **Our archive** is home to an impressive collection of primary source material concerning the history of the people, the land, and the structures of Northborough. Ellen Racine, our curator, can be reached at [Info@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:Info@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org). For historical research, contact our historian at [Historian@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:Historian@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org).

- **Our museum** houses a variety of displays of historical artifacts and treasures of Northborough and is open to the public from 2-4 p.m. Sundays in May, June, September, and October, and by special arrangement.

- **Our building**, located at 52 Main Street, is a former Baptist Church and houses a fully-restored 1874 George Stevens pipe organ.

- **Membership** in the Society is open to all, and yearly dues help to defray the cost of our programs. Annual memberships are \$30; Senior Citizen and student memberships are \$25. Families can join for \$55, and Lifetime Memberships are \$500 per person. Additional donations are also accepted. Members enjoy our monthly newsletter, a membership pin, inclusion in members-only events, a 10% discount on merchandise at our museum shop, and knowing that they are supporting the preservation of Northborough History for the next 100 years. Our Membership Secretary can be reached at: [MembershipSecretary@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:MembershipSecretary@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org).



## WELCOME!

to the  
**Northborough  
Historical Society**

*For more than 100 years,  
we have been dedicated  
to the study and preservation  
of the history of our town of  
Northborough, Massachusetts.*

P.O. Box 661, 52 Main Street,  
Northborough, Massachusetts 01532

[www.NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org)



## NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 - 2024 Membership / Renewal Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail is the most efficient way for us to contact you.)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Member(s) ☐ Renewal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am interested  
in volunteer  
opportunities.

Annual Dues: ☐ Single—\$30 ☐ Student/Senior (65+)—\$25 ☐ Family—\$55\* ☐ Lifetime—\$500 per person

☐ An Additional Donation is enclosed. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

The Northborough Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization - donations to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

\* Family memberships are offered to one or two adults and their children under the age of 18



*To become a member of the Northborough Historical Society, please complete the back of this form and send it to:*

**Northborough Historical Society**  
**Membership Secretary**  
**P.O. Box 661**  
**Northborough, MA 01532**

*or, hand it to any Society director.*

*For more information,  
e-mail the Membership Secretary at:*

MembershipSecretary@NorthboroughHistoricalSociety.org

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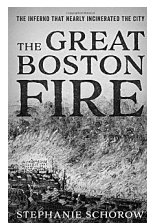
## Programs 2023-2024

September 22, 2023

**The Family Nurse: Home Medical Care in the Early Nineteenth Century.** Christine Higginbottom will lecture on the role of herbal remedies in treating common health problems in Early American households. Christine will describe plant varieties and preparation methods.



October 27, 2023

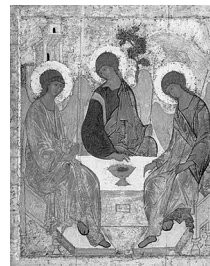


**The Great Boston Fire: The Inferno that Nearly Incinerated the City.** Stephanie Schorow, a journalist and author, will share the harrowing story of how close Boston

came to total destruction in 1872. Her talk will capture the drama of life and death as the heroic firefighters battled the flames as they worked to protect the city.

December 1, 2023

**Byzantine and Russian Icons.** Dennis Sardella, a docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, MA, will present an informative lecture on the topic of religious icons and the role they play in Eastern Christian spirituality.



January 26, 2024



**Underground History at Blackstone National Park.** Susan Franz, a history professor, will describe her experience working to gain National Park Service designation for Underground Railroad locations in the Blackstone River Valley, which led to recognition by the African American Heritage Trail.

February 23, 2024

**Landmark Civil Rights Legislation of the Mid 1960s** Mark Bashour will examine the roles of Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Lyndon Johnson in bringing about landmark legislation that would change this nation permanently.



March 22, 2024

**Summer of 1787: Writing the US Constitution.**

John Northgraves's lecture will delve into the dysfunctional state of what could hardly be called a "nation" at that time. He will describe the issues, arguments, and compromises that went into writing that document.



April 26, 2024

**The Blizzard of '78.**

Michael Tougias recounts how New England was knocked to its knees in February, 1978 by an incredible snow and wind storm. The lecture will follow the storm through its progression; the period before the storm, the commuter nightmares, and the ensuing devastation.



May 17, 2024

**Major Taylor: The Worcester Whirlwind.** Lynne Tolman, president of the Major Taylor Association, will present an illustrated talk about 1899 world cycling champion, Major Taylor. She will detail his remarkable life on and off the racetracks of the world at the turn of the 20th century, and how the legacy of this African American pioneer is shaping cycling and communities today.

