

NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL PROGRAMS 2018-2019

September 28, 2018:

Appalachian Mountain Club: Leaders in the Outdoors Since 1876 – presented by Alexandra Molnar, the Development Coordinator of Appalachian Mountain Club. The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), founded in 1876, is America's oldest recreation, conservation, and outdoor education organization. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Club's Worcester Chapter by hearing the stories that inspire the modern-day outdoors enthusiast.

October 26, 2018:

Frederick Law Olmsted and the Massachusetts Legacy – presented by Alan S. Banks, the overseer for the historical interpretation of Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site in Brookline, MA. The firm of Frederick Law Olmsted was involved in over 1200 landscape architecture projects throughout Massachusetts. This illustrated lecture will sample this rich landscape legacy and explore ideas that shaped some of the most treasured places in Massachusetts.

December 7, 2018:

The Spirit of Christmas Past: Four Centuries of Christmas in New England – presented by Ken Turino, Manager of Community Engagement and Exhibitions at Historic New England. This well-illustrated lecture traces the development of the celebration of Christmas from the 17th Century, when it was outlawed in New England, to the 20th century with its trappings of a traditional Christmas. We will learn many customs, such as Christmas trees and Santa Claus, are more recent.

January 25, 2019:

Northborough's Historical Markers – In Plain Sight but Unseen – presented by Normand Corbin, a long time member of the Northborough Historical Society and the Chairman of the Northborough Historic District Commission. This program highlights some of the town's historical markers, shows their location and manner of installation, and thus increases our awareness of local history as we go about our everyday business.

February 22, 2019:

Serving the World with Worcester Dining Cars – presented by Richard Gutman, foremost authority on the history of diners and author of the book *American Diner Then and Now*, a definitive work on the subject. Decades after the company's closure in 1961, Worcester dining cars were sent to California and two to the United Kingdom—justifying the 1925 slogan. This illustrated lecture will celebrate the Worcester Lunch Car Company's contributions to the legacy of this enduring American icon.

March 22, 2019:

A Visit with Louisa May Alcott – presented by Jan Turnquist, Executive Director of Orchard House, the Alcott family home in Concord, MA. Louisa May Alcott, author of the 1868 book *Little Women*, comes to life with a captivating living history experience by welcoming the audience to interact with her presentation.

April 26, 2019:

They're Irish, They're Catholic, They're Guilty – presented by Bill O'Riordan, a founding member of the Halligan & Daley Foundation which was formed in 1982 after Gov. Michael Dukakis exonerated Halligan & Daley for their crimes. This presentation covers a notorious 1806 court case in Northampton, MA involving Irish immigrants, James Halligan and Dominic Daley, who were convicted and executed for the crime of murder which is now believed they did not commit.

May 17, 2019:

Mysteries from our Museum – presented by Ernie Racine, past President and current member of

the Property Committee of the Northborough Historical Society. We will explore the backstories of several artifacts displayed in the Northborough Historical Society Museum and hear the fascinating stories of how these items relate to historical events and why they are important today.