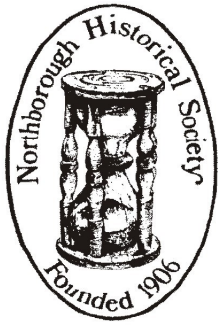


NORTHBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Program Schedule 2015-2016

September 25, 2015 “Tour of the Historical Museum” by The Museum Trustees. After a pot luck supper, take a guided tour of the Northborough Historical Society Museum. The evening will include a scavenger hunt and a quiz at the end of the meeting.

October 23, 2015 “Mark Twain” portrayed by Richard Clark. This solo performance about the life and work of America’s foremost humorist, Mark Twain, is full of wit and wisdom and the special brand of storytelling that made Mark Twain a legend in his time.

Hosts for meeting: Christina Kennedy and Mary Fortin

December 4, 2015 “Pearl Harbor” by Gary Hylander. Seventy-four years ago, December 7, 1941, FDR declared the attack on Pearl Harbor as a ‘A Date Which Will Live in Infamy’. In his dramatic presentation, Professor Gary Hylander recounts the facts of this historic event.

Hosts for meeting: Rick and Gerri Cayer

January 22, 2016 “Algonquin Regional High School Presentation” by ARHS students. In this two-part program, students studying US history under Stephen Godbout will do a presentation on a research project with resources from the NHS museum. The evening will also include a performance by the ARHS Chorus under the direction of Katherine Waters.

Hosts for meeting: Janice Ferenchick and Suzanne Williams

February 26, 2016 “Who is Buried In Northborough’s Brigham Street Old Burial Ground?” by Beth Finch McCarthy. The colonial-era Old Burial Ground on Brigham Street in Northborough was established to accommodate the burials of the town’s first families. Through genealogical research, Beth Finch McCarthy has identified many of the individuals buried there. Highlights of the program will look at early colonial life in Northborough to include some good gossip about the early families.

Hosts for meeting: Frank and Judy Bissett

Programs take place
Fridays at 7:30 p.m.
at the Historical Society
52 Main St., Northborough
and are free
and open to the public.

The **September and May**
programs are preceded by a
potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.,
which is open to all.

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March 18, 2016 “**History of Northborough Fire Department**” by **Paul Desautels**. Joining the Northborough Fire Department in 1965, Paul will share his first-hand knowledge of the Department, including how it grew as Northborough grew, and major fires that happened in town over the years. Most recently, Paul has been instrumental in having an historic fire “engine” returned to town.

Host for meeting: Beth Finch-McCarthy

April 22, 2016 “**The Lost Art of Etiquette**” by **Megan MacNeil**. With quotes from the Phillips Family (Phillips House is one of the Historic New England’s properties) Megan MacNeil, Registrar of Historic New England Association, will use journals, diaries and letters to discuss dining room and parlor etiquette, letter writing, how to pay a visit, calling cards and other behavior expected of the different members of the family and household staff. This lecture covers the period of time from 1880s to 1940s.

Hosts for meeting: TBA

May 20, 2016 “**Living in Northborough**” as recorded in the Northborough Historical Society Archives and remembered by several members of the Northborough Historical Society Members. After a pot luck supper, listen to highlights of Northborough’s past. Anyone with special memories of Northborough, come prepared to share a story or two.

September 23, 2016 “**John and Abigail Adams: An American Couple**” by **Gary Hylander**. During their courtship and marriage, John Adams and Abigail Smith Adams exchanged more than 1,100 letters, many filled with intellectual discussions on government and politics considered an invaluable account of the Revolutionary War. Abigail, a fierce advocate of rights for women and African-Americans, was an important partner throughout John’s political career. Gary Hylander presents an animated lecture that brings this historic couple to life.

October 28, 2016 “**History of Route 20**” by **Bryan Farr**. Stretching from Kenmore Square in Boston to Newport, Oregon at 3,365.3 miles in length, Route 20 is the longest highway in the United States. Northborough’s Main Street is a minuscule segment of this historic road. Bryan Farr, founder of The Historic Route 20 Association, will lecture on the historical and cultural significance of the highway and will highlight landmarks and less-remembered points of interest in Northborough and neighboring communities.

December 2, 2016 “**A Portrait of the Victorian Age: Letters of the Holbrook Family of Northborough**” by **Beth Finch McCarthy**. Town figure, Levi Holbrook (m. Eliza Grout), was a very interesting character. Beth Finch McCarthy has obtained a small collection of family letters which colorfully illustrate the life and times of Victorian Northborough. Themes include rail travel in New England, private school culture, Victorian medicines, slavery, boarding in family homes, local commerce, infidelity, and the intricacies of being an independent-minded woman in a male-dominated society. This program promises to be a veritable soap opera.

For more information on the Northborough Historical Society, please visit :



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