

# 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 Norm Corbin 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 future.

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 2024 - 2025 Membership / Renewal Form

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

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

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

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

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 2024-2025



**September 27, 2024 Backyard Astronomy.** Jim Zebrowski, from the Aldrich Astronomical Society will present a talk on backyard astronomy. This program will provide practical tips for exploring the skies with Jim’s demonstra-

tion of a six-inch Dobsonian telescope and an 80mm refractor’ Learn how to use a smart phone for sky navigation.



**October 25, 2024 Meet Frances Perkins: The Unsung Heroine Behind the New Deal.** Historical performer Janet Parnes will portray Frances Perkins, the first woman in

U.S. history to be appointed to a Cabinet position - Secretary of Labor under Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, and provide insight into the New Deal and the role of women in politics.

**December 6, 2024 Beaver Meadows to Farmed Wetlands and Back.** Forest Lyford will discuss how former beaver activity helped shape the drainage patterns and the distribution of organic-rich soils in Northborough, the modification of wetland areas by farming, and recent beaver activities. Learn how these industrious creatures alter streams in ways that are both beneficial to wetland ecology and, at times, challenging to humans.



**January 24, 2025 The Agricultural Branch Railroad.** Journey through time with Ed Sterling and Dave West-erling as they unveil the story of railroads crossing through the farming towns of central New England.

Join us as we explore how these trains once fueled agricultural communities.



**February 28, 2025 The USGS StreamStats Program.** Pete Steeves, a Physical Scientist/GIS Specialist at the US Geological Survey, will guide us through watershed applications and analysis, shedding light on the journey of USGS StreamStats, from its beginnings in Massachusetts in the 90s to its adoption across the nation in the early 2000s.

**March 28, 2025 White Cliffs, an Architectural Marvel.** Norm Corbin and Tom



Reardon share a historical account of the architectural detail and construction of White Cliffs. They will highlight the recent unearthing of architectural documents that shed

new light on the construction of this iconic structure.

**April 25, 2025 Northborough During the Revolutionary War.** Presented by Norm Corbin and Bob Licht of the 250 Rev Committee. This engaging program invites you to discover how Northborough's Tea Party predates Boston's by 10 months and the town's early stance on independence, precedes July 4, 1776.



**May 16, 2025 The Original Bucky Lew, Basketball's First Black Professional Player.** Author Chris Boucher tells the story of Harry Haskel “Bucky” Lew, from the 18 year-old in 1902 in the NE Basketball League, becoming the first Black Professional player in the country, and his rise to professional basketball, to coach, to general manager, to owner. Chris will include anecdotes of Northborough’s basketball history and local players.

Programs take place at the Society building  
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