

# 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 2025 - 2026 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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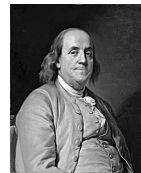
# Programs 2025-2026



**September 26, 2025 Hidden Illness in the White House: Patient Confidentiality vs. the Public Good.** The presidency of the

United States is a demanding job that requires intellectual, emotional, and physical strength. The world depends on a stable executive running the United States government. What happens when they are ill? Dr. Dale Magee will explore 3 presidents: Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Dwight David Eisenhower, to look at the specifics, the uncertainties and the deceptions during their presidencies and their candidacies.

**October 24, 2025 Ben Franklin and the Road to Independence.** Portrayed by Tim O'Connor, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, thrice a Postmaster in



America, will discuss the importance of the Post in America's growth, political discontent, revolution, and eventual freedom. Colonial letters will be shown illustrating these points in a very granular approach.



**December 5, 2025 History of the Juniper Hill Golf Course.** Built on the old Brigham farm, the Juniper Hill Golf Course has been in operation for 95 years. Originally built in 1931 by

Homer C. Darling, the golf course has remained in the family. It is now run by Dudley Darling who will present a review of the history of this Northborough institution.

**January 23, 2026 You'll Get a Bang Out of Henry Knox.** How did a 25-year-old bookstore owner become the hero who launched the American Revolution without firing a shot? Steven Glosky explores the improbabilities and inconsistencies of Henry Knox's story, leading up to his undertaking the transport of urgently needed cannon in the winter of 1775 -1776.



**February 27, 2026 The Battle of Bunker Hill.** Although a loss for the American patriots, this battle showed that they could hold their own against the powerful British Army. The patriots were led by three colonels:- William Prescott, John Stark, and Israel Putnam. Robert Hubbard's talk will include coverage of the contributions of Capt. Samuel Wood and the Northborough Militia.



Programs take place at the Society building  
**Fridays at 7:00 p.m.**  
 They are free and open to the public  
 Please check the Society website to confirm the location near the time of each event.



**March 27, 2026 The Legacy of Inventor Thomas Blair.** Zenya Molnar will

speak about Thomas Blair and his role in Northborough's history, as well as his inventions and entrepreneurial pursuits related to photography and other industries. She will also provide

context about photography during that point in history in the late 1800s / early 1900s.



**April 24, 2026 How Isaiah Thomas Brought the Revolution to Worcester.** Ashley Cataldo will tell us how Isaiah Thomas, revolutionary printer and founder of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, traveled with his printing press from Boston to Worcester in April of 1775. Hear how Thomas made the journey and what he did to promote the Revolution in Worcester.

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**May 15, 2026 Before There Was a Dam.** From Northborough, the way north ran straight across the Nashua River Valley through West Boylston. That all changed with the coming of the coming of the



Wachusett Reservoir in 1895. Come with Paul Marrone as he takes you on a colorful tour by river, road and rail through the once beautiful and peaceful valley.