

# Northborough Historical Society Programs 2025-2026

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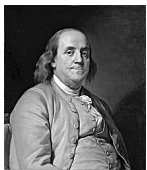
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Programs take place at the Society building **Fridays at 7:00 p.m.** They are free and open to the public. Please check the Society website to confirm the location near the time of each event

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## 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 Glovsky 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.



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.



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 as it appeared. Before There Was a Dam.