

# 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 2026 - 2027 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 2026-2027



September 25, White Cliffs after the Wessons. After the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wesson in 1906, their "Cliffs" mansion underwent many changes of ownership. It was a private residence until 1942. After that, it was opened as a private club, then a locally famous restaurant and event facility. In this program Norm Corbin will review its different uses and the cast of characters associated with the "Cliffs" over the years.

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October 23, 2026 The Boston Massacre Trials: Blood in the Snow. De-nounced as an act of unprovoked violence and villainy, this event is one of the most familiar incidents in American history. With retired Justice the Honorable Dennis J. Curran, we will revisit this dramatic episode and the resulting trials, the competing narratives that molded public perceptions, and the unheralded courage of one lawyer and a future president - John Adams.



December 4, 2026 The Rise and Fall of Industry in the Blackstone River Valley. Why did an Industrial Revolution begin along the Blackstone River? What factors converged to enable farmers, craftspeople, and other laborers to transform quiet villages into industrial giants? During this talk, Park Ranger Allison Horrocks will describe the rise of industry, starting with Slater Mill, located in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.



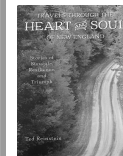
January 22, 2027 Colonial Clothing and US Flag History. Les Malecki will discuss men's daily 18th century colonial clothing, with an emphasis on what a Northborough militia man might have been carrying as accoutrements when he marched to Concord on that fateful Wednesday of April 19th, 1775. He will also present a history on how of the US Flag has evolved since the American Revolution.



February 26, 2027 Timber Frame Construction in Early New England. Tom Kelleher discusses how people in early America built their houses, barns, and sheds long before power tools. This program will explore the materials, tools, techniques, traditions, and considerations that went into making a forest into a home.



March 26, 2027 Travels Through the Heart and Soul of New England: Stories of Struggle, Resilience, and Triumph. Based on his many travels through the region's six states, Ted Reinstein's new book tells the moving and colorful stories of the most memorable people he's met in nearly thirty years of reporting, as well as some of his favorite diners. Come hear Ted in person.



April 23, 2027 The Famous Coach Sherman, an Algonquin Graduate. Mike Sherman was an Algonquin football player graduating in the class of 1973. His illustrious career includes being inducted into the Algonquin Athletics Hall of Fame, followed by coaching that included High School, College, the Canadian Football League, and the National Football League. The coach will talk about his storied career.



May 21, 2027 Train Travels in the United States. Join Lee Tabor as he recounts a 4-day, 3 night trip on Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited and the legendary California Zephyr, from Worcester to San Francisco! You'll travel from the comfort of your own seat and see photos of the Rocky Mountains, the Sierra Nevada, and more. He'll share his experience with delays, dining and dark nights.



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 program and location near the time of each event.