

# Northborough Historical Society Programs 2026-2027

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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 program and location near the time of each event.

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September 25, 2026 **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 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.



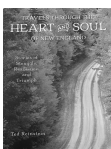
October 23, 2026 **The Boston Massacre Trials: Blood in the Snow.** Denounced as an act of unprovoked violence and villainy, this event is one of the most familiar incidents in American history. With retired Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court the Honorable Dennis J. Curran, we will revisit this 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.



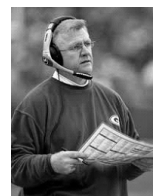
January 22, 2027 **Colonial Clothing and US Flag History.** Les Malecki will discuss men's daily 18th century colonial clothing, with an emphasis on what a Northborough militia man might have been carrying as accoutrements when he marched to Concord on that fateful Wednesday of April 19th, 1775. He will 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 presentation 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. **Location TBD**



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 with him from the comfort of your seat and see photos of the Rocky Mountains, the Sierra Nevada, and more. He'll share his experience with delays, dining and dark nights.