



Hebron Historical Society
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Its January it's colder than normal, but History never stops and neither does the work at the Hebron, Maine Historical Society. We do pause having speakers during these months, but behind that curtain volunteers keep up the pace.

I'm so thankful we have a crew that contributes their time to keep us organized and moving forward. If you wish to help out we would like to welcome you. A little spare time here and there can make quite a difference. We know people are busy, but just the act of signing up for a membership keeps the lights on and shows you appreciate what we do. Donations are also another way and we applaud those that can help in this manner.

Many times during the spring and summer months we have visiting speakers that present programs of area interest and sometimes local authors that give insight into their publications. It's a great time to hear about the research and the back story as the book came together. We already have a speaker(s) for next summer on an interesting Historical Military topic that isn't fiction or hearsay! Stay tuned for a date certain.

If you're interested in any topic or speaker at one of our General Membership nights they are always open and free to the public heck we will even give you a coffee and something usually homemade to enjoy with it all for just showing up. Maybe we should just call them speaker nights open to the public? Meetings start at 7 PM and last about 1 ½ hours.

April 2025: Ethelind Wright of the Androscoggin Historical Society gave a harrowing presentation about David Green of Minot who lost his life on January 13, 1840.



The steamboat Lexington carrying 143 souls sank in the cold icy waters off of Long Island New York after a fire with only 4 survivors.

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<http://hdl.loc.gov/cph.3g03102>





June 2025: We had our annual yard sale that has developed quite a following. We ask only for a donation to help the Society particularly for building maintenance. We have already some gathered items for the 2026 sale.

July 2025: Paul Loge of West Minot presented a video and discussed the Wiscasset, Waterville and Farmington narrow gauge railway.



October 2025: a favorite speaker Michael Davis gave his presentation of Ghost stories from the surrounding area.

November 2025: Election Day with raffles, food and book sales were another day for raising critical funding. Seated is Director Andrea Powers who loves fundraising and is very much appreciated. Standing behind Andrea and left to right are Directors Bruce Conant, Richard Hatch, Jane Croston, and Ruth MacDonald. We enjoyed everybody that visited with us, purchased raffles ticket(s), donated and or signed up for a membership. Thank you all.



The East Hebron train station restoration continues a slow but steady improvement. Work always stops for the winter and will resume once the weather warms. A replacement front door would have already been installed save for a door jamb out of plumb. Certainly it's a warm day project.

During the year we removed the old air furnace and water heater from the cellar while other Directors carefully examined and sorted items that were stored on the second floor.

We have received and are grateful for random truck loads of dirt from the Hebron Public Works department that we are using to slowly fill in a low spot on one side of our building, which will allow us to widen the walking path from the parking area for visitors.



In late November we donated a new wide screen television to the Hebron Town Office that will help any group. No longer will the planning board, the budget committee, select board, and visiting Hebron Historical Society speakers need to have viewers gather around a laptop or small television to view a presentation. We were able to fund the purchase primarily through private donations. We are looking forward to the reaction of the various audiences. Standing alongside the new television is Director Richard Hatch.

We would be remiss if we did not mention that the current Head of Schools for Hebron Academy Patrick Phillips and his wife Ainslie are moving on. While we all know that nothing lasts forever, *the warmth that we have for these two* will last. Their next assignment is in Switzerland. Patrick and Ainslie have been not only great friends but supporters of our organization and are very much appreciated. We wish them both the best. “A long road may take them far away, but the mark they made stays close.” - Anonymous.



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Looking back it was another busy year. Yes we've done a lot but there is so much more to do.

Presently we have a request for proposal posted on our web site asking for bids to help us improve the Society's building especially the exterior. If you're interested you can download the RFP right from our web site.



Hebron Maine Historical Society Membership Application

Type of membership: Individual [] \$10 Family [] \$20

Name of Individual/Head of Family: _____

Address: _____

Family member names: _____

E-Mail address of Individual/Head of Family:

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