

# Nanticoke Valley Historical Society

## 2025 Newsletter # 1 March

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**We're on Instagram!**

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**MAINE, NY !**





## All Dressed Up for a Party!

Report by *Sylvia Ward* on the decorations at J. Ralph Ingall's building.

Thanks to Bill Austin who was very helpful with his expertise and knowledge of the building and he was more than willing to lend a hand. The workers included: my daughter Lesley Stokes and her husband David plus their daughter Lindsey, my youngest daughter Andrea who was the mastermind behind the design and the construction of the Menorah along with her husband Scott and their two sons Nathan and Mitchell. This provided a wonderful fulfilling family experience for us all. My small contribution was making the bows. I am just so thankful that they have all taken an interest in this project. The building has a special place in their hearts too as J.R. Ingalls was also their Great Uncle.



The decorating of the Bowers Museum was a different story as dozens of NVHS members decorated both the inside and outside of the museum. Pitcher's mill continued the tradition of Tom Kotasek, with the hanging of an illuminated Moravian Star in the Mills office. Thanks to all who undertook this project.



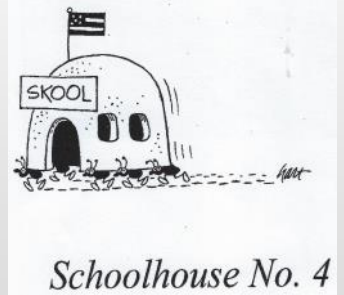


## Join NVHS this year

NVHS has meetings on the third Monday of the month from March through December. Special events are held throughout the year and are announced on our website or through an e-blast. Three newsletters are published on website or can be mailed to you with an extra cost. Membership starts on January 1. Our website contains: “old” newsletters, presentations from the previous ten years and lots of other information.



Built into this year's schedule will be: a celebration to commemorate our one room 1845 school house on June 16th, our Smokey Legends BBQ after the memorial day parade, Maine fest on the second Saturday in September, the BCAC county wide celebration called the Broome Art Trail 9.20 & 9.21. School tours with elementary students from various school districts, working with the Maine summer rec program. A plan to create multiple pollinator gardens throughout the town, a program with 5th graders using art to celebrate our community, Coffee houses will be on tap again this year. Also we are supporting the creation of a new book which will cover the Civil War stories from Lisle, Nanticoke, Maine and Union Center being edited by John Goodnough.



## Workshops

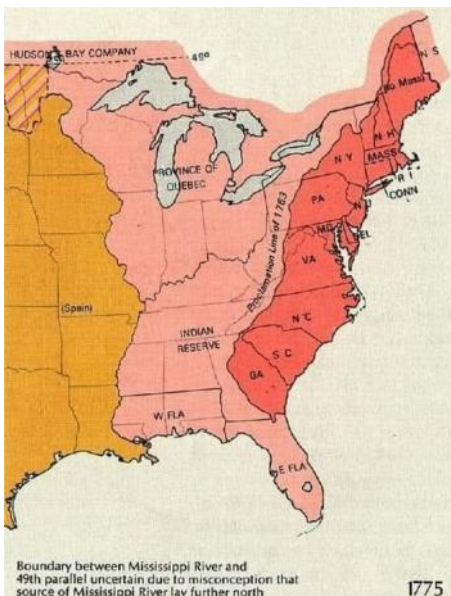
Our **March 7th** workshop is officially sold out! Due to popular demand, we'll be scheduling a **SECOND** session. If you didn't get a chance to register for this one, watch for our post with details for the additional March date. If you didn't get a spot in the first session, we'll be having a second session of this workshop on **SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH**. **THANK YOU** for your support and we look forward to seeing you at these fun new community workshops!

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS**

**Town of Maine**

- NVHS Museum  
Friday, March 7 at 6:30  
Fused Glass Shamrock/  
Green-themed  
suncatchers **MAR 07**
- NVHS Museum  
Saturday, April 12 at 4:30  
Fused Glass Cross-  
themed suncatchers **APR 12**
- J. Ralph Building  
Saturday, May 3 at 5:00  
"Mom & Me" Mosaic  
Planters **MAY 03**

NVHS



We all know about the original thirteen colonies, but look closely at the map to the left representing the borders of those colonies. Maine and Vermont are not part of the original 13! NYS and Pennsylvania are not “full” size. “In 1776, the United States declared its independence. Led by General George Washington, it won the Revolutionary War in 1783. The Constitution was adopted in 1789, and a Bill of Rights was added in 1791 to guarantee inalienable rights.” Some of the first “residents” of Maine, NY arrived in 1793 with the town officially incorporating in 1848.

**Henry M. Baldwin ...**  
***A Prominent Citizen of the Nanticoke Valley***

*Any number of people who have called the Nanticoke Valley home might warrant a "Prominent Citizen" title. One which would fall on the short list of many is Henry M. Baldwin. While best known to Nanticoke and other Northern Broome residents, he was also no stranger to folks in Maine having played baseball for the Maine town team, having been a charter member and President of the Maine Kiwanis Club, having been a member of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society and having served in county-wide government positions for years. A brief biographical sketch follows. Who would you nominate to be on the "Prominent Citizen" list? Let Phil Childs know at [achild233@AOL.com](mailto:achild233@AOL.com)*

Henry M Baldwin was born February 14, 1905. He was a lifelong resident of Nanticoke where he was raised on a farm which had been in the family since 1793. Henry attended Nanticoke's District No. 5 one-room schoolhouse and went on to graduate from Whitney Point High School as valedictorian and president of his class in 1922. Henry started his teaching career in the fall of 1922, just a few short months after graduating from high school. He taught in the Lisle District No. 3 schoolhouse on Mt. Hunger Rd. for three years before going on to college at the Cortland State Normal School (he would later take courses at both Oneonta State and Syracuse University).

After graduating from college in '28, Henry returned to Nanticoke where he taught for two years in the schoolhouse he attended as a kid. He then joined the staff of the newly consolidated school in Whitney Point. Henry served briefly as Principal of the school in Lisle while its junior high students awaited completion of Whitney Point's new school building. At Whitney Point he taught math and science, served as Dean of Students for the Junior High boys, and was the school's first baseball coach. Henry stepped down from teaching in 1945, returning to the farm in Nanticoke and an insurance business as director and Agent No. 1 for what became Broome Co-Operative Insurance Company.

Henry served the Town of Nanticoke and Broome County in a variety of capacities. He was Supervisor for the Town of Nanticoke for 21 years. Henry represented the town well on the Broome County Board of Supervisors where his peers chose him to serve as their Chairman for an unprecedented ten years. During his years as Chairman, he expanded the role to include budget director, personnel director and purchasing agent making it a full-time job and laying a foundation for the position of County Chief Executive which would follow under the new county charter. After stepping down as Chairman, Henry served as Broome County Treasurer and as Commissioner of Finance for the county. He retired from government service in 1971, but continued to be active through a variety of citizen committees.

Henry was an active member of the community. He played ball on local town teams, was a Boy Scout Lone Scout before becoming a troop master. He was an early Farm Bureau and Cooperative Extension member and one of the county's first 4-H Club leaders. Henry was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, the Masons and the Nanticoke Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School. Other community involvement included the Nanticoke Fire Company, the Nanticoke Cemetery Association, the Nanticoke Creek Watershed Association, the County Soil & Water Conservation District and Kiwanis. He was a charter member or helped establish several of these organizations. Henry was regularly chosen for leadership positions and was often recognized with service awards.

Henry married Frieda G. Meisner in 1936. Together they operated a successful dairy on the family farm until 1957 when government service responsibilities demanded more time. They raised seven children with each going on, after graduating from high school, to complete college. Of all his accomplishments, Henry was most proud of his family. He'd marvel in knowing that there are now 21 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren (at last count) that trace their roots to him and Frieda. (continued next page)

**Henry M. Baldwin**





(continued) Henry M. Baldwin made a difference to a generation of students as their teacher and coach. He made a difference to a broader audience in his second career in town and county government and through his various volunteer efforts. A testament to his accomplishments is the sign on the road on which he lived for the better part of nine decades which now bears his name, "Henry M. Baldwin Street."

On his death in 1995, family and friends established an annual scholarship in his memory (since expanded to include his wife, Frieda). The scholarship recognizes a graduating WPCS student interested in pursuing a career in public service. Henry was recognized in 2016 as an outstanding alumnus, staff member, and member of the community by the school ... a fitting tribute to a Prominent Citizen of the Nanticoke Valley.

R. H. Baldwin, Feb. 2025

### **Northern Broome Town Historian Appointments**

The four northern Broome towns (Barker, Lisle, Nanticoke, and Triangle) have recently each named new Town Historians. We thank each for accepting appointments and for their efforts to keep history alive in their towns. Please support them in any way you can.

Barker ...	Terry Dean
Lisle ...	Jane Nohle
Nanticoke ...	Dick Baldwin (serving with long-time historian Joanne Costley)
Triangle ...	Donna Baker

### **Curator's Corner Joanne Weir**



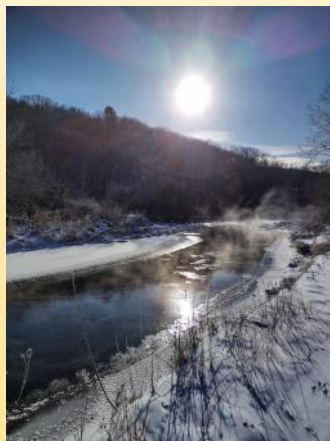
This year NVHS has applied for a grant from the Broome County Arts Council. Last summer we received sixty ceiling tiles from the Maine Memorial Elementary School. They were removed when work on MMES started to upgrade the building. We will be holding these historical treasures for years to come and hope to share them in the future with a gallery show. Even though they are only about twenty years old they truly reflect the feelings of our elementary community and are like a time capsule which future generations can see Maine at the beginning of this century.

Over the winter the central gallery held a show of Maine during the winter. Five photographers had their images shown. If you could not view it in person the images are available on our website.

Susan Lisk, Rich McPherson, Lynn Winn, Jim Barnes and Phil Childs. were the photographers. Our town is beautiful no matter what the season.

Visit us either on line or in person and learn something about this town that we call home.

(Rich McPherson then Jim Barnes)



## Carpenters 1860

Average Pay (Ohio)

Daily	\$1.39
Weekly	\$8.34
Monthly	\$33.36
<b>Yearly</b>	<b>\$433.68</b>

Example Costs (Ohio)

Milk (qt)	\$0.06
Potatoes (bu)	\$0.96
Fresh Pork (lb)	\$0.14
Hair cut	\$0.15



**Population:** Maine town has a 2024 population of **4,989**. Maine town is currently declining at a rate of -0.87% annually and its population has decreased by -3.39% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of **5,164** in 2020. **Census, Broome County, NY April 1, 2020: 198,683.**

## 78,909 People in Broome County

Our Population Growing, Though Nearly All the Towns and Villages Show a Loss

The detailed official report of the 1910 census has just been made public, and shows the total population of the county is 78,809 as against 69,149 in 1900 and 62,973 in 1890. Port Dickinson has a population of 437; Lisle, 329; Deposit, 1,864; Whitney's Point, 744; Endicott, 2,408; Lestershire, 3,775; Union, 1,544; Windsor, 637.

THE RETURNS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	1910	1900	1890
Broome County.....	78,809	69,149	62,973
Barker town.....	948	1,072	1,100
Binghamton city.....	48,443	39,647	35,005
Blghampton town.....	675	847	1,519
Chenango town.....	1,237	1,372	1,448
Colesville town.....	2,415	2,773	3,126
Conklin town.....	850	946	1,033
Dickinson town, including Port Dickinson village.....	832	728	-----
Port Dickinson village.....	437	379	345
Fenton town.....	1,050	1,171	1,280
Kirkwood town.....	852	918	1,119
Lisle town, including Lisle village.....	1,429	1,710	1,962
Lisle village.....	329	392	421
Maine town.....	1,363	1,534	1,692
Nanticoke town.....	536	666	723
Sanford town, including part of Deposit village.....	2,980	3,514	3,265
Deposit village (part of).....	1,144	1,298	964
Total for Deposit village in Sanford town, Broome county, and Deposit town, Delaware county.....	1,864	2,051	1,530
Triangle town, including Whitney's Point village.....	1,600	1,727	1,879
Whitney's Point village.....	744	807	842
Union town, including Endicott, Lestershire, and Union villages.....	9,486	5,707	2,711
Endicott village.....	2,408	-----	-----
Lestershire village.....	3,775	3,111	-----
Union village.....	1,544	982	821
Vestal town.....	1,618	1,850	2,076
Windsor town, including Windsor village.....	2,495	2,967	3,035
Windsor village.....	637	739	524

### Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Book Club

Gather a small diverse group of multi-aged women and give them a reading assignment with a deadline. The resulting conversations will invariably take numerous unpredictable turns. First, of course, is where and how long it takes to locate the best deal on the book. Next comes the opinion and popularity piece ranging from "I hated this book because ...", "I loved the writing style..." to "I think it was my favorite." Clearly our books have more or less accurately illustrated our historical emphasis, and the books we have read in the past several months have been repeatedly characterized by the evolution of female strength and determination in the shadow of male domination. What better thought provoking activity for a relaxed social setting than the sharing of questions and answers based on our historic and personal roots - yes, indeed, a perfect expression of our interest in our national and local history as an organization. Welcomed are any newcomers and guests to the next installment of our NVHS book club. We meet at 6:00 PM every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Bowers Museum on Nanticoke Rd. across from the one room schoolhouse.

Rob Szczepanski Highway Supervisor of the town of Maine is announcing the town dump day Saturday May 3<sup>th</sup> 8am to 4pm. Rules and the official announcement will be found later on the town of Maine website <https://townofmaine.org>

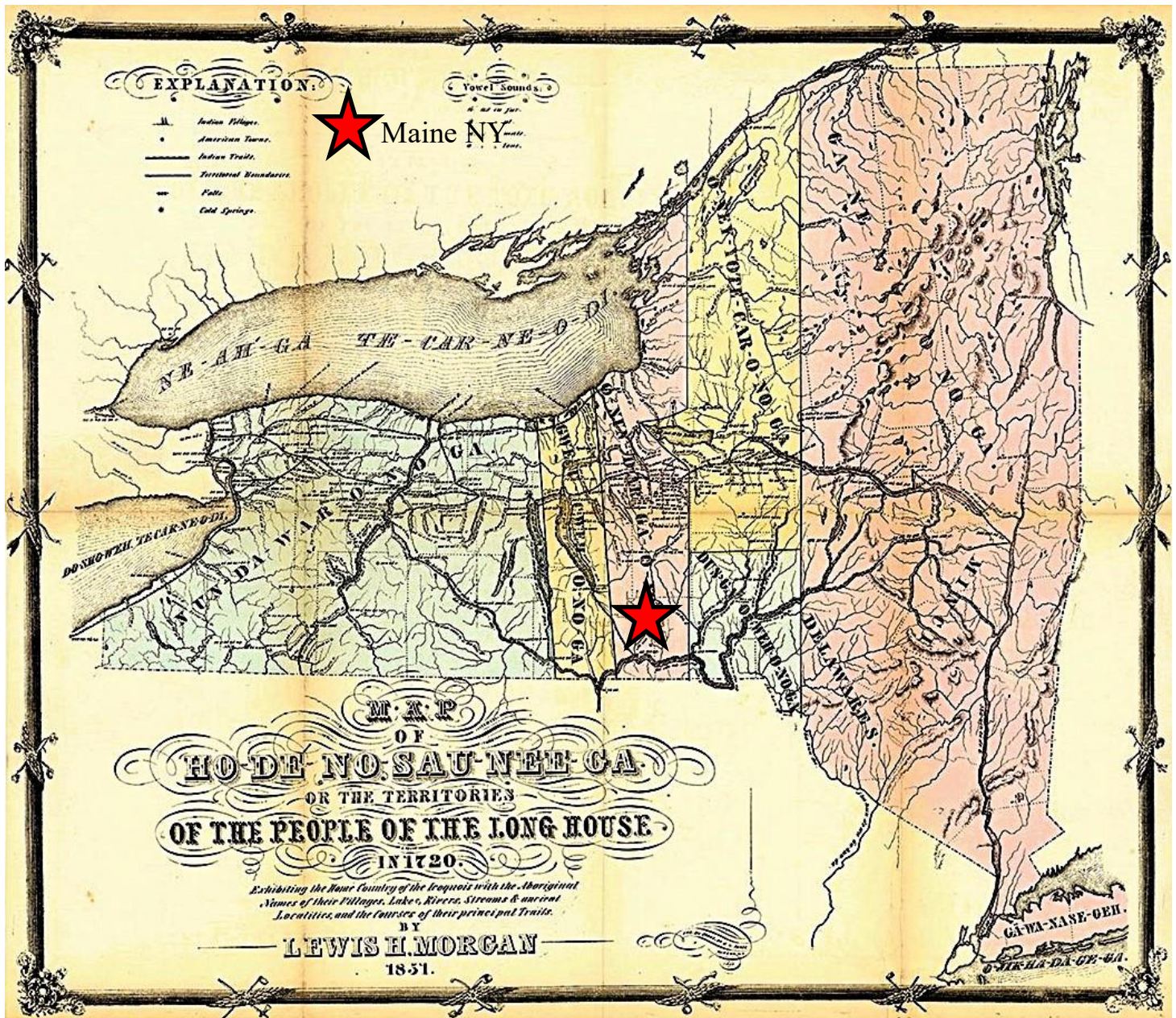




Did you know that NVHS has an active **Green Committee** whose goal is to plan for the future “greening” of the town. Chair Christine Clifton-Kendall (cliftonchristine@gmail.com) chairs this group and tentative plans include: Arbor Day celebration, plantings of pollinator gardens at our locations, the biggest tree “contest”, Please contact Christine if you wish to be part of this group. The Sugar Maple slab below is from the trees cut down on Lewis Street last February by NYS&G. Can you figure out when this tree was planted?



# MAP OF HO-DE-NO-SAU-NEE-GA : OR THE TERRITORIES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE LONG HOUSE IN 1751



**History – Nanticoke Indian Tribe** “ In 1742, the Nanticoke were tired of nearly 100 years of conflict. Their leaders met in Winnasocum Swamp, near the Pocomoke River to plan for war. The plan, however, came to an end when a Choptank Indian informed Maryland colonists and leaders. They threatened to take the Nanticoke land. As the Powhatan Tribes had all faced similar conflicts, some of the Nanticoke, tired and disgusted, chose to accept an offer from the Six Nations of the Iroquois in the New York, Pennsylvania, and Canadian areas. Once their enemies, the Iroquois promised the Nanticoke both land and protection. The offer was also extended to other tribes, including the Cayuga, Seneca, Oneida, Onondaga, Mohawk, and Tuscarora. Other tidewater tribes in the Delaware – Maryland area chose to move west to the Oklahoma Territories. In fact, all of the Nanticoke did not leave the Eastern Shore. Starting in 1744, *some individual families left in dug out canoes and traveled north up the Susquehanna River.* Others walked westward. But, a significant number of Nanticoke moved eastward into Delaware and settled in Indian River Hundred, near the Indian River. By the 1800’s, the Nanticoke who remained had purchased land and assimilated into the predominant culture. “ [www.nanticokeindians.org](http://www.nanticokeindians.org)



## Facebook Pages some nonprofit groups associated with Maine, New York

1. [Maine, NY](#) Private group [8.1K members](#) AI enabled

Welcome to the Maine, NY page. This page is intended for people of the Town of Maine to share things about our community. If you are a resident of the Town and have a business or service to share please feel free. If you are not a resident of the Town please do not post your advertising here. All abusive or offensive material will be removed and the person who posted it will be removed from the group.

2. [MAINE NY Free speech page](#) Private group [2.2K members](#)

Welcome to the Maine, NY Free Speech page. This page is intended for people of the Town of Maine to share things about our community, nosy neighbors, town gossip and whatever else you want to post about. Feel free to voice your opinions without censorship.

3. [Nanticoke Valley Historical Society](#) • [787 followers](#)

Nanticoke Valley Historical Society is a nonprofit that was founded to preserve and showcase the History of the Valley which has a Museum, School House, Grist Mill, Ingalls building and Carriage Barns for buildings. It helps residents in searching their history.

[www.nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com) and on Instagram

4. [The Town of Maine, New York](#) Community Service [149 followers](#)

**"The Town of Maine, New York Facebook Page" is not a forum for opinions or political debate. Instead, it has been created by town residents for town residents. Our intent is to provide clear, accurate, up-to-date information about our Town Government and its supporting agencies. Our hope is that with this information each of us can make the best decisions possible for this place we all call "Home."**

5. [Maine American Legion Post 1390](#) • 501 followers

Maine American Legion Post 1390 - dedicated to serving our military. Those who have served and those who still do.

6. [Town of Maine Rec Committee](#) Community Organization • 1.1K followers

7. [Maine Memorial Parents and Teachers](#) Elementary School • 952 followers

8. [Maine-Endwell Central School District](#) Public School • 8.8K followers

Maine-Endwell Central School District, Home of the Spartans!

9. [West Corners Lions Club](#) • [158 followers](#)

Lions serve. Our mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. We love our community!





## IN MEMORIAM



Richard E. Shipway  
4.2.1936—10.21.2024  
Betty (Eva Elizabeth) Welch  
1.16.1924— 11.17.2024

Thursday June 10, 1999, did you witness this event?



“In March of 1998 the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society of Maine, NY received a donation of a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1840’s. The schoolhouse was built in 1845 and was used as a k-12 school until 1942. Located at the intersection of Campville Road and Cafferty Hill Road, it was originally called Schoolhouse No. 4 and was part of the joint school district of Tioga/Town of Union. After dismantling the building it was moved to the triangle plot at the intersection of Rte. 26 and Nanticoke Drive. After much work the building was available for use and the NVHS invited school districts to visit and have good “old fashioned” lessons. This year we will celebrate the 20th year of our beloved school house.





### Book Club continues...

*Sandy Rozek is our programs organizer. If you would like to present to NVHS this year contact her. If you know of some presentation that might be a great add to our year let Sandy know. Also our Book Club continues, contact Sandy for information. 607 862—9480 607 239 8868*

*Look for **Coffee House** dates on our website! [Nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com](http://Nanticokevalleyhistoricalsociety.com)*

### Tentative programs for 2025

**All programs are at the museum starting at 6:30 unless stated otherwise.**

**If it is a school snow day, we will not have a meeting.**

**If you have suggestions for programs let us know.**

- March 17: Gordie Gottlieb Before 1938 Maine schools had 14 individual one room schools. Learn about these districts and share your memories!
- April 21: Yancey Moore Bowers family memories including the artwork of Franck Taylor Bowers
- April 25: Arbor Day event Date may vary but we will have a planting within the town.
- May 19: Archived materials: over the years on VHS
- May 26: Monday join us at the museum for an open house plus Smokey Legends BBQ.
- June 16: Rededication of schoolhouse #4 – 25 years at its current address, times and special events will be announced, including a toast to this 180-year-old!
- July 21: Sue Lisk: Girl Scouts in the town of Maine
- August 18: Phil Childs; from the past: travels from the museum along route 26 north
- September 13: The Maine Fest; check for details
- September 15: Richard Baldwin; Nanticoke Springs our Spa on Page Road, plus more stories.
- September 20 & 21: Broome County Art Councils – The Broome Art Trail, our location is at the J. Ralph Ingalls building to view over 10 local artists
- October 20: Possible ghost stories, more details to follow.
- November 17: Yancey Moore Moore Memories; Carol Jane and D.Y. Moore memories
- December 15: Muse (holiday music and poetry) details to follow

Born in Binghamton, New York, **Franck Bowers** spent most of his career as an illustrator but the last years of his life, he devoted much time to oil painting and watercolors. His subjects included landscapes, especially trees, figures, genre, still lifes and botanical drawings. He usually signed his paintings F. Taylor. He was a founder and strong promoter of the Binghamton Society of Artists and a teacher at The Binghamton Art School. Early in his career participated in the Binghamton Sketch Club.



**Mary Crocket** was a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio. She and her husband, David moved to Maine around 1939 and opened a variety store. Mary was hired as a physical education teacher in Maine in the early 1940's. She was also very active in the girl Scouts, serving as a scout leader and as the Maine troop camp director for many years.





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NanticokeValleyHistoricalSociety.com  
OR • Complete and mail this renewal page with your  
check

2025 Yearly Membership Dues:

- ◇ Individual - \$15
- ◇ Senior/Student/Teacher - \$10
- ◇ Family - \$20
- ◇ Patron - \$50
- ◇ Business - \$100
- ◇ Lifetime - \$500
- ◇ Additional donation
- ◇ Total Amount Enclosed—\_\_\_\_\_

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