



Northborough Historical Society

2013-2014 Programs

*All programs are held at
50 Main Street (Corner of Main and School Streets),
Northborough, MA 01532
www.northboroughhistsoc.org*

Friday, September 27, 2013 (Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm; Program at 7:30 pm) **Peddling Your Wares: A Look at the Itinerant Merchant in Early 19th Century New England** - Tom Kelleher's talk explores how thousands of traveling salesmen in the 1800's brought goods from around the world to the homes of farm families, as part of the growing consumer revolution. His discussion also explores the fascinating news, stories and conversation the peddlers shared with the isolated farm families. *Hosted by the Hospitality Committee and Museum Trustees*

Friday, October 25, 2013 (7:30 pm) - **Reading Northborough's History Along its Recreation Trails**—The slide show by Historical Society and Trails Committee member, Forest Lyford, will highlight some of the many historical features that can be viewed along more than 25 miles of recreation trails in town. *Hosted by Bucky and Ruth Rogers*

Friday, December 6, 2013 (7:30 pm) - **The Marvelous Amusing Quack Medicine Show**—Look back in time to the extraordinary medical techniques practiced during the 18th and 19th centuries with Dave Downs. *Hosted by George and Marcia Hamilton*

Friday, January 24, 2014 (7:30 pm) - **Historical Trivia Night** - How much do you know about Northborough, Mass., New England and the USA? Join us for a fun night of Trivia with Henry Squillante. *Hosted by Dick and Cindy Atwood*

Friday, February 28, 2014 (7:30 pm) - **Baby, It's Cold Outside**—Ever wonder how our ancestors survived winter's challenges of bitter cold and crushing boredom without central heating and electronic devices? Travel back in time with Patricia Perry, popular historical interpreter, and learn about clothing, tools, and activities that people invented to keep themselves safe and sane in winters long ago. *Hosted by Norm and Linda Corbin*

Friday, March 28, 2014 (7:30 pm) - **Stone Walls** - Kevin Gardner's talk covers the main topics of his book about New England stone walls, "The Granite Kiss", touching on technique, stylistic development and aesthetics. He explains how and why New England came to acquire its thousands of miles of stone walls and their historical significance to the landscape. *Hosted by Marie Nieber and Barbara O'Mara*

Friday, April 25, 2014 (7:30 pm) - **Money, Money, Money - Making a Living in 19th Century Northborough**. Presented by Ellen Racine, Kathy Pierce, and Cindy Atwood. *Hosted by Brian and Lois Smith*

Friday, May 16, 2014 - (Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm. Regular and Annual Meetings at 7:30 pm, Program following) **History of Civil War Songs** - Luan Crosby presents a discussion of the role music played during the Civil War. She talks about specific songs, who wrote them and why, and gives some background and context in terms of what was going on in society at the time. She then sings, accompanied by guitar, the songs she speaks about. *Hosted by the Board of Directors and Program Committee*