



The Hebron Historical Society

Mark Your Calendar:

“Testimonies...”, Chris Ambrose will present the story behind Cesar and Lewis Peters’ attempted abduction and trial (1787 and 1789), movie will be shown, February 10th - 7:00, Old Town Hall, Free

Folk Concert by Calen Perkins and Meg Smallidge (RHAM graduates), 7:00, Old Town Hall, February 20th - \$10.00
“Local Folk (Music) for Local Folks”

Hebron Maple Fest - March 19-20, 10-4:00, Hebron Center & Sugar Houses, Free

“Naughty Knickers” - May 7th - A Formal Tea and History of “Ladies Undies” through the ages. Douglas Library Community Room is the location.

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## President’s Message

As the new President of the Hebron Historical Society, I must say I'm honored, excited, and ...a bit concerned.

I'm honored to be President as the HHS begins its second half century; honored to be working with a group dedicated to preserving our local history; honored to be part of the stewardship of our Old Town Hall, the Burrows Hill School, and their contents. History is truly alive in both buildings.

I'm particularly excited about our upcoming activities. I can't wait to share info about eighteenth century Hebron, the slave family of Cesar and Lewis Peters and the film, “Testimonies of a Quiet New England Town.” The Maple Fest is right around the corner and the OTH is always ground zero for all the fun. In collaboration with the Douglas Library, we'll hold a “Naughty Knickers Tea” in May that promises to be most enjoyable. The Local Folk (music) by Local Folks concert will be an extraordinary evening of entertainment. Two RHAM grads come home to share their talents in the perfect venue - the OTH. Activities in the planning stages include an auction and a lantern light tour of our cemetery around Halloween.

Finally, I'm a bit concerned for several reasons. First, our beautiful OTH needs a new roof. No leaks yet, thankfully, but it won't be long. Naturally, we're pursuing grants and other funding sources. Next, our membership numbers are down and we'll need many varied talents, enthusiasm, and ideas to keep this fifty year old ball rolling. Please consider becoming a member of The Hebron Historical Society. Finally, as a retired educator, I'm concerned about the lack of emphasis placed on history and social studies. That's why we're offering free membership to teachers. I believe history is important and the way to get children interested is to start with local history.

## Message to Friends of Historic Hebron:

We don't know how long YOU have been a part of Hebron, but an incorporated Hebron has been making history for over 300 years! The Hebron Historical Society has been working since 1965 to preserve that history. Yes, 2015 was The Hebron Historical Society's 50th Anniversary year. In that time, The Society has been working "to develop interest in, preserve, and promote Hebron history by every feasible means to as wide an audience as possible." To succeed, the Historical Society would like YOU among its members.

Unfortunately The Society's relatively young age of 50 fails to describe the condition of our structures. While replacing the OTH furnace, re-lining the chimney, and replacing the bricks above the roofline this past year; we learned that the roof needs replacement. The Burrows Hill School (1735) is also showing signs of age. Ron Vitarelli recently restored its Outhouse as his Eagle Scout project. Zach Blume is ready to start the BHS school rehab; he will re-glaze windows, paint the building, and replace some boards which have been enjoyed by woodpeckers! Thank goodness for our Troop 28 Boy Scouts and their enjoyment of historic projects.

Complacency doesn't match the Hebron of yore. Our projects need you; our programs need you; and our purse needs you. For just \$8.00, you can join as an individual, or for \$10.00 as a family. If you're a local teacher, we applaud your efforts and would like to offer a free membership. We would also suggest that for \$100.00 you could become a life member, never have to renew your membership, and acknowledge how much you support The Society's efforts today and tomorrow. If already a member, we hope you'll renew that membership and consider an additional donation to help us meet our needs.

Please consider sending your membership application, renewal and/or additional donation today. You'll feel good about it - guaranteed - and we hope to see you at our events when we can personally thank you!



Old Town Hall (1838)

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**26 Main Street, Hebron Center**



Burrows Hill School

### Donations:

If you have historic Hebron items which you no longer wish to store, the HHS would appreciate your books, pictures, furniture, and other ephemera. We could also use a file cabinet for better organization of The Society's records.

Do contact us to describe your donation, or to arrange pickup of gift.