

Dear Members, Neighbors, and Friends:

This year's Annual Meeting will be Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 pm, at our Main Street building. I am very pleased to announce that our brief business meeting will be followed by a special program being presented by Lee McTigue about the artist Winslow Homer and his connection to New Ipswich through the Preston family.

Lee, a resident of West Townsend, Massachusetts, is a member of both the Townsend and our own historical societies, and has worked in the Mascenic School District for fourteen years. She has spoken and coordinated exhibits on Homer in Townsend and was the research guide for "Of Flowers and Shadows," an historical fiction novel about the artist. More recently she became interested in Homer's ties to New Ipswich.

As usual, light refreshments will be provided along with an opportunity to chat with our speaker and other attendees after the program. Hope you can join us for what I expect will be an interesting evening.

I was glad to see so many of you at our April program at the town library featuring Dr. Robert Goodby, Professor of Anthropology at Franklin Pierce University. Many of you have commented on how interesting and informative you found this talk about his archaeological work at a site in Keene. I certainly learned a lot about the Native American history of our region and am grateful to Dr. Goodby and to the Stearns Burton Lecture Fund for their generous sponsorship.

In the spirit of "generosity" I hope that you will renew--and perhaps increase if you are able -- your annual membership to the society. Regardless, I look forward to seeing you on August 18 and invite you to bring a guest; all are welcome as usual! If you are unable to join us I encourage you to drop by during our regular hours ( alternate Saturday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00 ) to see what's new or just to say "hello."

Thanks for your continued support,

Greg Hanselman, President

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NEW IPSWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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