



The Nashua Historical Society

Preserving the Past for the Future

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NASHUA UNION STATION

An original Nashua Union Station sign is now on display in the stairwell at the Florence H. Speare Memorial Museum thanks to the generosity of donor David Grant.

A Message From President Dean Shalhoup...

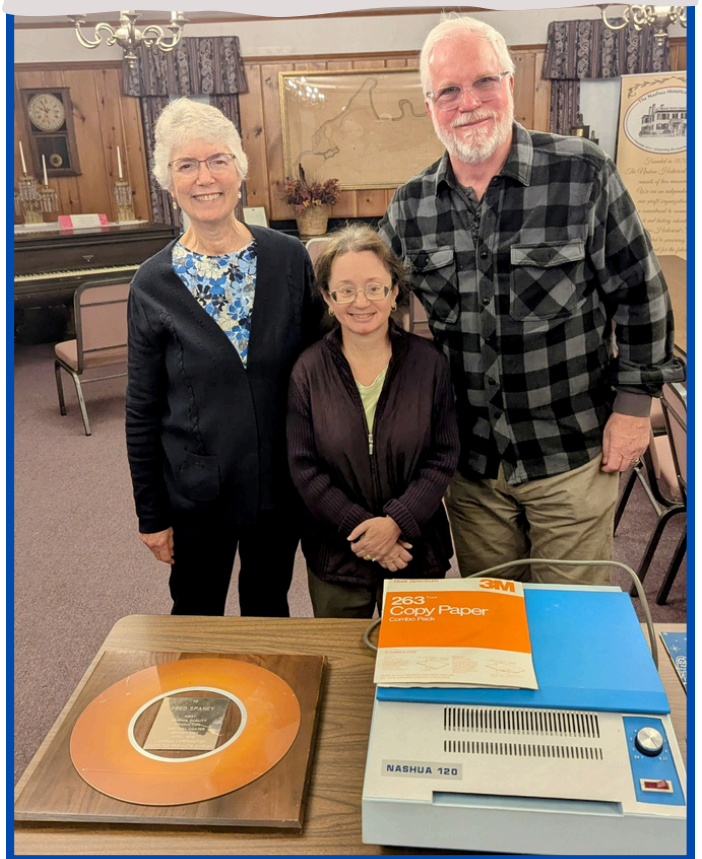
Pictured here are some of the individuals who so graciously donated items recently added to our collection. The Nashua Historical Society's Board of Directors, on behalf of our staff, volunteers and members, express our gratitude to these donors.

Feel free to contact us at the email, website or phone number listed elsewhere in this publication if you have an item or items pertaining to Nashua history that you might consider donating to us, and therefore help us with our goal of "Preserving the Past for the Future." Thank you.



President Dean Shalhoup gratefully accepts Ivory Custer Eaton portrait from Rebecca Eaton, granddaughter of Ivory.

Technology Chair / Director Barbara Bankeroff with Curator Beth McCarthy accept treasures: Nashua Corporation vertical coater memory disc & copier donated by Fred Spaney, coordinated by Lucinda Spaney and delivered by friend John.



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CRAFTING CLASS at the
Nashua Historical Society

English Paper Piecing

Quilt Class

Thursday
Jan. 30, 2025
10 am- Noon

Three additional classes to follow
based on participants schedules.


For class fee and additional information contact the office
at nashuahistorical@comcast.net

Upcoming Program Descriptions

We are excited to usher in 2025 with a special class offered by member Gail Pinet. Come to the Society and learn how to use the technique of English Paper Piecing to make quilts. The next class will be on Thursday, February 6th at 10am. **Although the first class met in January, don't let that stop you from contacting the office if you are interested.** Gail is knowledgeable, flexible and fun! She will make it work.

A list of needed supplies will be provided to registrants. The cost is \$30 for the first class, with each additional class \$10. Thanks to Gail, proceeds will be donated to the Nashua Historical Society. After Jan. 30 and Feb. 6, subsequent classes will be determined based on the schedules of the participants. Registration is required.

GUEST SPEAKER MARY ADAMS AND THE NASHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENT




REDCOATS AND REBELS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
6:30 PM DOORS OPEN
7:00 PM PROGRAM STARTS
AT THE NASHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
5 ABBOTT ST. NASHUA, NH 03064

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NEW HAMPSHIRE humanities
The Nashua Historical Society gratefully acknowledges this program is made possible by New Hampshire Humanities.



New Hampshire often gets overlooked in the narrative of the American Revolution, overshadowed by its noisy neighbor to the south. Nowadays, few people know about Paul Revere's first ride, which was to Portsmouth in Dec. 1774 to warn the patriots that the British were coming to reinforce Fort William and Mary, five months before the Redcoats marched on Concord and Lexington. Nor do they know that two-thirds of the troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill were from New Hampshire. Most people are also unaware that New Hampshire's Provincial Congress adopted the first state constitution in January 1776, making no mention of royal authority and essentially declaring independence from Great Britain six months before anyone else. And this is just the beginning of New Hampshire's revolutionary story.

A Timeless Tale Comes to Life at the
Nashua Historical Society's ...

The Little Red Tea Party
Sunday, March 2, 2025
Doors open 12:30, Tea time 1:00 pm




- Delicious tea options
- Tea sandwiches
- Delicate sweet treats
- Historical presentation
- Fun raffles
- STEM tea experiment
- Creative craft

Members \$18 Nonmembers \$20 12 & under \$15

Join us for a charming afternoon tea at the Little Red Tea Party, hosted by the Nashua Historical Society on Sunday, March 2, 2025. This delightful event is inspired by the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood and will feature delicious tea, scones, petite sandwiches, and sweet treats, all served amidst a fairytale forest. The event will feature a variety of activities, including: a historical presentation, a STEM-inspired tea experiment, a creative craft and more. In the spirit of fun, we encourage you to invite a friend or family member, dress in red attire and bring along a basket. There may even be a friendly wolf to greet you. Reservations Required. Limited Seating.





THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO
CEMETERY SLEUTHING

PRESENTED BY AUTHOR ERIN MOULTON

WED. APRIL 2, 2025
6:30 PM DOORS OPEN, 7:00 PM PRESENTATION

NASHUA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FLORENCE SPEARE MUSEUM
5 ABBOTT ST.
NASHUA, NH
603 883 0015

FREE PARKING
FULLY ACCESSIBLE
COMFORTABLE SEATING
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Brought to you by The Nashua Historical Society & NH Humanities to Go! Speakers Bureau. No reservations required.

Have you ever considered that historical artifacts are open and accessible outside, not just indoors in museum exhibits? Your local cemetery is a time capsule filled with intriguing artifacts. Each headstone is plastered with clues about the deceased, those who once walked where you're walking now. Join Erin as she presents techniques for cemetery sleuthing and teaches us the meaning behind cemetery iconography, abbreviations, epitaphs and more.

There is no need to pre-register; this is a non-ticketed, free event made possible by New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.

Our Dedicated Volunteers Are Multitalented!

Jean Wells often makes one-of-a-kind seasonal centerpieces which brighten up our dining room.



Reenactors brought Nashua history to life at May and September cemetery tours at the Unitarian Universalist Church.



Director Paula Lochhead offers historical presentations at the Nashua Historical Society and in the community.



Director Mary Kirkwood organizes special events like tea parties.



Members Susan and Jim Lavoie did a wonderful job rejuvenating existing gardens and adding flowers to the Society's property.



Jeremy Frazier, Sarah Jauris, Ralph Sommese, Barbara Bankeroff, Matt Bull, Chris Allan are part of a larger team of people trained to fulfill research requests and catalog collections using PastPerfect software.



Gail Pinet is offering a special quilting class.

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Upcoming Programs:

Additional information and events will be listed on the website

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| Thurs. Feb 06, 10:00 - Noon | English Paper Piecing Quilting Class by Gail Pinet |
| Tues. Feb 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Redcoats and Rebels Program, Guest Speaker Mary Adams
<i>made possible by the NH Humanities Speakers To Go! Series</i> |
| Sun. March 2, 1:00 - 3:00 pm | The Little Red Tea Party: The Timeless Tale Comes to Life |
| Fri. March 21, 5:00 - 7:00 pm | Florence H. Speare Museum Evening Hours with Scavenger Hunt |
| Wed. April 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing, Guest Speaker Erin Moulton
<i>made possible by the NH Humanities Speakers To Go! Series</i> |
| Mon. April 14 - April 20, 2025 | Local fundraising through charitable gaming at The Nash Casino |
| Sat. April 26, 11 am - 2:00 pm | Visit our booth at the Nashua Public Library's Sustainability Fair |