

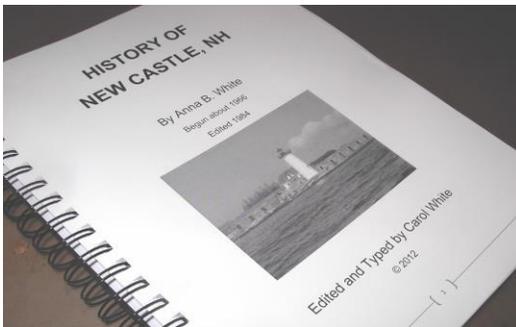
New Castle Historical Society

The mission of the New Castle Historical Society is to ensure the preservation of and stimulate interest in the heritage of the Town of New Castle.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00p.m.

Please join us for our 2013 Annual Meeting, Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. We will review this past year and highlight upcoming events. The meeting will be followed by stories from Anna White's delightful *History of New Castle*. It has been recently edited and published by local historian Carol White, whose husband Andy was Anna's nephew. Carol will select a few tales to read to us.



The *History of New Castle* can be purchased from the historical society for \$20.00

JOIN US FOR HIGH TEA

With JOHN FORTI

Sunday, September 22, 3:00 p.m.



John Forti, Curator of Historic Landscapes at Strawberry Banke, will join us for High Tea on Sunday, September 22, at the New Castle Historical Society at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Forti is a renowned garden historian and heirloom horticultural specialist. Please join us and bring your children and grandchildren to take part in a proper High Tea. We will experience the magic Forti weaves as he teaches us about heirloom herbs and their medicinal qualities. Forti unveils the past and shows its relevance to modern day life.



Excerpt from *History of New Castle* by Anna White:

The island of New Castle, formerly called "Great Island," estuary. A map shows that it running hell-bent to sea with its like the Headless Horseman that head in its right hand, ready to to which it is pointing with its



lies in the Piscataqua River tidal resembles a headless apparition nightie dragging around its ankles; and pursued Ichabod Crane, it carries its fling it at something far out on the deep left.



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All of our board members and volunteers offer their time, talents and unique skills. Special recognition goes to Joan Hammond who logs endless hours working quietly behind the scenes as an unofficial curator. She has assumed most of the responsibilities of formalizing a working historical society, accumulating, cataloguing, indexing, setting up of files and publications, scheduling volunteers and developing the website. HATS OFF TO JOAN!

Programs 2014:

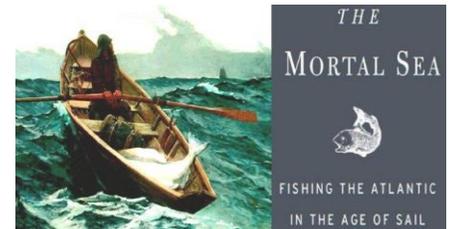
We are looking forward to a broad range of diverse and interesting programs during 2014.

- 2014 is the 200th anniversary of the Walbach Tower, built by Colonel John Walbach to intimidate the British war ships during the war of 1812. We plan to celebrate!



- J. Dennis Robinson, well-known seacoast historian, will give us his final word on the murders on Smuttynose.
- Joshua Silveira’s documentary portrays the rise, heyday and eventual decline of the local fisheries. *Flats, Sharks, and Claws: Clamming, Fishing, Lobstering along the New Hampshire Seacoast.*

- Jeffrey Bolster, professor at UNH and former sea captain, will talk about his recent book; *The Mortal Sea.*



- June will see the kick off for a Summer of Arts in New Castle exhibiting graphic arts by past and present New Castle artists.
- During the summer, we will exhibit our extraordinary collection of historic New Castle photographs. Come visit!



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Retreat

The board began the year with a daylong retreat at the Green House, formerly the Island Club, on Goat Island. This gave us the opportunity to review where we'd been and think about where we might like to go.

Programs

2013 was a year rich with programs and



We opened the year in January by giving a party to celebrate Bill Williams's 100th birthday

In April, Jim Cerny, local resident, Cemetery Trustee and NCHS Board Member, presented "Raising the Dead, A History of New Castle Cemeteries."

In May, Valerie Cunningham, historic preservationist, presented "The World of Dinah Whipple." Dinah was a freed slave of the New Castle's Reverend Stephen Chase and a teacher in the mid 1700s.



Early June, the Maude H. Trefethen 3rd and 4th grade students visited the New Castle Historical Museum to learn about New Castle's unique history. A scavenger hunt added excitement. Later in June, New Castle Archaeologist Andrew Moore joined Alix

Martin, archaeologist at Strawberry Banke, to lead a presentation on "The Historic Archaeology of Domestic Life on the New Hampshire Seacoast."

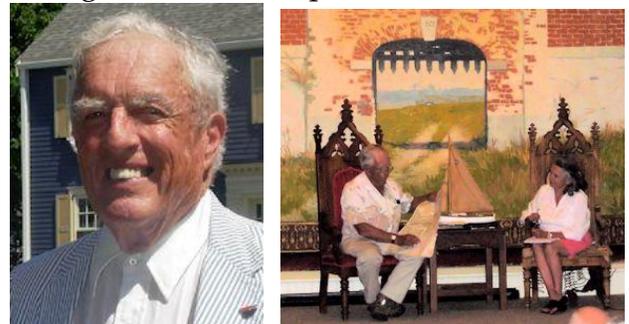


4th of July Parade/ Gazebo dedication

July bought us the renowned traditional musician Jeff Warner, "Banjos, Bones & Ballads," to sing, perform and tell stories rich in history. He delighted children and adults alike with his musical bones, spoons and mouth harp.



In August, long time local sailor Edmund Tarbell described the history of local yacht clubs and entertained us with stories of racing on the Piscataqua River.





WEBSITE - UP and ON-LINE

Be sure to check out our website at: www.newcastlenhhistoricalsociety.org. It will tell you when we're open and give notice of upcoming programs. Soon we will upload our collection of historic photographs for you to peruse. Our email address is oldgreatisland@gmail.com.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES



This year the building required some major repairs. A leak in the roof caused damage to the plaster ceiling and our beautiful stenciling. It was time for a new roof. The town approved and arranged for its installation. The ceiling and the stencils were perfectly repaired by Ben Chichester. Ben also replaced our sorry, old, weather-beaten front doors with crisp new doors worthy of our historical society.

KIDS DIG HISTORY



What interested me the most was the spear head, over five thousand years old and it was not broken or cracked. I also think it was very cool very that a famous painter named Edmund Tarbell lived in New Castle and that you have a painting that he painted.

...Thanks for having us go to the Historical Society. All of the kids loved visiting. It was awesome! You told us all about amazing stuff in history, the arrowhead and the really old spearhead.

... Thank you for telling me and my friends a lot about legends like the rock throwing devil. It was very interesting how the rock just started flying through the air and burned out candles.

... I had no idea that the USS Piscataqua was in the War of 1812. I didn't even know that the USS Piscataqua even existed, same with the War of 1812. The War of 1812 is weird name for a war.