

Vassalboro Story Anthology

Writers' Guidelines



Do you know an interesting, amusing, or inspiring true story about life in Vassalboro, Maine? It can be a paragraph or two, or up to four pages long. You may not think you're a writer; but if the story is good, we'll help with mechanics.

Here are your guidelines:

1. *Your story (one per person) must be true, and must have taken place in Vassalboro sometime in the last 250 years or so. We welcome original poetry about the Town, too. The event could have happened to you personally, or it could be a tale you heard from an older relative or a friend. It must be original to the person whose name is listed as the author.*

2. We don't want profanity, or any graphic violence or innuendo. Keep it clean! (We can't believe we have to tell you this!)

3. *You may send your story to us typed on paper, handwritten on paper, or electronically in an e-mail or on a flash drive. Don't send pictures, but let us know if you have one or two that might help tell your story. **Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number.** We're hoping to publish the anthology this summer (2017), so—time's a-wasting! We'll edit it for grammar and such, but we'll let you see the final version of your story or poem before it's published.*

4. We reserve the right to reject any submission we don't think meets our requirements, standards, or purposes. If your story or poem is accepted for publication, we'll have you sign a release, allowing us to use it *only* in the anthology. It will remain your property, we promise!

Sooo, what's in it for you?? You'll have your story published, *with your name as author*; edited at no expense to you. And those tales of Vassalboro history will live on—perhaps even outlive *you!* All profits will go to the Vassalboro Historical Society, an excellent organization of local volunteers who give selflessly of their time and skills to keep the history and memorabilia of Vassalboro alive.

Our contact information is below. Feel free to call if you have further questions.

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