

Dedicated to Preserving and Celebrating Special Places And Stories

In 1969 Belmont citizens formed the Historical Society to continue the good works accomplished that year of the community's 100th founding anniversary. The group grew from a Selectmen-appointed committee, and was later recognized as a non-profit organization. You are cordially invited to join us this milestone year – to help build pride and participation in our community and heritage.

For four decades, Belmont Historical Society members and friends have given energy, time and talent to preserving our special places and stories. Signature efforts of the first 40 years include leadership to save the Belmont Mill, which was proudly rededicated in 1998, and still serves as the Village focal point and gathering place



Village – 1920's Postcard

The society also owns the *Province Road Meeting House*, built in 1792 as the region's first place for religious worship. Progress to stabilize and repurpose the historic site continues, despite a difficult funding climate. A building assessment and architectural drawings have been completed, supported by a Land Conservation Heritage Investment Program grant, matched by Historical Society funds.

2009 Programs and Events

All held in Belmont Village locations, except July

January 23 Workshop: Founding members Wallace Rhodes and Suzanne Roberts share early organizational tales - *Belmont Mill 7PM*

March 27 Preservation Workshop: The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources and New Hampshire Preservation Alliance sponsor a special educational program. Escorted tours of Belmont Village historic features, expert panelists and supper prepared by the Student Hospitality Club of Lakes Region Community College at the Belmont Mill are features. \$15. all-inclusive fee, details at www.nhpreservation.org - *Belmont Mill and the Corner Meeting House 3PM-7PM.*

May 15: UNH Professor David E. Watters, Director of the New England Center for Culture, explores "New

Hampshire Gravestones" supported by a NH Humanities Council grant and community partners, South Road Cemetery Association and Belmont Cemetery Trustees – *Corner Meeting House 7 PM*

July 17: Province Road Meeting House open house and work day (10AM – 3PM) and member potluck supper (5PM-7PM) at the Route 107 site

August 8: Belmont Old Home Day celebrates our local farming tradition with activities, displays, food and a fireworks finale. See www.belmontnh.org for detailed schedule and volunteer opportunities

September 18: Songwriter, musician and former Portsmouth Poet Laureate, John Perrault, presents "The Ballad Lives! Singing the Roots of Narrative Art",

Programs and Events (cont.)

supported by a New Hampshire Humanities Council grant, sponsored by the Belmont Heritage Commission. *Corner Meeting House 7PM*

October 3: The iconic Belmont Bandstand marks

its 100th year on this special Saturday. Stay "tuned" for a centennial birthday program concert this autumn.

Community Sponsors at press time include the Belmont Heritage Commission, Belmont Rotary and John W. Sargent Trust Fund



October 24: Help us again on "Make A Difference Day" to continue Province Road Meeting House landscaping improvements. Donations of daffodils are most welcome. *Route 107-Province Road, 9:30AM – 12noon*

November 20: Annual meeting, election *Belmont Mill 7PM*

Holiday Season: Deck the Village and brighten Christmas in our Town – with the Historical Society, Heritage Commission, Library friends, Belmont Rotary and other community organizations - *date TBA*



Building Awareness and Pride In Local Heritage



The **Belmont Historical Society** is a 501 C3 organization, gifts to which are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Kindly check with the treasurer for details.

Donations of historic artifacts, photographs and other Belmont memorabilia are appreciated. For further information, please telephone 603 524-2543 or email Belmonthistory@gmail.com



Publications for Purchase

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\$19.99 each plus \$5.00 shipping

Proceeds are generously donated to the Province Road Meeting House project.

Join Us!!

Please join us to share, learn and preserve our special community heritage!

Annual membership dues:

- Individual \$10
- Family & Organization \$15
- Other enclosed contributions: _____
- A "Belmont NH Postcard" book at \$24.99

Please send checks payable to:

Belmont Historical Society
% Treasurer
180 Dutile Road, Belmont NH 03220

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

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Volunteer Interests: _____

Thank You!



Mill Tower

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Province Road Meeting House - Built 1792

Belmont Historical Society

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And 2009 Program**



Celebrating our 40th year



Bandstand & Mill –Brenda Paquette Photo