

NEW HAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Gordon-Nash Library



Judge Nash graduated from New Hampton School at the age of 16, and from Dartmouth College in 1842. He returned to NHS to teach the classics. Though Judge Nash passed away before the library doors opened in 1896, his legacy has generously contributed education, literature, history, and a place of community to the lives of many visitors. The Historical Society's Programs are presented at the library.

The 2024 Summer Theme for the Historical Society's Museum is "New Hampton Industry" featuring the New Hampton Fish Hatchery. Take a step back into the Town's industrial history featuring fascinating displays from when the edge of the village was known as "Simpson Block" and learn how fish eggs were transported and ice was harvested from Dickerman Pond in winter months and more! See you at the museum this summer (open Saturdays June through August)



New Hampton Historical Society

2024 Executive Board & Members At Large

Program Preview

*NHHS thanks New Hampshire Humanities
for providing Presenters and Programs.*



Executive Board

President/Historian: Kent Bicknell- Kent grew up in New Hampton and is happy to be back on Main Street. He helped found and then served as head of Sant Bani School in Sanbornton for 44 years (1973-2017), and now works part time as Curator of Special Collections at the Gordon-Nash Library. Kent is a rare book collector and independent scholar, and has published a number of books and articles, including the occasional "History Corner" for the Town's e-newsletter.

Vice President: Zachary Curran- Zac moved to New Hampton in 2015 when he was hired at the New Hampton State Fish Hatchery after graduating from PSU. He recently discovered that he has a rich family history connected to the Town and the Fish Hatchery.

Program Chair/Publicity: Julie Kirzner-Julie moved here in 1991 and owns Select Resort Sites, a conference planning company. She will be choosing our programs, working with the NHHS Board, program contributors and NH Humanities. She continues to design our Invites & Posters.

Treasurer: Stacy Nawoj-Owner of Pinnacle Kitchens and an historical home in the Village, Stacy is a local history buff and avid hiker, always discovering cellar holes and relics of days gone by. She continues on as our loyal and steadfast Treasurer.

Secretary: Mark Denoncour-Mark is a retired public school teacher and administrator and has served the community in various roles including several terms as Town Selectman, and is presently a member of the Town's Heritage Commission.

Curator: Jerrica Blackey-Jerrica has been at New Hampton School for 16 years including the past 4 years at Gordon-Nash Library, and has many degrees including Master in Library Science. As Curator for the Historical Society and the School's archivist, she has documented the Town's illustrious history. Jerrica owns a home bookbinding studio, and manages the NHHS Museum during the Summer.

Members At Large:

Peter and Ruth Gulick, Mike Dowal, Henry Chace, Dan Moore, and Noah Eckert.

Thank you Dan Moore for many years as NHHS Program Chair.

Our scheduled 2024 programs to date are:

Tuesday, March 19th, 7:00PM Alcott Family Presentation
Sponsored by the New Hampton Historical Society and the Gordon-Nash Library. **NHHS President, Kent Bicknell**, will present highlights of his prize-winning collection built around the dynamic Alcott family, including author Louisa May Alcott (*Little Women*), her talented sister, the artist May Alcott Nieriker, and her parents: social worker, Abigail Alcott and progressive educator and reformer, Bronson Alcott. While primarily identified with Concord, MA, the Alcotts spent time in New Hampshire. Through more than thirty years of collecting, Kent has assembled a group of primary and secondary source materials related to this relatively "modern" family.

Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00PM Untimely Deaths in New Hampton **Bob Smith** will present stories of several such deaths from the past (75+ years ago) including interesting and unique examples involving the mystery of untimely deaths now as compared to the past, some involving crimes and how law enforcement responded to those crimes.

May, 2024-details tba: **NHHS Vice President Zac Curran** will present a program on **New Hampton's Fish Hatchery.**

Our September, October & November programs will be finalized soon, and we will send our updated schedule when completed.