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## THE 2023 HUMANITIES ROADSHOW!

*Join us this spring as we  
explore New Hampshire  
through contemporary  
dance, Abenaki traditions,  
film, music, and  
stories of place.*



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## A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Who will tell our story, years into the future? And what kind of story will it be?

~ Andrew Krivak, author of *The Bear*

These questions inspired New Hampshire author Andrew Krivak's most recent novel, *The Bear*, a story of a father and daughter, the last two humans on earth, who live at the base of a lone mountain. The father teaches the daughter everything he can about how to survive in harmony with nature and passes down stories from their ancestors.

I think a lot about Krivak's questions as I listen to the unfolding conversations over our political systems, social inequalities, and the stories we tell about our own history. What is our responsibility to preserve the stories of those who came before us? When we are gone, what will remain; what stories will be told about our lives?

As we look to the future, New Hampshire Humanities staff and I invite all Granite Staters to participate in conversation and reflection over these questions as we launch *Becoming New Hampshire*. Imagined as a multi-year initiative, *Becoming New Hampshire* will explore the stories we tell about our past and our present, and how we imagine our future.

To kick off these conversations, we will be hitting the road this spring, embarking on a *Humanities Roadshow* that will highlight the many ways we tell our New Hampshire stories. Join us in Lebanon, Portsmouth, Concord, Keene, and Littleton as we explore telling stories through dance, oral storytelling, film, song, and the written word.

And for those of you intrigued by the themes of *The Bear*, this fall we will work with over 50 libraries and organizations to support a New Hampshire statewide read of the book, along with lectures, poetry readings, and interdisciplinary programs in all ten counties. We aim to bring all generations, young and old, together to explore and understand our shared New Hampshire stories. On October 14, Krivak will join us for a conversation about the novel and the importance of storytelling for every community.

We will continue these themes in 2024, when we bring the Smithsonian Institute exhibition *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* to three communities in New Hampshire. *Crossroads* offers rural towns in the state the opportunity to look at what has been central to their identity, how they have changed, and what their future will look like.

I hope you will join us and your neighbors this spring for the Roadshow programs closest to you (see the schedule at right), and venture out on the road with us for many new and unforgettable humanities experiences!



Michael Haley Goldman, Executive Director  
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## Let us know what you think!

If you'd like to share your thoughts about a program you've attended, send us an idea for a program, or submit a humanities-focused article for this publication, please contact us at (603) 224-4071 or email [info@nhhumanities.org](mailto:info@nhhumanities.org). We welcome your feedback and thank you for supporting New Hampshire Humanities!





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# Roadshow

2023



## Join us on a Granite State humanities roadshow in April and May!

We're heading out around the state on a humanities roadshow this spring and are eager to connect with you. This special series will illustrate a few of the ways we share stories – through dance, oral traditions, film, song, and travelogue. Please join us for one or all five events, as we explore the diversity of storytelling in the Granite State.

### **The Shire – An Exploration of New Hampshire Through Contemporary Dance**

Friday, April 21, 7:00-8:30 pm Lebanon Opera House,  
51 North Park Street, Lebanon (\$30/ticket - \$18/students)  
Performed by NSquared Dance and presented by  
NH Dance Collaborative

Weaving together the natural beauty, history, and culture of the state's seven regions, *The Shire*, performed by NH-based NSquared Dance, explores the Granite State through movement and contemporary dance. A deep appreciation for the state is reflected in the costume design, compositional elements, and the dancers, all of whom are native to the state. With reverence for the state's past, the production illuminates the changes in the state through dance "snapshots" of our evolving regions. *The Shire* was originally sponsored by the NH Dance Collaborative's Accelerator Program.



### **Wisdom Keeping: Abenaki Stories and Storytelling Traditions**

Wed., May 3, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Strawbery Banke Visitors Center, 4 Hancock St., Portsmouth (FREE)  
Presented by Anne Jennison

Traditional Abenaki stories are, and have always been, for all ages and communities. Anne Jennison, a traditional Northeast Woodlands Native American storyteller of European and Abenaki heritage, will share some of the stories that tell of the world's creation, the aki (land), nebi (water), first awaasak (animal people), and first alnobak (human beings), to teach us how to live in balance with one another.



2023 Humanities Roadshow Sponsor:



### **Storytelling on Film: A Screening of Lost Boundaries**

Wed., May 10, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Red River Theatres,  
11 S. Main St., Concord (FREE)  
Presented by Lawrence Benaquist

Based on the true story of Dr. Albert Johnston, a Black man and his family who passed as white in early-20th-century Keene – until they didn't – *Lost Boundaries* illustrates New Hampshire's complicated history of racial passing. Lawrence Benaquist, Professor Emeritus of Keene State College, will show a groundbreaking Hollywood film that depicted how this family dealt with the humiliation of discrimination and segregation.



### **A Sampler of New Hampshire Stories in Song**

Thursday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 pm  
The Showroom, 20 Commercial Street, Keene (FREE)  
Presented by Tom Curren



Follow Tom Curren's musical journey through New Hampshire's past as he shares songs that explore the land, people, traditions, and unique cultures that have shaped our state.

### **Stories of Place: A Year in the Life of Mount Washington**

Wed., May 24, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Littleton Opera House, 2 Union Street, Littleton (FREE)  
Presented by Dan Szczesny

Mount Washington – home of the world's worst weather – is more than just a rock pile; it's the cultural and natural soul of climbers and tourists from around the world. Hear the story of Dan's exploration of the heart of the White Mountains and the culture, characters, and colors of this remarkable place.



Register for one or all five programs at  
[www.nhhumanities.org/Roadshow](http://www.nhhumanities.org/Roadshow)





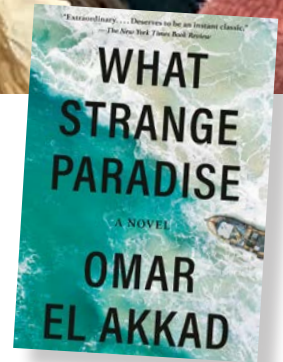
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# BORDER CROSSING:

## *Exploring the Syrian refugee crisis through literature*

By Sarah Kunyosying, Library Media Specialist, Souhegan High School

*This partnership between New Hampshire Humanities' Perspectives program and Souhegan High School's Community Reads program used literature to promote intergenerational community dialogue about real-world issues.*



On a Wednesday morning in February, the Souhegan Info Center is abuzz with energy. Lively, floral fabric covers the bookshelves, creating an improvised buffet featuring silver trays of baklava, maamoul, and barazek, traditional Syrian sweets. Souhegan High School World Literature students, Merrimack High School Arabic students, and Amherst and Mont Vernon community members all read Omar El Akkad's novel *What Strange Paradise* and have gathered to talk about it. *Perspectives* facilitator Mohammed Defaa introduces context for the cultural and political landscape that preceded the Syrian civil war and resulting refugee crisis. Mr. Defaa also recounts his own experiences as an immigrant, adding nuance to the coming conversation. Everyone breaks into small groups to process what they've heard and read.

The tables are crowded with high school students and adults, mixed together, deep in animated discussion. Participants consider multiple meanings, debate the ending, and express disbelief that these situations still occur. *What Strange Paradise* follows 9-year-old Amir as his family flees Syria, first to Egypt and eventually on a harrowing, desperate sea passage to a Greek island. At the mercy of traffickers and scammers, the experience of Amir and his family illustrates the ways that, despite citizens' desire to provide aid, society's

structure frequently engenders exploitation of its most vulnerable members. A student noted, **"By bringing together different generations, we get different perspectives and experiences that bring new insights, which allows for a richer discussion."**

The use of characters in fiction can offer multiple perspectives on an issue; here, providing insight into the complicated and sometimes contradictory ideas surrounding asylum seeking, immigration law, and international aid. In a recent interview, author El Akkad reflects **"So much of hatred [and fear] depends on deliberately not understanding others' perspectives."** By exploring these issues via fiction, we empathize with experiences that may feel foreign to us, and discover that we share more commonalities than differences. It feels fitting that we cross these conceptual borders



*Perspectives facilitator Mohamed Defaa greets participants.*

with members of our community – it's not every day that students get to gather with adult community members and students from neighboring schools to discuss global issues. These encounters encourage a sense of community and mutual respect and help discourage social polarization. Merrimack High School librarian Jessica Gott reflects that programs like these highlight that **"We can all learn from each other."** 🌍





*New Hampshire Roads Taken Or Not*,  
presented by Steve Taylor on April 11  
in Hanover and online.



# Calendar

PROGRAMS FUNDED BY NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANITIES  
APRIL-JUNE 2023

4/4 | HAMPSTEAD | 1:00 PM

**Perspectives Book Group: *Black Elk Speaks***

Presented by Damian Costello  
Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Drive  
Contact: Hampstead Public Library, 603-329-6411

4/4 | SEABROOK | 2:00 PM

**Life Downstairs: *British Servant Culture in Fact, Fiction, and Film***

Presented by Ann McClellan  
Seabrook Library, 25 Liberty Lane  
Contact: Susan Schatvet, 603-474-2044

4/4 | MANCHESTER | 6:00 PM


**Fabergé *Imperial Easter Eggs***

Presented by Marina Forbes  
Manchester City Library, 405 Pine Street  
Contact: Nicole Young, 603-624-6550

4/4 | JAFFREY | 6:30 PM

**Perspectives Book Group: *The Women Are Up to Something***

Presented by Joshua Tepley  
Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main Street  
Contact: Jaffrey Public Library, 603-532-7301

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**Perspectives Book Groups**

**Humanities to Go**

**Humanities@Home**

**Grant-funded programs**

**2023 Humanities Roadshow**

4/4 | EXETER | 7:00 PM

**Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: *Native Americans in NH***

Presented by John Moody  
Exeter Town Hall, 9 Front Street  
Contact: Barbara Rimkunas, 603-778-2335

4/5 | WINDHAM | 12:45 PM

**New England Lighthouses and the People *Who Kept Them***

Presented by Jeremy D'Entremont  
Windham Town Hall, 3 North Lowell Road  
Contact: Valerie Bronstein, 603-821-4592

4/5 | HUDSON | 7:00 PM

**Brewing in New Hampshire: *An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present***

Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
George Holmes Bixby Library, 194 Derry Road  
Contact: Rebecca Berezin, 603-886-6030

4/5 | LEE | 7:00 PM

**Harnessing History: *On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook***

Presented by Bob Cottrell  
Lee Public Safety Comp., 20 George Bennett Rd.  
Contact: Lee Historical Society, 603-659-2626

4/6 | FRANCONIA | 3:00 PM (VIRTUAL)

**Granite State Gallery: *New Hampshire Art and Artists through the Years***

Presented by Jane Oneail  
Franconia Heritage Museum, 553 Main Street  
Contact: Marcia Roosevelt, 917-446-5984

4/6 | JAFFREY | 6:30 PM

**Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire**

Presented by Robert Goodby  
Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main Street  
Contact: Carolyn Garretson, 603-731-1220

4/7 | MARLBOROUGH | 11:00 AM

**Perspectives Book Group: *The Forty Rules of Love, A Novel of Rumi***

Presented by Mohamed Defaa  
Frost Free Library, 28 Jaffrey Road  
Contact: Frost Free Library, 603-876-4479

4/10 | GREENLAND | 7:00 PM

**That Reminds Me of a Story**

Presented by Rebecca Rule  
Portsmouth Country Club, 80 Country Club Dr.  
Contact: Debra Chase, 603-828-9998

4/11 | NEW DURHAM | 5:30 PM

**New England Lighthouses and the People *Who Kept Them***

Presented by Jeremy D'Entremont  
New Durham Public Library, 2 Old Bay Road  
Contact: New Durham Public Library, 603-859-2201

4/11 | HANOVER | 6:30 PM  
(IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL)

**New Hampshire Roads Taken Or Not**

Presented by Steve Taylor  
Howe Library, 13 South Street  
Contact: Jared Jenisch, 603-643-4120

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Michael Francis presents *Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger* on April 19 in Conway.



4/12 | COLEBROOK | 6:00 PM  
***Fabergé Imperial Russian Eggs***  
 Presented by Marina Forbes  
 Tillotson Center, 14 Carriage Lane  
 Contact: Julie Colby, 603-237-4808

4/12 | LINCOLN | 6:00 PM  
***The Connecticut: New England's Great River***  
 Presented by Adair D. Mulligan  
 Lincoln Public Library, 22 Church Street  
 Contact: Lincoln Public Library, 630-745-8159

4/13 | KEENE | 1:00 PM  
***Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War***  
 Presented by Carrie Brown  
 Keene Senior Center, 70 Court Street  
 Contact: Pat Field, 603-903-9680

4/13 | PORTSMOUTH | 6:00 PM  
***Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories***  
 Presented by Maura MacNeil  
 Portsmouth Historical Society, 10 Middle St.  
 Contact: Portsmouth Historical Society, 603-436-8433

4/14 | WHITEFIELD | 1:00 PM  
***Traditional Matryoshka Nested Doll Making: From Russia to New Hampshire***  
 Presented by Marina Forbes  
 The Summit at Morrison, 56 Summit Drive  
 Contact: Lyn Schmucker, 603-837-2030

4/14 | CONCORD | 5:00 PM (VIRTUAL)  
***This Very Moment is Perfect for Writing***  
 Presented by Alexandria Peary, New Hampshire Poet Laureate  
 New Hampshire Humanities, 117 Pleasant St.  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

4/16 | DURHAM | 1:30 PM  
***Lafayette and Human Rights***  
 Presented by Alan R. Hoffman  
 Durham Town Hall, 8 Newmarket Road  
 Contact: David Strong, 603-767-6447

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4/16 | CONCORD | 2:00 PM  
***12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State***  
 Presented by Robert Goodby  
 Woman's Club of Concord, 44 Pleasant Street  
 Contact: Woman's Club, 603-225-3622

4/16 | HOPKINTON | 2:00 PM  
***That Reminds Me of a Story***  
 Presented by Rebecca Rule  
 Hopkinton Historical Society, 300 Main Street  
 Contact: Hopkinton Historical Society, 603-746-3825

4/17 | CAMPTON | 6:00 PM  
***Brewing in New Hampshire: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present***  
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
 Campton Public Library, 1110 NH Route 175  
 Contact: Campton Public Library, 603-726-4877

4/17 | KEENE | 6:00 PM  
***Fabergé Imperial Russian Eggs***  
 Presented by Marina Forbes  
 Keene Public Library, 60 Winter Street  
 Contact: Keene Public Library, 603-352-0157

4/17 | CAMPTON | 7:00 PM  
***New Hampshire on Skis***  
 Presented by E. John B. Allen  
 Campton Historical Society, 529 NH Route 175  
 Contact: N. Mardin, 603-726-0433

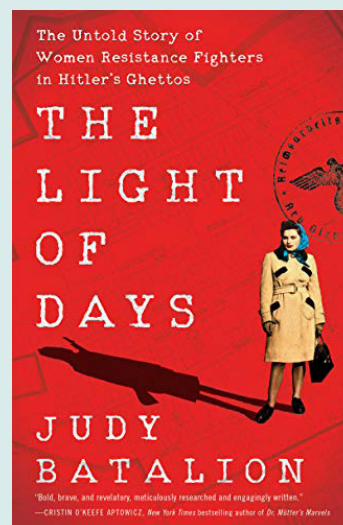
4/18 | NEW LONDON | 5:30 PM  
***Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in NH***  
 Presented by Rebecca Rule  
 New London Inn, 353 Main Street  
 Contact: Center for the Arts - Lake Sunapee Region, 603-526-4444

4/18 | PLAISTOW | 6:00 PM  
***Comics in World History and Cultures***  
 Presented by Marek Bennett  
 Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street  
 Contact: Mark Foynes, 603-832-8273

4/18 | WOLFEBORO | 6:30 PM  
***12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State***  
 Presented by Robert Goodby  
 Wolfboro Public Library, 259 South Main St.  
 Contact: Jeanne Mitchell, 603-569-2428

4/18 | EAST KINGSTON | 7:00 PM  
***Banjos, Bones, and Ballads***  
 Presented by Jeff Warner  
 East Kingston Public Library, 47 Maplevale Rd.  
 Contact: E. Kingston Library, 603-642-8333

4/18 | NASHUA | 7:00 PM  
***The Light of Days: Yom HaShoah Event***  
 Author talk by Judy Batalion  
 Dion Center, Rivier University, 16 Clement St.  
 Contact: Rivier Office of Campus Ministry  
 603-897-8577



4/18 | ALTON | 7:00 PM  
***New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality***  
 Presented by Steve Taylor  
 Alton Gilman Library, 100 Main Street  
 Contact: Sandra Hammond, 603-569-3745

4/19 | JAFFREY | 5:00 PM  
***Songs of Old New Hampshire***  
 Presented by Jeff Warner  
 Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main Street  
 Contact: Jaffrey Public Library, 603-532-7301

4/19 | PETERBOROUGH | 6:00 PM  
***A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes***  
 Presented by Adair D. Mulligan  
 Peterborough Town Library, Room 1833, 2 Concord Road  
 Contact: Peterborough Library, 603-924-8040

4/19 | CONWAY | 6:00 PM  
***Galileo Galilei, the Starry Messenger***  
 Presented by Michael Francis  
 Conway Public Library, 15 Greenwood Avenue  
 Contact: Conway Public Library, 603-447-5552

4/19 | STRAFFORD | 6:00 PM  
***Traditional Matryoshka Nested Doll Making: from Russia to New Hampshire***  
 Presented by Marina Forbes  
 Hill Library, 1151 Parker Mountain Road  
 Contact: Hill Library, 603-664-2800



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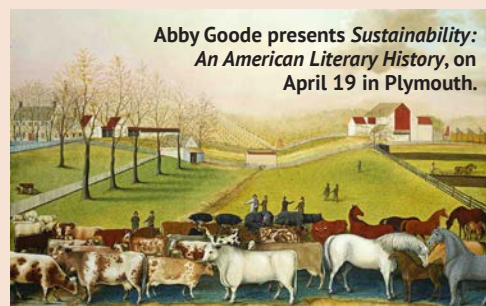


4/19 | HAMPTON | 6:30 PM  
**New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell**  
 Presented by Pamela Weeks  
 Hampton Falls Free Library, 7 Drinkwater Road  
 Contact: Hampton Falls Free Library, 603-926-3682

4/19 | GRANTHAM | 7:00 PM  
**A History of the NH Presidential Primary**  
 Presented by John Gfroerer  
 Center at Eastman, Draper Room  
 6 Club House Lane  
 Contact: Eastman Community Association, 603-863-4240

4/19 | SPRINGFIELD | 7:00 PM  
**Liberty Is Our Motto!: Songs and Stories of the Hutchinson Family Singers**  
 Presented by Steve Blunt  
 Meeting House, 23 Four Corners Road  
 Contact: Pixie Hill, 603-727-8113

4/19 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM  
**Sustainability: An American Literary History**  
 Presented by Abby Goode  
 Pease Public Library, 1 Russell Street  
 Contact: Pease Public Library, 603-536-2616



4/20 | PORTSMOUTH | 6:00 PM  
**Wit and Wisdom: Humor in 19th Century New England**  
 Presented by Jo Radner  
 Discover Portsmouth, 10 Middle Street  
 Contact: Portsmouth Historical Society, 603-436-8433

4/20 | HUDSON | 7:00 PM  
**12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State**  
 Presented by Robert Goodby  
 Alvirne Hills House, 211 Derry Road  
 Contact: Jeff Clegg, 603-880-2020

4/20 | BRENTWOOD | 7:00 PM  
**Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire**  
 Presented by Cristina Ashjian  
 Brentwood Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road  
 Contact: Karen Ellis, 603-642-8944

4/20 | MADISON | 7:00 PM  
**Range the Wild Woods Over: Loggers' Songs and Stories**  
 Presented by Jeff Warner  
 Madison Library, Chick Room, 1895 Village Rd.  
 Contact: Sloane Jarell, 603-367-8545

4/20 | PEMBROKE | 7:00 PM  
**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**  
 Presented by John C. Porter  
 Pembroke Public Library, 313 Pembroke Street  
 Contact: Sarah Hyland, 603-566-1031

4/20 | NEW LONDON | 7:00 PM  
**Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman**  
 Presented by Stephen J. Collins  
 New London Library, 304 Main Street  
 Contact: Deborah Hall, 603-526-6292

4/20 | ALSTEAD | 7:15 PM  
**New Hampshire's Long Love-Hate Relationship with Its Agricultural Fairs**  
 Presented by Steve Taylor  
 Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street  
 Contact: David Moody, 603-852-0977



4/21 | LEBANON | 7:00 PM  
**Humanities Roadshow: The Shire – An Exploration of NH Through Contemporary Dance**  
 Performed by NSquared Dance  
 Lebanon Opera House, 51 North Park Street  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

4/22 | SOMERSWORTH | 11:00 AM  
**Music in My Pockets: Family Fun in Folk Music**  
 Presented by Jeff Warner  
 Somersworth Public Library, 25 Main Street  
 Contact: Somersworth Library, 603-692-4587

4/24 | EPSOM | 6:30 PM  
**Brewing in NH: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present**  
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
 Epsom Public Library, 1606 Dover Road  
 Contact: Epsom Public Library, 603-736-9920

4/26 | NEWPORT | 6:00 PM  
**Perspectives Book Group: Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants**  
 Presented by Damian Costello  
 Friends of Richards Free Library, 58 N. Main St.  
 Contact: Andrea Thorpe, ndythorpe@gmail.com

4/26 | TAMWORTH | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)  
**Perspectives Book Group: Beneficence**  
 Presented by Alice Fogel  
 Cook Memorial Library, 93 Main Street  
 Contact: Cook Memorial Library, 603-323-8510

4/27 | PORTSMOUTH | 2:00 PM  
**Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale**  
 Presented by John R. Harris  
 Pontine Theatre, 1 Plains Avenue  
 Contact: Marguerite Mathews, 603-436-6660

4/27 | GREENFIELD | 6:30 PM  
**Homer's Odyssey**  
 Presented by Sebastian Lockwood  
 Greenfield Meetinghouse, 776 Forest Road  
 Contact: Jessica Timmons, 603-562-8340

5/1 | BOSCAWEN | 6:30 PM  
**In the Evil Day: Individual Rights, Town Government, and the Crime that Stunned the Nation**  
 Presented by Richard Adams Carey  
 Boscawen Public Library, 116 North Main St.  
 Contact: Boscawen Library, 603-753-8576

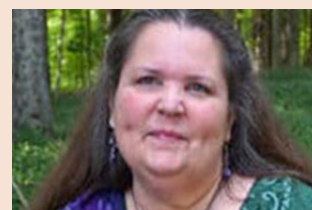
5/2 | DUBLIN | 6:00 PM  
**Brewing in New Hampshire: An Informal History of Beer in the Granite State from Colonial Times to the Present**  
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
 Dublin Public Library, 1114 Main Street  
 Contact: Dublin Public Library, 603-536-8658

5/2 | NORTHFIELD | 6:00 PM  
**Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire**  
 Presented by Robert Goodby  
 Hall Memorial Library, 18 Park Street  
 Contact: Lindsey Neilson, 603-286-8971

5/2 | EXETER | 7:00 PM  
**New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell**  
 Presented by Pamela Weeks  
 Exeter Town Hall, 9 Front Street  
 Contact: Barbara Rimkunas, 603-778-2335

5/2 | MEREDITH | 7:00 PM  
**Votes for Women: A History of the Suffrage Movement**  
 Presented by Liz Tentarelli  
 Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive  
 Contact: John Edgar, 603-677-2693

5/3 | PORTSMOUTH | 6:00 PM  
**Humanities Roadshow: Wisdom Keeping: Abenaki Stories and Storytelling Traditions**  
 Presented by Anne Jennison  
 Strawberry Banke Visitors Center, 14 Hancock St.  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



Anne Jennison presents *Abenaki Stories and Storytelling Traditions* on May 3 in Portsmouth.

5/3 | DERRY | 6:30 PM  
**Case Closed on the 1873 Smuttynose Ax Murders**  
 Presented by J. Dennis Robinson  
 Derry Public Library, 64 East Broadway  
 Contact: Liz Ryan, 603-432-6140

5/3 | LEE | 7:00 PM  
**A Visit With Queen Victoria**  
 Presented by Sally A. Mummey  
 Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road  
 Contact: Lee Public Library, 603-659-2626

5/8 | NELSON | 3:00 PM  
**New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society**  
 Presented by Paul Wainwright  
 Olivia Rodham Memorial Library  
 1 Nelson Common Road  
 Contact: Rodham Memorial Library, 603-847-3214

5/8 | ATKINSON | 6:00 PM  
**Treasure from the Isles of Shoals: How New Archaeology is Changing Old History**  
 Presented by J. Dennis Robinson  
 Kimball Library, 5 Academy Avenue  
 Contact: Kimball Library, 603-362-5234

5/9 | JAFFREY | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)  
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 Presented by Alice Fogel  
 Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main Street  
 Contact: Jaffrey Public Library, 603-532-7301

5/9 I CORNISH I 7:00 PM  
**Lafayette and Human Rights**  
 Presented by Alan R. Hoffman  
 Cornish Town Office, 488 Townhouse Road  
 Contact: Margaret Yatsevitch, 651-485-2025

5/9 I SALEM I 7:00 PM  
**Unlaunch'd Voices: An Evening with Walt Whitman**  
 Presented by Stephen J. Collins  
 Salem Historical Society, 310 Main Street  
 Contact: Salem Historical Society, 603-890-2280

5/10 I CONCORD I 5:30 PM  
**Humanities Roadshow: Storytelling on Film: A Screening of Lost Boundaries**  
 Presented by Lawrence Benaquist, Ph.D.  
 Red River Theatres, 11 South Main Street  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



5/11 I RYE I 1:00 PM  
**Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them**  
 Presented by Jo Radner  
 Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Rd.  
 Contact: Rye Recreation Dept., 603-964-6281

5/11 I LACONIA I 6:00 PM  
**African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution**  
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
 Laconia Public Library, 695 Main Street  
 Contact: Sarah Frost, 603-524-4775

5/11 I CANTERBURY I 6:00 PM  
**Digging Into Native History in New Hampshire**  
 Presented by Robert Goodby  
 Canterbury Town Hall, 9 Center Road  
 Contact: Elkins Public Library, 603-783-4386

5/13 I NELSON I 11:00 AM  
**Drawing Community: Creating Comics from Shared Stories**  
 Presented by Marek Bennett  
 Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 1 Nelson Common Road  
 Contact: Rodham Mem. Library, 603-847-3214

5/13 I CHESTERFIELD I 12:00 PM  
**New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell**  
 Presented by Pamela Weeks  
 Chesterfield Library, 524 Route 63  
 Contact: Chesterfield Library, 603-363-4621

5/16 I SALEM I 4:00 PM  
**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**  
 Presented by John C. Porter  
 Kelley Library, 234 Main Street  
 Contact: Kelley Library, 603-898-7064

5/16 I NEW LONDON I 5:30 PM  
**Putting Human Faces on the Textile Industry: The Workers of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company**  
 Presented by Robert B. Perreault  
 New London Inn, 353 Main Street  
 Contact: Center for the Arts - Lake Sunapee Region, 603-526-4444

5/16 I PLAISTOW I 6:00 PM  
**New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality**  
 Presented by Steve Taylor  
 Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street  
 Contact: Mark Foyne, 603-832-8273

5/16 I HOOKSETT I 6:30 PM  
**Perspectives Book Group: Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants**  
 Presented by Damian Costello  
 Hooksett Library, 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way  
 Contact: Hooksett Public Library, 603-485-6092

5/17 I CONCORD I 3:00 PM (VIRTUAL)  
**Workshop: Applying for a Community Project Grant**  
 Presented by Agnes Burt, Ph.D.  
 New Hampshire Humanities, 117 Pleasant St.  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

5/18 I KEENE I 6:00 PM  
**Humanities Roadshow: A Sampler of New Hampshire Stories in Song**  
 Presented by Tom Curren  
 The Showroom, 20 Commercial Street  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



Tom Curren, shown here (L) with his group, "The Good Old Plough," presents A Sampler of New Hampshire Stories in Song on May 18 in Keene.

5/18 I PORTSMOUTH I 6:00 PM  
**Treasure from the Isles of Shoals: How New Archaeology is Changing Old History**  
 Presented by J. Dennis Robinson  
 Discover Portsmouth, 10 Middle Street  
 Contact: Portsmouth Hist. Society, 603-436-8433

5/18 I HANOVER I 6:30 PM  
**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**  
 Presented by John C. Porter  
 The Howe Library, 13 South Street  
 Contact: Jared Jenisch, 603-643-4120

5/18 I HOLLIS I 7:00 PM  
**African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution**  
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock  
 The Lawrence Barn, 28 Depot Road  
 Contact: Hollis Historical Society, 603-465-3935



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5/18 I WILMOT I 7:00 PM  
**Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire**  
 Presented by Sara Withers  
 Wilmot Public Library, 11 No Wilmot Rd  
 Contact: Wilmot Public Library, 603-526-6804

5/20 I GOSHEN I 10:30 AM  
**The Connecticut: New England's Great River**  
 Presented by Adair D. Mulligan  
 Olive G. Pettis Library, 36 Mill Village Rd. North  
 Contact: Olive G. Pettis Library, 603-863-6921

5/20 I PEMBROKE I 1:00 PM  
**Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in NH**  
 Presented by John Moody  
 Pembroke Public Library, 313 Pembroke Street  
 Contact: Sarah Hyland, 603-566-1031

5/22 I PEMBROKE I 7:00 PM  
**Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England**  
 Presented by Thomas C. Hubka  
 Pembroke Public Library, 313 Pembroke Street  
 Contact: Sarah Hyland, 603-566-1031

5/23 I PORTSMOUTH I 6:30 PM  
**Fierce Females: Women in Art**  
 Presented by Jane Oneail  
 Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive  
 Contact: Portsmouth Rec. Dept., 603-427-1547

5/23 I GILMANTON IRON WORKS I 6:30 PM  
**New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality**  
 Presented by Steve Taylor  
 Gilmanton Old Town Hall, 1800 NH 140  
 Contact: John Dickey, 603-267-6098

5/24 I LITTLETON I 6:00 PM  
**Humanities Roadshow: Stories of Place: A Year in the Life of Mount Washington**  
 Presented by Dan Szczesny  
 Littleton Opera House, 2 Union Street  
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

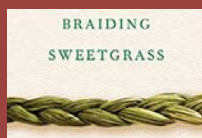
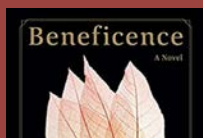


Dan Szczesny presents A Year in the Life of Mount Washington on May 24 in Littleton.

5/24 I AUBURN I 6:30 PM  
**Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War**  
 Presented by Carrie Brown  
 Griffin Free Public Library, 22 Hooksett Road  
 Contact: Griffin Free Public Library, 603-483-5374

5/24 I CENTER TUFTONBORO I 7:00 PM  
**Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire**  
 Presented by Rebecca Rule  
 Tuftonboro Free Library, 221 Middle Road  
 Contact: Jackie Rollins, 603-544-3252





## Join a Perspectives book discussion group this spring!

5/25 | PORTSMOUTH | 2:00 PM

**Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire**

Presented by Cristina Ashjian

Pontine Theatre 1845 Plains School Theatre,  
1 Plains Avenue

Contact: Maguerite Mathews, 603-436-6660

5/25 | PETERBOROUGH | 6:30 PM

**New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society**

Presented by Paul Wainwright

Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord Street

Contact: Peterborough Town Library,

603-924-8040

5/25 | MADISON | 7:00 PM

**Open Questions: Does Truth Matter?**

Presented by Joshua Tepley

Madison Library, 1895 Village Road

Contact: Madison Library, 603-367-8545

5/31 | PEMBROKE | 5:00 PM

**Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in New Hampshire**

Presented by Sara Withers

Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street

Contact: Pembroke Town Library, 603-485-7851

6/1 | HILLSBOROUGH | 6:30 PM

**Perspectives Book Group:**

**Hamnet, A Novel of the Plague**

Presented by Carrie Brown

Fuller Public Library, 29 School Street

Contact: Robin Sweetser, 603-464-3595

6/5 | CONCORD | 2:00 PM

**Discovering New England Stone Walls**

Presented by Kevin Gardner

Havenwood-Heritage Heights, 33 Christian Ave.

Contact: Scott Hatfield, 603-229-1185

6/6 | MEREDITH | 7:00 PM

**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**

Presented by John C. Porter

Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive

Contact: John Edgar, 603-677-2693

6/7 | MOULTONBOROUGH | 5:00 PM

**A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes**

Presented by Adair D. Mulligan

Carriage House at Castle in the Clouds,

586 Ossipee Park Rd

Contact: K. Stawasz, 603-476-5410

6/7 | LINCOLN | 6:00 PM

**The White Mountain Huts: Past & Future**

Presented by Allen V. Koop

Lincoln Public Library, 22 Church Street

Contact: Lincoln Public Library, 603-745-8159

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6/10 | PORTSMOUTH | 10:00 AM

**Music in My Pockets: Family Fun in Folk Music**

Presented by Jeff Warner

Portsmouth Historical Society, 10 Middle St.

Contact: Portsmouth Historical Society,

603-436-8433

6/12 | LONDONDERRY | 7:00 PM

**African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution**

Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock

Londonderry Historical Society,

Parmenter Barn, 140 Pillsbury Road

Contact: Gail Colglzaier, 603-425-1929

6/13 | PLAISTOW | 6:00 PM

**Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them**

Presented by Maura MacNeil

Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street

Contact: Mark Foynes, 603-832-8273

6/13 | SALEM | 7:00 PM

**Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire**

Presented by Cristina Ashjian

Salem Historical Society, 310 Main Street

Contact: Salem Historical Society,

603-890-2280

6/14 | STRAFFORD | 6:00 PM

**12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State**

Presented by Robert Goodby

Hill Library, 1151 Parker Mountain Road

Contact: Hill Library, 603-664-2800

6/14 | HAMPTON | 7:00 PM

**That Reminds Me of a Story**

Presented by Rebecca Rule

Hampton United Methodist Church,

525 Lafayette Road

Contact: Hampton United Methodist Church,

603-926-2702

6/15 | PORTSMOUTH | 6:00 PM

**Open Questions: Does Truth Matter?**

Presented by Joshua Tepley

Portsmouth Historical Society, 10 Middle St.

Contact: Portsmouth Historical Society,

603-436-8433

6/15 | FRANCESTOWN | 6:30 PM

**12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State**

Presented by Robert Goodby

Francestown Town Hall, 2 New Boston Road

Contact: Laura Abrahamsen, 603-547-2730

6/20 | MERIDEN | 2:00 PM

**Perspectives Book Group:**

**You Never Forget Your First**

Presented by Carrie Brown

Plainfield Libraries, 1088 NH-12A

Contact: Mary King, [mary.king@](mailto:mary.king@plainfieldlibraries.org)

[plainfieldlibraries.org](http://plainfieldlibraries.org)

6/20 | NEW LONDON | 5:30 PM

**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**

Presented by John C. Porter

New London Inn, 353 Main Street

Contact: Center for the Arts - Lake Sunapee

Region, 603-526-4444

6/20 | HOLLIS | 6:30 PM

**A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes**

Presented by Adair D. Mulligan

Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square

Contact: Hollis Social Library, 603-465-7721

6/21 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM

**Poor Houses and Town Farms:**

**The Hard Row for Paupers**

Presented by Steve Taylor

Plymouth Public Library, 1 Russell Street

Contact: Pease Public Library, 603-536-2616

6/22 | NEW IPSWICH | 7:00 PM

**Music in My Pockets: Family Fun in Folk Music**

Presented by Jeff Warner

New Ipswich Library, 6 Main Street

Contact: New Ipswich Library, 603-878-4644

6/22 | MADISON | 7:00 PM

**Television: The Art & Ethics of Manipulation**

Presented by John Gfroerer

Chick Room, Madison Library, 1895 Plains Rd.

Contact: Sloane Jarell, 603-367-8545

6/24 | DEERFIELD | 9:00 AM

**The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns**

Presented by John C. Porter

Deerfield Historic Town Hall, Church Street

Contact: Debra Murphy, 603-553-3798

6/27 | ALSTEAD | 7:00 PM

**Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire**

Presented by Cristina Ashjian

Alstead Town Hall, 9 Main Street

Contact: David Moody, 603-852-0977

6/29 | LACONIA | 6:00 PM

**Family, Memory, Place: Writing Family Stories**

Presented by Maura MacNeil

Laconia Public Library, 695 Main Street

Contact: Sarah Frost, 603-524-4775

6/29 | PETERBOROUGH | 6:30 PM

**A History of the NH Presidential Primary**

Presented by John Gfroerer

Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord Street

Contact: Peterborough Town Library,

603-924-8040



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# Supporting the humanities in our communities

## Recently-funded Community Project Grants:

### MAJOR GRANTS (up to \$10,000)

#### **Black Heritage Trail of NH: Bringing It Back: Conversations We Still Need**

In 2023, Portsmouth is celebrating 400 years as an incorporated town by honoring the city's diverse and dynamic social, political, intellectual, cultural, economic, and spiritual history, from the time of early Native American settlements to the present. Commemorating this milestone, BHTNH presented a retrospective on popular conversations in the Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk series, exploring where previous talks have gone and the conversations still needed about our shared history and future.

#### **Canterbury Shaker Village: Recalling Childhood at Canterbury Shaker Village**

Canterbury Shaker Village will create a short film based on the recollections of the last child to be raised in and by a Shaker community, Alberta MacMillan Kirkpatrick (1918-2016). Kirkpatrick's story tells of the Shaker community's decline but also intersects with Shaker religious and social practice, the longer history of child welfare in the state and the nation, and the immediate political and economic moment of the Great Depression, when the rights of children gained more currency.

#### **Plymouth State University: National History Day**

National History Day in New Hampshire offers a program for students in grades 6-12 with a competition that involves student research on a thematic topic. This grant supports the program in New Hampshire, allowing more students to participate.

### MINI GRANTS (up to \$2,000)

#### **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum: Nebizun: Water is Life**

Indigenous/Abenaki viewpoints on the use and caretaking of water inform this exhibit which uses artwork, informational panels, and activities to teach about the importance of clean water to all our communities. Inspired by a group of Wabanaki grandmothers who undertook an 857-kilometer spiritual journey, walking from the Sipekne'katik River in Nova Scotia to the Penobscot River at Nebezin in Passadumkeag, Maine, this exhibit aims to inspire everyone to be a "water protector" and to see water as much more than a natural resource.

#### **Sunapee Heritage Alliance: Building Community through Oral History**

The Sunapee Heritage Alliance will host esteemed storyteller Jo Radner at The Livery in Sunapee Harbor for a two-day workshop on April 22 and 23. Radner will guide participants in gathering and preserving stories into an actual plan of action. Participants from libraries, historical societies, schools, and families eager to preserve personal histories will learn interviewing techniques, including how to be an active listener and how to apply these skills so a commitment to oral history can be sustained successfully.

#### **SUMMER GRANT DEADLINES:**

Grant Workshop: May 17, 3:00 pm  
(RSVP to [programs@nhhumanities.org](mailto:programs@nhhumanities.org))

Major Grant draft proposal budget: June 15  
Major Grant final application: July 15

Learn more at [www.nhhumanities.org/grants](http://www.nhhumanities.org/grants).

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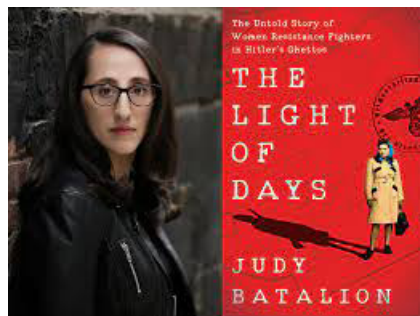


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## Temple Beth Abraham: City of Nashua Yom HaShoah Observance

Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm, Dion Center in Nashua

In partnership with Rivier University, Temple Beth Abraham will host its annual citywide interfaith observance of Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, on April 18. Judy Batalion, author of *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos*, will share the story of Jewish women, many of whom were still in their teens, who risked their lives as members of



underground militias  
smuggling weapons  
between ghettos,  
assassinating Nazis,  
forging documents,  
and rescuing Jews.  
Following Batalion's  
presentation and  
a Q&A session, a  
candle-lighting

ceremony will be held to memorialize Holocaust victims. Temple Beth Abraham's Zimria Choir will perform with the Nashua Community Interfaith Choir at this observance, which is free and open to all (no registration is required). Learn more at [www.tbanashua.org](http://www.tbanashua.org).



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