

# Belmont Heritage Commission honored for bandstand restoration

BY DONNA RHODES

**BELMONT** — Jennifer Goodman, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, was in Belmont earlier this week to present the town's Heritage Commission with a plaque for their Land and Community Heritage Improvement Project that restored the 1908 bandstand, which sits behind the library on the new town common.

During the brief ceremony, Goodman also presented them with the prestigious Elizabeth Durfee Hengen Award for "going over and above" in their work to save the structure.

On hand for the presentation were members of the Belmont Heritage Commission and key contractors and preservationists involved in the work on the bandstand, such as restoration expert J.R. Graton and his-

toric painting specialist John Thompson.

State Sen. Jeanie Forrester, who also serves on the board of directors for LCHIP, also stopped by to see the bandstand and congratulate everyone on a job well done.

"This is wonderful to see, especially during New Hampshire History Week," Forrester said. "As a former Main Street manager, I'm always excited about projects such as this. What a wonderful job you've done here."

In her presentation of the plaque, Goodman praised the commission for bringing new life to a century-old structure that had survived not

only many natural disasters through the years, but four strategic moves from its original location on the town common as well.

"This is exemplary preservation. Your project shines like a small jewel here in Belmont... and it's inspiring others across the state as well," she said.

The plaque will now be permanently affixed to the bandstand, commemorating all the support the Belmont Heritage Commission received through LCHIP in the interest of historic preservation in the community.



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The Belmont Heritage Commission received yet another commendation for the preservation of the Belmont Bandstand on Monday. From left to right are historic paint specialist John Thompson of JLT Painting in Alexandria, restoration expert J.R. Graton of Northfield, State Sen. Jeanie Forrester, Heritage Commission chair Linda Frawley, Vicki Donovan and Priscilla Annis of the commission, presenter Jennifer Goodman of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (rear) and Wallace Rhodes of the Belmont Historical Society President.

## Sanbornton Historical Society hosting program on Victorian mourning practices

**SANBORNTON** — On Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., Sanbornton Public Library hosts a grim yet humorous event that is free and open to the public. Historians Linda Salatiello and Evelyn Auger will present a reenactment of a Victorian era mourning. These very talented and knowledgeable historians with a passion for historical

costuming offer a delightful glimpse into traditions of the Victorian age. Light refreshments will be served.

Sanbornton Public Library is handicap accessible. It is located at 27 Meetinghouse Hill Rd., just off Route 132. For information, call the library at 286-8288 or visit our Web site at [www.splnh.com](http://www.splnh.com).

## Local election officials gearing up for Primary

*Voters reminded to change party affiliation ahead of time*

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**REGION** — Town Clerks throughout the state are already preparing for the as yet unannounced date of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary, and they want to make voters aware that now is the for them time to make any changes in their political party affiliation before everyone heads to the polls in a couple of months.

"New voters can register for the election up to 10 days before the primary or wait and do a same day registration at the polls," said Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Caveny of Northfield, "but those who just want to change parties for the primary elections need to have that done by Oct.

30 when the Supervisors of the Check List meet."

This law applies to all towns in the state.

During a General Election, voters are given a ballot that includes all candidates, but ballots for a primary election are separate, according to political party.

Those who are registered under any major political party affiliation will receive a ballot for only those candidates in their party on Primary Day. Undeclared voters are the only voters who will have a choice as to which ballot they prefer.

"After voting, undeclared voters should then re-register as an undeclared voter if that's how they prefer to remain listed in the future," Caveny said.

That action can take place at the polls after they submit their preferred Presidential Primary ballot. Failure to do so will result in a voter being listed under whatever party's ballot they cast their prior vote.

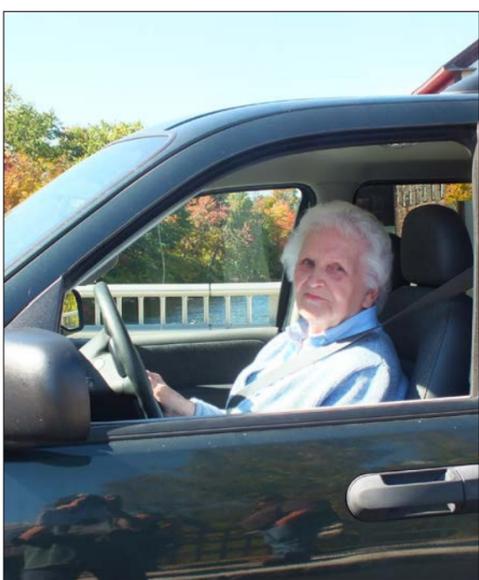
Those who are unsure of which party they are currently registered under are encouraged to contact their local Town Clerk prior to Oct. 30 in the event they may want to make a change in that registration.

"During the Primary we always see some voters who want a different ballot. On that day, people are only allowed to

vote for the party they're registered under though so it's important to make any changes now if you want to," said Caveny.

New voter registrations and changes in political party affiliation can all be done at the town hall where a voter resides.

As New Hampshire seeks to retain its distinction as the First Primary State, the official date for the New Hampshire Presidential Primary will be set once other states have announced their polling dates but it is expected to be held sometime in January or early February.



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## Crossing the bridge

Wanda Jordan, who was the first person to traverse the old Cannon Bridge linking portions of Tilton and Northfield when it replaced the original iron bridge that once stood in its location, was invited to christen the bridge once again when it re-opened recently following extensive repairs.

The Town of Northfield seeks proposal for: **Roof Replacement - Highway Office**  
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