

Heritage Commission – June 2016

Heritage & Preservation Fair Held May 21

Inspired by the suggestion of Belmont Public Library Director Eileen Gilbert, a first-time event held throughout the Village, combined celebration, learning and collaboration on a pi-perfect spring day.

Select Board Chair welcomed citizens, County and State officials and visitors, with a special proclamation – followed by congratulatory remarks of State Senator Andrew Hosmer and Representative Mike Sylvia – about the community’s revitalization progress, preservation ethic and value of the Tioga River and historic waterways.



Director Gilbert saluted the “remarkable and energetic” partners who supported the endeavor and contributed to its success. Those included: Belknap County Conservation District, Belknap County Restorative Justice Program, Belmont Elementary School, Belmont Historical Society, Belmont Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Bandstand, Friends of the Library, LCHIP - Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, Plymouth State University – Lamson Library, Save the Gale School Committee, Town of Belmont and Unlocking History, a Center Harbor based conservation consultancy.

Organizing sponsors for the innovative program were the Library and Heritage Commission.



Bandstand Added to NH State Historic Register

Another distinction for the award-winning project was marked May 21, as the official State Register logo was revealed on a granite marker.



Banners throughout the Village bore the Preservation Month theme “This Place Matters” of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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