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# Belmont Historical Society hosts talk on 'Shaker Legacy'

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**BELMONT** — Historical interpreter Darryl Thompson will soon be speaking about “The Shaker Legacy” at an upcoming event in Belmont.

His father, Charles “Bud” Thompson, founded the museum at Canterbury Shaker Village with three Shaker sisters. Thompson currently works as a historical interpreter at Canterbury Shaker Village.

Given his long history with the Shakers, Thompson is well qualified to discuss Shakers customs and their contributions to our way of life. He has lectured widely about the Shakers, authored articles about them and taught Elderhostel courses on Shaker history.

The Shakers made ingenious contributions to society in the areas of agriculture, industry, medicine, music, furniture design, women’s rights, racial equality, craftsmanship and social and religious thought. They also worked towards mechanical invention and improvement.

Thompson explores some of these contributions in his lecture and, having lived among the Canterbury Shakers for over 30 years, will share some of his personal memories and pictures. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m., at the Corner Meeting House, in Belmont.

The event is funded by the "Humanities-To-Go" Program and presented in cooperation with the NH Humanities Council and the Belmont Historical Society. The presentation is free and open to the public; refreshments will be provided.

The Corner Meeting House is located at the intersection of Fuller and Sargent streets and is handicapped accessible. Handicapped parking is located at the end of the ramp on Sargent Street. Additional parking is located below the meeting house in front of the Police Station and also about a half block down Sargent Street toward the south. For further information, people can contact Christine Fogg at 524-8268.

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