

May 15th Belmont Historical Society Program:

New England Lighthouses

and the People Who Kept Them

7 pm at the Corner Meeting House

Everyone knows there's "something about lighthouses" that gives them broad appeal, but their vital role in our history and culture is little appreciated. Our early nation was built on maritime economy, and lighthouses were part of the system that made that possible. Due to automation, traditional lighthouse keeping is a way of life that has faded into the past. Jeremy D'Entremont's presentation combines the history of New England's historical and picturesque lighthouses primarily focusing on the colorful and dramatic stories of the lives of the lighthouse keepers and their families.



Jeremy D'Entremont has written more than 20 books and hundreds of articles on lighthouse history and other maritime topics. He has been photographing and writing about NE Lighthouses for over 20 years. He is the president and historian of the American Lighthouse Foundation and the founder and chairman of Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouses.

He is also editor of the website "New England Lighthouses: A Virtual Guide" at <http://www.newenglandlighthouses.net>, and has appeared on PBS, the History Channel, the Travel Channel, and National Public Radio speaking about his favorite subject, lighthouse history.



The program is sponsored by the Belmont Historical Society with funding from NH Humanities and the Sargent Fund. Light refreshments will be provided. The program is free and open to the public and the facility is handicapped accessible. Please plan to attend and enjoy this "very New England" program. For more information contact Chris at 524-8268.